

WOONSOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013
7:00 P.M. – OPEN SESSION
Woonsocket Middle School @ Hamlet, 60 Florence Drive
Woonsocket, RI 02895

Call to Order by Eleanor Nadeau

Roll Call: V. Phongsavanh, Absent; E. Nadeau, Present; A. McGuire-Forcier, Present; J. Donlon, Present; C. Roberts, Present.

E. Nadeau stated the individual whose job performance is up for discussion declines the option to have this meeting heard in open session.

Motion to convene into Executive Session in accordance with RI Law 42-46-5-(a)(1) – Job Performance at 6:45 p.m.:
C. Roberts 2nd: J. Donlon Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes

Motion to come out of Executive Session: J. Donlon 2nd: E. Nadeau (Unanimously Approved)

Call to Order by Eleanor Nadeau

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Chairwoman V. Phongsavanh, Absent; Vice-Chairwoman E. Nadeau, Present; A. McGuire-Forcier, Present; C. Roberts, Present; J. Donlon, Present.

Public Good and Welfare:

Nicole Denton, WMS Band Director – She is here this evening to present the highest award from the Music in the Parks Festival being the first time the WMS Music Department has performed in a festival in over 30 years; the students performed beautifully; in attendance were two bands and the chorus who received good ratings in all three performances; however, they did receive the highest award out of ten schools. The highest award is the Esprit De Corps Award; the Festivals of Music Esprit de Corps offers the opportunity to recognize participating organizations, which display an exemplary attitude of positive support and outstanding personal behavior. Unlike other trophies that focus on the musical achievement based on the scores of the adjudication panel, this coveted prize spotlights the performance of the students throughout the festival weekend as they demonstrate their highest level of responsible behavior. Personal integrity, quality character values, a desire for excellence and a spirit of cooperation serve as the cornerstone qualities of the Esprit de Corps Awards. The WMS music students have displayed these characteristics throughout the entire year; we are a stronger music department because of all of their hard work. Six years ago we had 20 students and now we have over 110 students. She thanked everyone for their support especially the administrators, Dr. McGee, Mr. Picard, Mr. Boss, Rhonda Dion, and Katie McKenzie because without them this would not be possible. In addition, she has fifth graders who want to join already.

Kasandra Blais, WMS Band Student – She thanked Ms. Denton for everything she has done this year.

Lynn Beaudry, Bernon Heights PTO – She thanked Dr. Donoyan for signing the letter of agreement for the playground which was received two weeks ago by KaBoom; they have met with some vendors and are in the process of making a decision; they have a meeting tomorrow with City Hall in regards to placement of the playground; the deadline for completion is November 30th so it will be a very tight schedule; hopes to get the project rolling by the end of this month; hope to be breaking ground late September/early October. Her son is in the process of his eagle scout projects and he does want to refurbish the nature trail at Bernon to incorporate a fitness aspect into it.

Superintendent Recognitions: G. Donoyan stated she would like to honor Ms. Denton because the RI Philharmonic mentioned her a million times during their conversation; they told her that all of the music teachers they know she is not only an inspiration to them but also to all of our students; we are extremely fortunate to have her with us and thanked her for everything she does for our students. Harris Elementary Teacher Denise Phillips took the initiative to apply for the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Grant for Public Libraries and Public Schools. Ms. Phillips is one of only 59 teachers and librarians across the United States who was awarded the \$500.00 grant for going above and beyond what is called for in the basic curriculum. Through her inspiring program, Ms. Phillips is able to convey a love of learning to her students, leading by example as well as by practice.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as a whole: C. Roberts 2nd: J. Donlon Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes

Communications – None.

Committee Reports – None.
