

Little Compton School Committee Minutes

March 9, 2011

Present: L. Brousseau-Lebreux. M. Shapiro, D. Gomez, D. Beauchemin, J. Quinn, Kathryn Crowley-Superintendent, James Gibney, Principal and others.

I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Wilbur/McMahon School Commons.

II. Executive Session: On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by L. Lebrueux it was unanimously voted to seal the executive session minutes.

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

IV. Public Input: A parent voiced their praise in exploring the high school voucher system.

V. Consent Agenda: On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda.

VI. Spotlight on Excellence: None Scheduled.

VII. Superintendent Report:

The asbestos abatement report that must be filed with the state was discussed. The water in the school is declared safe for drinking. The house of representatives heard testimony on changing the date for teacher lay-off notification. The curriculum work is continuing with J. Griffith and the teachers. High school meeting will be tomorrow night. Commissioner Gist will be visiting March 30, 2011 at 2 pm.

VIII. Principal Report: The girls B-Ball team lead by Mrs. Houlihan won a championship. The last day of school will be June 24, 2011

and professional development for teachers on June 27, 2011. March 18, 2011 a story telling group will present an assembly. March 17-18 will be the musical under the direction of Mr. Whitehouse. The end of March will be the talent show.

IX. Personnel Matters:

a. On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to approve the parental leave 4-0 J. Quinn abstained. On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded, by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to take this motion off the table. Note: (This item will be considered by the superintendent).

b. On a motion made by Q. Quinn seconded by L. Lebrux it was unanimously voted to approve posting the Part-time superintendent position.

c. On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to recall Gary Nitkin to Music/Band position.

X. Action Items: Mr. Alder was commended on all his hard work and dedication for the building project. On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by L. Lebrux it was unanimously voted to accept the amendment from the building committee presented Monday for the Stage II for further discussion. On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by L. Lebrux it was unanimously voted to discuss adding revisions included tonight to be attached to the original motion. The amended motion was passed 4-1 (Shapiro opposed). On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by L. Lebrux it was approved

4-1(Quinn opposed) to approve the revised school committee submission to include the new revisions made by the previous vote. (see attached plan)

XI. Discussion Items:

a. A discussion on the budget for 2011-12 was presented by K. Crowley and G. Augustus. On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to move this item first for discussion.

b. A discussion took place pertaining to a voucher system for high school, presented by M. Shapiro. More research will be done and it will be discussed again.

c. A discussion took place on the spring offsite: RIDE Stage II status and timeline. The status has been discussed. In addition the timeline was stated.

XII. Adjourn: On a motion made by M. Shapiro, seconded by L. Lebruex it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Sylvia

Secretary to the School Committee