

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Wedge, at 7:00 PM. The following members were present:

Ms. Sylvia Wedge, Chair
Mr. David Croston, V. Chair
Mr. Douglas Wilkey, Clerk

Ms. Karen Gleason
Mr. Richard Carpender

Mrs. Terri Cortvriend
Mrs. Marjorie Levesque

Also Present: Dr. Lusi, Asst. Supt. Jermain, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cofield, Mr. Elmasian, Attorney Updegrave, Miss Julie Monteiro

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Ms. Wedge reported that the School Committee was given the Administrators' contracts and that Mr. Updegrave advised that she collect them at the end of the meeting.

2. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Lusi read a letter that was sent to the School Department and Town Hall from the Anthony House on Middle Road, stating that parking in their private lot during our meetings is not allowed.

Miss Monteiro reported that a number of band and chorus students participated in the All-State competition. She also stated that the Science Fair was recently held for 9th and 10th graders.

3. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

a) **Review/Discussion – NESDEC Management Assessment of School Business Operations and Central Office.**

A motion was made by Mr. Croston to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Law 42-46-5, Exceptions (a)(1) Job Performance/Personnel Matters, (a)(2) Collective Bargaining and/or Litigation; or (a)(8) Student Discipline. Seconded by Mr. Wilkey. So voted.

Public Session recessed at 7:15 PM and resumed at 7:53 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkey and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. So voted 7-0.

Mr. Carpender made a motion to refer the NESDEC report to legal counsel to assure compliance with the Access to Public Records Act. Seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend. So voted 7-0. Ms. Wedge announced that the Committee is not prepared to discuss the NESDEC report at this time.

- b) **Discussion of FY05-06 Budget.** Mr. Carpender explained that there is a potential paper deficit. Ms. Wedge stated that the Town Council will be discussing reinstating public sports at their February 13th meeting. Dr. Lusi stated that her hope is to keep the discussion of the School Department being used as the Town's recreation department and associated costs on the table, as it maps to the strategic planning issue.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Finance.** Mr. Carpender reported that the first meeting was held on January 26th to discuss the elementary school budgets. He had two requests for Dr. Lusi to look into. One was Prudence Island School, and the other was transportation, in regards to limiting the number of stops on individual streets. The next meeting will be on February 2nd to discuss the Portsmouth Middle School budget and start the discussion on Administration. The following meeting will focus on the High School budget.
- b) **Gymnasium Construction Oversight Committee (GCOC).**
- 1) **Use of Impact Fees.** A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to approve the use of the balance of the Impact Fee account as of January 31, 2006, for the build-out of the locker rooms by the GCOC. So voted 6-1. Ms. Gleason was opposed.
 - 2) **Approval of Site Work Changes.** A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to approve the change order for site work as presented. So voted 6-1. Ms. Gleason was opposed.
- c) **Fundraising.** Mr. Croston stated that they are just under \$100,000 in funds received. He announced that all Portsmouth residents will receive an invitation to the gala on March 11th. Ms. Sheila Pedroty is chairing the gala. Portsmouth Insurance paid for the mailing, and Hamilton Printing is printing the invitations.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkey and seconded by Ms. Gleason to adjourn the meeting. So voted 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for
Douglas Wilkey, Clerk