

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mr. Carpender, Vice Chairman, as senior member of the Committee. The following members were present:

Mr. Richard Carpender  
Ms. Sylvia Wedge

Mrs. Marge Levesque  
Mr. Michael Buddemeyer  
Mr. Jamie Heaney

Ms. Marilyn King  
Ms. Angela Volpicelli

Also Present: Dr. Lusi, Asst. Supt. Jermain, Christine Tague, and Patti Cofield

1. **Swearing-in Ceremony:** The Town Clerk, Mrs. Kathleen Vieira-Beaudoin, performed the swearing-in of Marilyn King, Angela Volpicelli, and Sylvia Wedge.
  - a) **Election of Chairman:** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge to nominate Mr. Carpender as Chairman. A motion was also made by Ms. Volpicelli to nominate Ms. King as Chairman. There were no other nominations. The vote was taken in the order the motions were made. The motion to nominate Mr. Carpender as Chairman was approved 5-2. Ms. King and Ms. Volpicelli were opposed.
  - b) **Election of Vice-Chairman:** A motion was made by Mrs. Levesque to nominate Mr. Wedge as Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations. So voted 7-0.
  - c) **Appointment of Clerk:** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge to nominate Mrs. Levesque as Clerk. A motion was also made by Ms. Volpicelli to nominate Ms. King as Clerk. There were no other motions. The vote was taken in the order the motions were made. The motion to nominate Mrs. Levesque as Clerk passed 4-3. Ms. King, Ms. Volpicelli, and Mr. Heaney were opposed.
  - d) **Establishment of Meeting Date and Time:** Mr. Carpender stated that the current by-laws were modified last February. We now have one meeting per month, and the members should reserve the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 PM for meetings. A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. Levesque to have a minimum of one meeting per month, reserving the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 PM for meetings. So voted 7-0. Mr. Heaney stated for the record that when the meeting schedule was changed last February, he was opposed.
  - e) **Appointment of Legal Counsel:** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge to appoint Attorney Updegrove as Legal Council. Seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted 7-0. Mr. Heaney stated that he would like Mr. Updegrove to attend more meetings. Mr. Carpender explained that Attorney Updegrove attends the meetings that have agenda items that may require his legal opinion; however, Mr. Carpender would revisit the issue.

f) **Schedule Retreat:** Dr. Lusi announced that the retreat would be held at 4:00 PM on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, and at 8:30 AM on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Hampton Inn and Conference Center in Middletown. She distributed and reviewed the draft agenda. The final agenda will be distributed prior to the retreat. Topics to be discussed include:

- What Every School Committee Member Needs to Know (with Attorney Updegrave)
- Laying the Groundwork for Negotiations (with Attorney Updegrave)
- Discussion of School Committee's Legislative Agenda
- Informational Session with Legislative Delegation
- Laying the Groundwork for the FY2009-10 Budget Request
- Discussion of Roles, Responsibilities, and Norms of the School Committee

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield  
Recording Secretary for:

Marge Levesque, Clerk