

MINUTES
WOONSOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2011
7:00 PM – OPEN SESSION
Woonsocket Middle School @ Hamlet
60 Florence Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895

Call to Order by Mr. Dubois.
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:	Marc Dubois, Chairman	Present
	Eleanor Nadeau, Vice Chairwoman	Present
	Linda Majewski	Present
	Anita McGuire-Forcier	Present
	Vimala Phongsavanh	Present

PUBLIC GOOD & WELFARE:

Prior to the start of Public Good & Welfare, Chairman Dubois announced that there will be a special Public Forum held regarding the high school schedule during the first week of April.

John Burns, WMS Music Teacher and Choral Director: Announced that they received \$5,000 worth of instruments that were donated to enhance their curriculum from “Music Drives Us”, and urged the WSC not to make any more cuts to the music program at the middle schools.

Nicole Denton, WMS @ Villa Nova Music Teacher: Referred to an information sheet she had given out to the WSC members and the audience showing the changes that have taken place over the years to the music program at the middle school level and urging them not to make any more cuts. She thanked the WSC also for allowing her to be a speaker at the National Conference for Music Teachers.

Diane Mayers, WHS Art Teacher: She asked the WSC to consider the proposed schedule changes and how the scheduling would affect the art department at the high school. “In five years, we have lost five teachers and if the schedule is changed, we will lose another teacher. We used to have many wonderful art programs and none of them ever seem to come back, like the ASPIRE program, for example. It’s one of the reasons I wanted to come to Woonsocket. To go down to one teacher would be such a shame.”

Jean Capitumini, WHS English Teacher: She also writes the WTG Newsletter. Capitumini spoke about the change of a passing grade to 60, and that it would be lowering our standards. She has an issue with that. She understands the rationale behind it, however. “Sixty-Five is the lowest I would feel comfortable going.” She also spoke about eliminating the vice principal at the high school and the problems that would cause. “If we go to a 6-period day, there will be no duties for teachers to help out the administrators who’ll be left. It will only hurt the students.” Mrs. Nadeau asked her where she got this information and Capitumini told her that copies of the Finance Subcommittee’s recommendations on 3/17/11 were provided for the public tonight.

A WHS student: Spoke out against the 6-period day because it would create less time for Advanced Placement classes in the schedule. “It will hurt students who are really trying to achieve.” She said she participates in many electives and a 6-period day will hurt students’ ability to participate in things like music and other activities.

Donna Coderre, Principal at Governor Pothier Elementary, Woonsocket resident: Spoke about the recommendation to have elementary principals cover two buildings and the Kindergarten Teacher Assistants being put on the chopping block again. “They are the backbone of our schools, especially with half-day Kindergarten. We need them to get the kids in and out to maximize learning time. Please think about how this will affect our schools.” She’s concerned about how the staff will be affected when the principals are not available to them because they will have two buildings to cover.

Nancy Zambarano, Principal at Citizens Elementary: Said she was trying to imagine what it would be like with three less elementary principals. “We would not be instructional leaders. We would be managers. I’m thinking about the teacher evaluation system that is looming over our heads for next year. I hear it’s time-consuming and I don’t see how we will manage if we have to cover two schools.”

Roxanne Carey, Teacher, Citizens' Elementary: Thanked Vimala Phongsavanh for coming to their school for school spirit week at Citizens. She also doesn't feel that the schools will function properly if these recommendations are put into place. Being a parent of a gifted student, she is always fighting to keep gifted courses alive and doesn't want to think that these courses will be cut if we go to a 6-period day.

Kristin Treganowan, WHS Junior: Feels that the 6-period day will reduce the students' opportunities to learn by limiting them to the number of electives they can fit into their schedules. "A broad selection of electives will enable students to grow and succeed."

Morgan Schatz, WHS English Teacher: "If we change the amount of credits needed from 26 to 20, it will limit student opportunities for continuing education. It will affect their college choices because of the lack of diversity and learning opportunities they have had."

Lynn Capiscus, Member of Finance Subcommittee and SELAC: Said she is a parent of a student who wants to become an occupational therapist and she has looked up the requirements that would be required by Worcester State. She would not have enough elective credits with this schedule. "What am I supposed to tell her?"

Kit Mayers, Substitute Teacher Assistant in Woonsocket for 6 years: Said he has been a Woonsocket resident for 30 years and used to be very proud to say what a great school system we had. "You are losing a lot of good people in this city because their children cannot get a good public education here. It's not because of the teachers—there are great teachers in Woonsocket. I wouldn't want your job for all the tea in China, but it's hard to believe in our schools right now. A 6-period day is not going to help anything but the budget."

CONFERENCE: (Taken out of order.)

WOONSOCKET PREVENTION COALITION – Victor Ramos

Mr. Ramos asked for approval of the Post-Graduation Party to be held again this year and gave some background on what has been done in the past. Mrs. Majewski thanked the Coalition for continuing to hold this event every year to help keep our kids safe. Mr. Dubois also thanked him.

Motion to approve: A. Forcier Roll Call Vote: 5 yes
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2 nd : L. Majewski APPROVED

RECOGNITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Robert Gerardi

Congratulated the winners of the Sodexho Culinary Challenge: 1st Place – Nathan Ottavi "The Grape-a-pillar"- Harris Elementary, 2nd Place: Querida Balandra "Sunrise Nacho"- Harris Elementary and 3rd Place: Jacob Moretti "Apple Yogurt Cups" – Bernon Elementary. Their recipes were published in the "Future Chefs Cookbook" presented by Sodexho and the Woonsocket Schools. He also congratulated the Woonsocket Area Career & Technical Center students on their recent Jr. Achievement Job Shadowing Day. Students observed members from the local Rhode Island Hospitality Association with hands-on training on a variety of different roles rotating between, front desk, sales, reservations and housekeeping. Gerardi congratulated Haley Barchiesi, Jacob Chippo, Jennifer Pierel and Samantha Smith for representing Woonsocket High School this past weekend at the All-State Music Festival. These Woonsocket High School Chorus students were selected from among hundreds who auditioned last November 2010. They attended rehearsals under the direction of top conductors from around the country and showcased their talents in a public concert this past Sunday at Veterans Memorial Auditorium. On behalf of Mr. Celio, Principal of Fifth Avenue Elementary, Gerardi recognized Kathy Mall for helping make the Team Fairmount Health Fair such a success last Thursday.

Motion to receive and place on file: A. Forcier

2nd: E. Nadeau (Unanimously Approved)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 28, 2011 OPEN; March 9, 2011 OPEN/CLOSED

Motion to approve as submitted: V. Phongsavanh
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2 nd : M. Dubois (Unanimously Approved)
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CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to approve Consent Agenda with the following exemptions: A. Forcier

*Purchases/Transfers Over \$2,000: NFS Leasing & Rebecca M. Dedmond removed by L. Majewski

2nd: E. Nadeau (Unanimously Approved)

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Personnel Actions

Certified Appointments/Non-Certified Appointments

2. Purchases/Transfers Over \$2,000

Disney Educational Productions/Ed. Supplies/Grants & Assessment/Title II Grant

East Bay Educational Collaborative/Purchased Services/Special Ed./ARRA Special Ed. Grant

Hallsmith-Sysco/Educational Supplies/WACTC/WIA Spring Grant

NFS Leasing/Copier Leases/Coleman, Globe, Savoie/Local – removed by L. Majewski

Rebecca M. Dedmond, Ph.D., LPC/Prof. Development/Grants & Assessment/Title IV Grant – removed by L. Majewski

The Educational Consortium/Professional Development/Grants & Assessment/Title IV Grant

3. Field Trip/Conference Requests:

NESSC Conference, Nashua, NH/WHS/Funded by NESSC

Council for Exceptional Children, National Harbor, MD/McFee, WMS/ARRA Funded

URI Smile Club, No. Kingston/WHS/Smile Grant

4. Home Schooling Requests

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

2) Purchases/Transfers Over \$2,000:

NFS Leasing, Copier Leases (\$6,605.09 Local): Mrs. Majewski asked if this payment was for this fiscal year or for next year. Mrs. Busby told her that it's payment until the end of this fiscal year. "They had a much lower price than our current provider (Konica) and now Konica is trying to come back with a lower price but it's still not as low as this new provider. Our old contract ended in November. With this new provider, we will have a locked-in rate for three years. We have been paying the usage fees while we negotiate the pricing," explained Busby.

Rebecca M. Dedmond, Ph.D., LPC, Professional Development (\$2,510.00 Title IV Grant): Mrs. Majewski asked what the conference was because it's not listed. She wondered why it was coming out of Title IV funds. Mrs. Filomeno explained that the conference pertains to retaining 9th Graders so it fits under this grant (Safe & Drug-Free Schools).

Motion to approve both exempted items: A. Forcier

2nd: E. Nadeau (Unanimously Approved)

COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Forcier requested that an item for updating our old resolution on binding arbitration be placed on the next WSC agenda. "Either that, or starting over altogether. I've heard that there are bills in the legislature now that are being hotly debated surrounding this," said Forcier. Mrs. Majewski would like to add a discussion on that agenda regarding changing the fiscal year to September 1st through August 31st so we have our budget figures from the city and state before submitting our budget. Mrs. Forcier announced that the RI Mentoring Partnership is in desperate need of mentors. She left paperwork for anyone who is interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ms. Phongsavanh announced that the Health and Wellness Committee's next meeting is April 5th at 3:30 pm at the WMS Hamlet Building and is open to the public. She also announced that April 1st is National Stop Bullying Day and the Woonsocket Prevention Coalition will be participating in events at URI's Providence Campus regarding this issue. Students will be marching to the State House in support of Senator Tassoni's bill and wristbands are being sold for students to support this effort. "Another issue is the teenage pregnancy rate in Woonsocket, because we are the 2nd highest in the state," said Phongsavanh. She announced that the Charter Review Commission will be discussing the fiscal year and a public forum will be held tomorrow on the second floor of City Hall at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Majewski announced that SELAC will hold its next meeting on April 7th at 6:30 p.m. at Pothier School. She also announced that the Curriculum Committee has been meeting weekly. Mrs. Nadeau reported that she and Mr. Dubois serve on the Finance Subcommittee and noted that the budget for 2010 is in balance. "We did balance a budget for FY12, but now it's \$1.6 million out of balance," she said. She was very

upset about what was brought forward tonight, because even though the full school committee got the information, she feels that they should have been able to discuss the Finance Subcommittee's most recent recommendations for possible cuts before the information was passed out to the public and administrators. "If you are looking for input from people, you are going to get it. But of course, no one is going to tell you where to get the money," said Nadeau. She thinks it was premature and will upset a lot of people. As far as she is concerned, those meetings are ongoing and they have not yet met as a full committee. Dr. Gerardi said he was sorry that she was taken by surprise and reported that there was a lot of misinformation going around since yesterday. He believes all information is good information, adding, "It's ironic that for every one of these cuts, someone came up to say 'don't do this'." "The public perception is much different from that of somebody who could be losing their job. The taxpayers may not care how many people might lose their jobs or how many programs are cut, but the students and staff will. I don't know where we are going to find \$1.6 million and I don't think anyone out there knows either! And it's not going to get any better! I don't like to be blindsided, but I guess I forgive you. Everyone needs to share the pain while we are in this battle," said Nadeau.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of FY12 Budget Update – S. Busby

Mrs. Busby updated everyone on the latest information regarding the FY12 budget as it stands today. She reported that the City has asked for the detailed sheet of staff for the WED. She said she can't give them the accurate number of staff until the schedule has been decided. She has given them the actual list up to where we are right now. Dr. Gerardi listed the community representation on the Finance Subcommittee as being two members from the school committee, a member of the Woonsocket Taxpayers Coalition, a member of the WTG, a member of the PAC, a member of SELAC, a member of PESLO, himself and our finance director. He announced that the Finance Subcommittee is planning on meeting tomorrow, and at that time, he will recommend that they meet on the following Thursday. He will also recommend that the School Committee hold a Public Budget Forum on April 6th or 7th so that the full school committee can, at a minimum, make the decision on scheduling at the April 13th school committee meeting, and ultimately, have a balanced budget. He recommended that decisions about scheduling at the WMS and WHS be made as soon as possible before any other financial decisions can be made. Some reductions or restructuring of staff is dependent on what type of schedule we will be running. He doesn't want to be forced to make more draconian cuts in the budget before exploring all possibilities. He said that a letter was sent out from Mr. Plouffe to the Boosters and from them to PAC. Dr. Gerardi wrote a response that he was hoping would be sent to parents so that they could hear both sides of the story. He read both letters for informational purposes.

Mrs. Nadeau noted inequities in salary for the Facilities Director and the Instructional Leaders, saying that either the Facilities Director should make more or the Instructional Leaders should make less. She feels that he has much more than he's responsible for than an instructional leader and they make a higher salary than he does. Nadeau went on to say that she has never supported that concept and thinks that they are paid way too much money. She doesn't think it's going to work. "It's nothing about the people doing the job," she said. Nadeau said she is going to add the Instructional Leaders to her list of cuts tomorrow night. Dr. Gerardi explained that their salaries are mostly covered by Title II funds. "I don't trust Title grant funds. They can go away and then who's going to pay? I think that the principals should be upset at the amount of money these positions make and they don't have the responsibility of running a school. It's inequitable," said Nadeau. Dr. Gerardi explained that the mandates are there to accomplish a goal. We aren't told how we need to accomplish the goal so that we have some flexibility. Mrs. Majewski asked Mrs. Busby to give the history about how we got to this \$1.6 million deficit in Edu Funds and Busby explained how it came about. Majewski asked Atty. Ackerman about this "paper" deficit and if we go to a Caruolo action now, do we have to have a balanced budget. Ackerman explained that under existing law, we have to have a balanced budget before filing a Caruolo action. Dr. Gerardi has to be able to testify that he has done everything possible to get a balanced budget. Gerardi reviewed the sheet of proposed cuts and the rationale for each, adding that unfortunately, we will end up in court and must be able to testify that we have a bare-bones budget. Mrs. Busby added that the performance audit is a part of that also. "The performance audit recommends that three LEAs be cut and other items," noted Mrs. Forcier, but she doesn't see those items being recommended by the Finance Subcommittee. Mrs. Busby explained that Carole Lerner is working towards bringing the special education costs down. Dr. Gerardi explained how NCLB was responsible for the implementation of LEAs. Mrs. Forcier wanted to see something in writing saying that we need the LEAs or we will lose funding. Dr. Gerardi pointed out that part of the reason they requested a RI Regulatory Compliance Review was because they didn't agree with the performance audit. Forcier would like the performance audit findings discussed in the Finance Subcommittee. "The audit even discusses closing down schools," she said. "The Regulatory Compliance Review is going on right now," said Gerardi. "I know for a fact that the state has underfunded us for many, many years. That's a reality. I even signed an affidavit to be one of the parents in a lawsuit against the state for a fair funding formula," Forcier said. Mrs. Majewski noted that the figure for the 10 high school positions doesn't add up. Mrs. Busby told her that the \$782,803 doesn't include fringe benefits. Ms. Phongsavanh asked about the 10 FTE positions being saved by a 6-period day and when they voted previously,

it was only 6 FTEs. Busby explained and said that it was very complex. Phongsavanh asked Busby how the tool she created to evaluate our programs is working out. "The evaluation will probably be completed by the next time we see you at McFee," said Busby. Phongsavanh said she appreciated the superintendent providing everyone with this information and keeping the public informed, saying that it provides transparency. Mrs. Forcier asked that a copy of the state aid fact sheet be provided for the public at the next meeting. Mr. Dubois said that Mrs. Forcier's ideas and recommendations will be brought forward to the Finance Subcommittee tomorrow. He encouraged anyone else that has anything they want to be discussed to email him. Dubois said that he also believes in being transparent, but he, too, was a little shocked that someone came up to speak tonight about these proposed cuts because the WSC members didn't know it had been put out to the public yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Energy Audit – Johnson Controls (Removed from the agenda)

2. Graduation Credit Requirement Alignment Policy—1st Passage: R. Gerardi, L. Majewski

Dr. Gerardi noted that, as evidenced at the recent Board of Regents meeting here, graduation requirements are a very important current topic. This recommendation is to align our graduation credit requirements with the New High School Graduation Requirements from RIDE. Mrs. Majewski added that there has been extensive discussion since this topic was brought up here. They have received a lot of data on it and it became clear that many communities require less graduation credits than we do. She believes that Woonsocket went to 26 credits when we went to block scheduling because students would have 32 opportunities to earn this amount of credits. "Right now, it's the highest in the state. With a 6-period day, students would have 24 opportunities to earn the credits. With a 7-period day, they would have 28 opportunities to earn them," said Majewski. For students who want to go to a selective 4-year college, she discussed how that would work. "We need to even the playing field. We have kids dropping out with 23 credits," she noted. Ms. Phongsavanh asked about the Foreign Language requirements. Mrs. Majewski said that it's not required for CCRI, but would be needed for select colleges. Mr. Dubois supports this recommendation, saying that he's proud we have the highest credit requirement in the state, but he reconsidered after looking at the number of students we lose because of it.

Motion to approve the change in minimum credit requirements to align them with the state: A. Forcier 2nd: V. Phongsavanh/L. Majewski	Roll Call Vote: 5 yes APPROVED
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3. Discussion and Approval of Grading/Grading Policy—1st Passage: R. Gerardi, L. Majewski

Dr. Gerardi reported that they have analyzed a significant amount of data to determine if the current grading policy is effective for our students. They have also identified that many other districts have the same or similar grading policies to what they are proposing and these changes will align our standards to the college grading standards. The most significant changes are: 1) the change from 70 to a 60 for a passing grade; 2) the change from a numerical grade to a letter grade; and 3) the change in how we calculate quality points which affects the calculations for class rank. Mrs. Majewski spoke about the "quality points" and that there was a lot of discussion on this in the Curriculum Committee. She also noted that "any student whose graduation status will be impacted by this policy change will be reviewed". Mrs. Nadeau has gotten many complaints from parents of honor students regarding the attendance points because sometimes they have a stomach flu that they don't have a doctor's note for and have points deducted from their grade. Majewski noted that deduction of points from the attendance policy will be waived until the policy revisions are completed.

Motion to approve: E. Nadeau Roll Call Vote: 5 yes	2nd: V. Phongsavanh APPROVED
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4. Approval of School Calendar 2011-12—1st Passage: Dr. Gerardi

Dr. Gerardi recommended adoption of the 2011-12 school calendar being presented tonight. Mrs. Nadeau asked that the Catholic Regional School System and Mt. St. Charles be made aware of this calendar and informed that if they don't adhere to this schedule, we will not pay for bussing for them when we aren't in school.

Motion to approve: A. Forcier Roll Call Vote: 5 yes	2nd: E. Nadeau APPROVED
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5. New USDA Regulation Effective July 2011: S. Busby

Mrs. Busby said she met with the Food Service Director from Sodexo last week regarding some new USDA regulations that the school systems need to conform to starting in September 2011. She reviewed these new regulations which include free portable water being made available where meals are served and a la carte items being sold for at least cost. Schools will be required to charge students for paid meals at a price that is on average equal to the difference between free meal reimbursement and paid meal reimbursement. Schools that are currently charging less are required to gradually increase their prices. Schools may choose to cover the difference in revenue with non-federal funds instead of raising the paid meal price. Districts are required to establish a maximum annual increase in the required paid increases of 10 cents annually. The current free lunch reimbursement is \$2.74; paid reimbursement is \$.28; however, WED lunch prices are considerably lower for a student who purchases lunches at \$1.40/\$1.50.

CONFERENCES:

Freshman Academy Presentation: Dr. Lynne Bedard

Dr. Bedard gave a PowerPoint presentation on a proposed Freshman Academy model at the WHS to increase the retention rate of 9th graders. She noted that for the last five years, 30.3% of the 9th grade class has not returned the following year. Our drop-out rate is currently 37%. Dr. Bedard spoke about the district's Race to the Top commitment and how we need to provide a more effective transition between the middle school and high school levels. "We need to emphasize the importance of good study skills and increase personalization. Students need to explore opportunities for college and careers. Our vision for the Academy would see most 9th grade classes and advisories located on the 3rd floor of the high school. There would be a separate "Freshman" staircase dedicated to access all floors. Freshman would wear special colored IDs," noted Bedard. They are recommending a flex model schedule, which allows extended instruction time for projects, labs, computers, etc., at no extra cost. It would be a 7-period day three times a week with two days of alternating periods. They would have two advisory periods on alternating flex days. Bedard provided an example of what this schedule would potentially look like. It would maintain most of the current class schedule, with the addition of a Freshman Seminar, which would be required. Freshman seminar will cover high school orientation, study skills, PBGR information, career exploration, portfolio creation, and post-secondary decisions. There will ongoing embedded professional development for Academy teachers. Bedard reported that there are companies that will come in and set up this type of academy for us at a cost of approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000, but "we have most of the pieces in place and are ready to go. We have looked into applying for grants to help with some consultation, but feel we can do it on the cheap." Kit Mayers, substitute Teacher Assistant and parent, asked how a 6-period day would affect this model. Bedard explained that it wouldn't give them as many options. Mrs. Nadeau asked if they have any data on how many other communities have a Freshman Academy so they might go on a site visit to see how the model works. Dr. Bedard has the data and will get it to her. Mrs. Nadeau isn't completely sold on this idea and will need some convincing. She doesn't see the need for it. Dr. Bedard is committed to changing Nadeau's mind. Bedard noted that they want to change the Freshman Orientation radically. "Now that we have the concept formulated, we will get more input from parents," she said. Dr. Gerardi explained that Dr. Bedard and her instructional team have developed this concept without the WED spending \$500,000. Mrs. Nadeau asked if there's a Freshman Academy in RI and Bedard told her "No, but they do have Freshman Seminar. There are probably some hybrids." Nadeau wants to know if there is one that they can go observe. Dr. Bedard will find out. Donna Houle, parent, asked about the possibility of the district going to a 6-period day and the students not having the time to take electives with the Freshman Seminar class. "We will have to deal with that if it happens," said Bedard.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Gerardi

Gerardi said he is hopeful that a broad coalition of community members on the Finance Subcommittee will present a fair and balanced approach to help the school committee in providing a balanced budget. He reported that Patrick McGee and Kathy Lombardo will be at a Freedom Award Presentation tomorrow night in Providence to receive our award as State level winners of the freedom award for our support of our employees in the Guard and reserves. Gerardi announced the Autism Benefit concert coming up on Friday April 8th. He noted that WHS student Adam Brunetti presented his proposal at our last school committee meeting and urged everyone to attend.

Motion to receive and place on file: L. Majewski

2nd: E. Nadeau (Unanimously Approved)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOOD & WELFARE:

A. Forcier: She thanked Dr. Bedard and Mr. Ferry for their presentation, saying that her daughter will be entering the 9th grade next year and she likes the idea of keeping the 18 and 19-year-old boys away from her. "If we have to go to

a 6-period day, it's not personal. We aren't trying to hurt kids. We are between a rock and a hard place. If we don't do it, we have to find it somewhere else. Call your state representatives because our budget is in their hands." She feels that aligning our credit requirements with the state's is leveling the playing field—not lowering our standards. She reminded everyone about the RI Mentoring Partnership's need for mentors for the middle school and elementary school students. "It's a one-hour a week commitment," she said.

E. Nadeau: Told Mrs. Forcier that girls mature faster than boys and are sexual faster and feels the boys need to be separated from the girls. "As a mother of three boys, I know. Trust me!"

V. Phongsavanh: Thanked Dr. Bedard and Mr. Ferry for their presentation. She thinks the Freshman Academy is more personalized and that the motto, "Success is the only option", is a great. Phongsavanh is glad to see the requirements aligned. She will also be looking at the performance audit to see what cuts they recommended and will forward her concerns to the Finance Subcommittee.

M. Dubois: Thanked everyone who spoke tonight, saying they appreciate their suggestions. He only asked, "If you are asking for us not to cut something, come up with another suggestion of where we can cut. We have another Finance Subcommittee meeting tomorrow and another one next week." He announced that there will be a public forum the first week in April.

L. Majewski: Thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.: E. Nadeau

2nd: L. Majewski (Unanimously Approved)

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy G. Belisle, WSC Recording Secretary