

Little Compton School Committee Minutes

January 13, 2010

Present: J. Quinn, L. Brousseau Lebreux. M. Shapiro (arrived 6:20), M. Harrington, Dr. Devine-Superintendent, James Gibney, Principal and others.

I. Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm in the Wilbur/McMahon School Commons. After executive session the open meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm.

II. Initial Review of 2010-11 budget.

III. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-5(2), Collective Bargaining. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to seal the minutes of the executive session.

IV. Public Input: Would like to have executive session moved to after the open meeting.

V. Consent Agenda: On a motion made by M. Harrington seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda. L. Lebreux requested to abstain from the vote on Attorney Humphrey's bill. J. Quinn questioned by Attorney Humphrey was billed for this legal work and not our school attorney.

VI. Spotlight on Excellence: The Holiday Tea was presented by Mrs. Medeiros and Ms. Tesoro along with some 4th grade students.

a. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Devine discussed "Race to the Top" an initiative made by Commissioner Gist. This is a grant that has a

commitment of participation deadline of January 8, 2010. After investigating “Race to the Top” further it was determined that this grant would be more beneficial to larger districts and not beneficial for a small district such as our school that does not have additional staff to handle this project. Dr. Devine felt that it would have a negative impact on our students due to staff members needing to be out of the classroom to attend to this project. Little Compton will be an involved district but not a participating district.

b. Principal’s Report: Discussed the importance of literacy.

VII. Personnel Matters: Request for maternity leave. On a motion made by J. Quinn seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to approve the maternity leave for Gabrielle Sullivan.

VIII. Action Item: On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to approve moving the January 20th budget review meeting to 5 pm. instead of 6 pm.

IX. Discussion Items:

a. Policy, Childhood Obesity Prevention, presented by Mr. Shapiro. On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to table this discussion to the next meeting.

b. A.G. Open Meetings opinion, presented by the superintendent. The attorney general office determined that there was no violation of the open meetings law.

c. Annual audit, presented by the superintendent

X. On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to Adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Sylvia

Secretary to the School Committee

Executive Session

July 8, 2009

Following Open Meeting: 42-46-5(1), (4) – Personnel Actions