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School Committee Chair: D. LaPointe

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE & BOS MEETING  
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016  
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

1. Call to order: 6:01 P M. Joint Meeting

Present: Danielle LaPointe, Janet Corbosiero, Dawn Harris, Larry Murphy  
Steve Haddad-Superintendent, Richard Ikonen-Business Manager  
BOS-Michael Barbaro, Barbara Anderson, Austin Cyganiewicz, Amy Salter  
Town Manager-Keith Hickey

D. LaPointe opened the meeting for the School Committee.

B. Anderson opened the meeting for the BOS.

Adjourn for Joint Meeting with Select Board (reconvene upon completion)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Barbara Anderson moved to take our new business out of order and start our presentation with the Energy Reduction Plan (#5). Second by M. Barbaro. Approved unanimously.

5. Energy Reduction Plan - K. Hickey & Tracy Murphy - The Plan is part of a requirement for Winchendon to become a green community; for the town to apply for up to a ¼ million for grant funds to run more efficiently and make its' properties more energy efficient. Based on population and a submitted application, the town does qualify for a \$160,000 grant for the first year. To date all town and district buildings have been audited for energy efficiency. The audit report proposed projects by year, group based on building(s); the first is the Town Hall furnace. The bid came in \$80,000 over estimate; his plan is to supplement Robinson-Broadhurst funds with this grant. The grant funds would be used to improve the energy efficiency of municipal and district buildings. He asked both boards to approve and chairs to sign the application and submit it to the state. The town must work to improve its' energy footprint by 20% in 5 years. M. Barbaro moved to approve the Energy Reduction Plan as presented. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved unanimously.

\*\*The Middle School Football team entered chanting their team song and then introduced themselves. D. LaPointe welcomed and congratulated them on their unbeaten season with 1 game left. S. Haddad stated they are an example of Blue Devil Cool-they played hard and were respectful of the other teams. Several players explained their recent community service work at Broadview and for OWC. L. Murphy noted the importance of good leadership and direction from the Coaches. S. Haddad stated he was proud to be their Superintendent.

3. Crossing Guard Elmwood Road-letter from Chief Walsh to Town Manager Keith Hickey-S. Haddad read the letter. A crossing guard for Middle School students is not required but additional measures could be taken to increase student safety, including signage and road crossing painting. Amy Salter noted that she observed for 2 days and was shocked there was no guard for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. K. Hickey noted a discussion with the Police Chief concluded it is not reasonable and would come at an expense to have an officer and vehicle present daily. Discussion included several measures to have a crossing guard there 7:00-7:30 AM. The current crossing guards declined to take the extended position.

4. Interview for School Committee Vacancy-Felicia Nurmsen. She reviewed her interest in the position and her experience and qualifications. She stated that she has the time to dedicate to the position and would consider running in May. She noted the importance of school to work as well as secondary education. Discussion included short term and long term goals of the committee. M. Barbaro moved for the applicant. Second by A. Salter Approved 7-1-0.

**6:46. PM M. Barbaro moved to adjourn the joint meeting. Second by Amy Salter.  
The BOS joint meeting is adjourned.**

**6:46 PM D. LaPointe said the Joint Meeting with School Committee is adjourned.**

**6:52 PM D. LaPointe called to order the Regular School Committee Meeting.**

4. Correspondence and Announcements: Ms. Darcy at TTE asked committee members to judge classroom door designs based on favorite holiday books. The judging will take place on December 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>. The committee happily agreed to the request.
5. Student Representative: none
6. Student Recognition: none/Blue Devil Cool Award: Edna Jenkins for November 2016. S. Haddad read a statement from Josh Romano. Ms. Jenkins is moving to Maryland to be with her children. She spoke about what the town has meant to her and what the people have taught her. L. Murphy said great big thanks and noted her legacy. The committee congratulated her and offered best wishes.
3. Citizen Questions and/or Comments: none

**7:06 PM J. Corbosiero moved to take a 3-minute break to take some photographs. Second by L. Murphy.  
Approved 4-0-0.**

**7:09 PM D. LaPointe moved to reconvene the meeting.**

**L. Murphy moved to move 9.b and 9.g up before the Superintendents Report. Second by J. Corbosiero.  
Approved 4-0-0.**

**9. New Business:**

- b. Comprehensive District Review Update - Kristina Mecelicaite reviewed the schedule for the DESE visits and the different groups they want to interview, based on the 6 standards in the report. The officials will be here for 3 days and use the Central Office conference room and SPED Offices. S. Haddad noted that K. Mecelicaite volunteered to lead the project. All opinions and comments will be anonymous; they want people to be able to speak openly and candidly. After the visit the district will get a draft document to review. The final document will be sent in April, 2017 and will be the administrations 2017 summer work. L. Murphy thanked her for her hard work, noting the report will be helpful in developing the 5-year plan. She explained how the data can be used as a self-assessment/self-evaluation.
- g. PBIS Exemplar School - Jessica Vezina noted the Middle School was chosen as an exemplar school and was presented at a round table discussion in Marlborough, integrating planning, testing and implementation. She explained how students and teachers are both doing their part. The committee is invited to the academic awards on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Her team will also present in

Marlborough in March, 2017. L. Murphy complimented her on the school climate, noting the visuals are inspiring and electric.

7. Superintendent Report: above in New Business/Business Office Report:

R. Ikonen noted the new transfer /classification system is much clearer. Specific balances had “clerical” mistakes; he is working with the finance committee to rectify the issue. He reviewed several housekeeping changes. The administration team met today, he will work with the Robinson-Broadhurst representatives what programs to address to bring district to level 1.

8. Old Business: none

9. New Business:

- a. Field Trip - to Keene State, Keene, NH by Grade 8 students on November 30, 2016 - D. Harris moved to approve. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 4-0-0.
- c. MASC/MASS Joint meeting - Janet Corbosiero and Larry Murphy-J. Corbosiero attended budget sessions and social and emotional learning seminars. She stated it was a great conference. L. Murphy attended the ‘newbie’ training sessions and ethics seminar; it was very informative. The best theme was social emotional learning, about kids and anxiety. S. Haddad agreed it was very worthwhile.
- d. The Organizational Chart: After discussion, the Athletic Director was put under the prevue of the High School Principal. R. Ikonen stated the sign off process would not change. The Middle and High School Assistant Principals will have their own boxes. J. Corbosiero moved to approve the Organizational Chart with the changes discussed; the Athletic Director moving underneath the High School Principal and the High School Assistant Principal and the Middle School Assistant Principals getting their own box with a direct line to their Principal. Second by L. Murphy. Approved 4-0-0.
- e. Para-educator Contract Negotiation - A tentative agreement has been struck. The group will meet on Monday to vote and ratify.
- f. SISEP Update - Directors and Principals-L. Murphy moved to table to the next meeting. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 4-0-0.

10. Citizens Questions and Comments: none

11. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meetings Not Yet Approved or Released:

- a. Thursday, October 27, 2016-Regular Meeting-J. Corbosiero moved to approve. Second by D. Harris. Approved 4-0-0.

12. Questions and Comments by Members: J. Corbosiero moved to move our next meeting to December 1, 2016. Second by D. Harris. Approved 4-0-0. The warrant article at the Special Town Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> needs a 90% approval to pass.

13. Other: none

14. Future Agenda Items:

- a. MCAS Test Scores (12/15/16)
- b. District Accountability Report
- c. Students of Month (12/1/16)
- d. Monty Tech Representative - FY17 Quarterly Meeting Schedule
- e. Para-educator Contract - Update/Sign
- f. SISEP Update - Directors and Principals

15. Executive Session: none

16. Adjournment: 7:56 PM J. Corbosiero moved to adjourn. Second by L. Murphy. Approved 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barrie E. Martins, School Committee Recording Secretary