

MINUTES
WOONSOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006
6:00 PM-OPEN SESSION
WACTC – RM. 303
MULTIMEDIA LAB

Called to Order by Chairman Marc Dubois

Roll Call:	Marc Dubois, Chairman	Present
	Michelle Williams	Present
	Allen Auclair	Present
	Eleanor Nadeau	Present
	Anita McGuire-Forcier	Present

Appointment of Secondary Learning Academy Principal

Dr. Macera announced she is pleased to recommend Mr. Bruce Berman for the position of Secondary Learning Academy Principal. Mr. Berman has long been an advocate of individualized student learning and has had significant experience in the development and creation of small schools' programs. He is also certified at middle school level in mathematics and science and has a great deal of familiarity with our new math program (CMP-2). Mr. Berman will be assuming the duties of a teacher in mathematics and science, as well as the secondary administrator for the Learning Academy. Middle level children will be given the opportunity for a more individualized academic program with the appropriate learning and therapeutic interventions that will hopefully enable them to succeed academically and behaviorally.

Mr. Berman has a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in Administrative Planning and Social Policy from Harvard University. He has a Masters in Career Planning and a Bachelors in History from the University of Massachusetts.

This will be a ten-month administrative/teaching position and a one-year contract with notification for an extension of this contract to be by April 1, 2007. His salary for Fiscal Year 2007 is consistent with other ten-month administrative positions and will be set at the same amount of \$75,422.00. He will be expected to work 14 calendar days prior to the commencement of the school year and 14 calendar days following the conclusion of the school year.

Dr. Macera feels Mr. Berman will be a genuine student advocate in this program and an asset to the Learning Academy for his expertise in middle level mathematics and science and individualized learning programs.

Motion to Approve: A. Forcier 2nd: M. Williams

Chairman Dubois asked if there were any discussions:

Mr. Auclair said that he would be in support of this only if an educational plan is set. This is a new administrative position. He mentioned that the students from 2nd Avenue School will not be redistricted because they will go to 5th Avenue School, which is also their home school. Because this is a 10-month position, Mr. Berman will be getting a salary reduction of \$20,000 and he will not be working during school vacations. Mr. Berman was very obliging and understanding of the new one-year contracts.

Ms. Nadeau stated that there isn't a plan that Dr. Macera puts out that isn't well thought out.

Mr. Dubois thanked Mr. Berman for job he has done at WMS this year. Mr. Dubois thanked Mr. Berman for stepping up to this challenging position.

Roll Call Vote: (MD/yes; MW/yes; AA/yes; EN/yes; AF/yes) 5 yes. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.: A. Forcier 2nd: M. Williams (Unanimously Approved)

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Gatta, WSC Recording Secretary Sub