

EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

East Providence School Committee

East Providence City Hall - Council Chamber

145 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island 02914

September 8, 2014

Open Session

Mr. Monteiro, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Members present: Nate Cahoon, Timothy Conley, Anthony Ferreira and Joel Monteiro (Elizabeth Clupny absent). Also present, Kim Mercer, Superintendent of Schools.

Motion by Mr. Cahoon to convene in Executive Session for purposes of discussing: Personnel – R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a) (1); Collective Bargaining R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a) (2); Litigation//Pending Litigation-R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a) (2), seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 4-0.

Mr. Monteiro called the public session back to order reporting that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag & Moment of Silence were

observed.

Public Comment I – Mr. Monteiro advised that PTA members could comment now rather than at the end of the agenda if they wished to do so. Mr. Monteiro requested that this item be moved up on future agendas as a courtesy to PTA members who may not be able to stay until the end of the meeting.

Izilda Teves of Orlo Avenue School stated that everyone at the school was very happy with their new principal, Ms. Gallant.

Jessica Beauchaine- hoped that everything was on track regarding the high school science lab; she attended the City Council meeting on Tuesday and was surprised to hear comments that at next School Committee meeting, Oldham would be handed over to the city; there was no vote or it did not pass; she has not missed any meetings and lives in that ward; was there a decision made out of the public or without anyone voicing their opinion; she thinks it should be addressed; she has been questioned about it because she is the PTA representative and involved in sports, and would like to know what was said; nothing in newspapers.

Mr. Monteiro responded that he watched that meeting and thanked Mr. Ferreira for getting up and clarifying the issue; it is on the agenda and coming up for a discussion; there has never been any discussion by any member in the last two years; appreciated Mr. Ferreira getting

up to clarify that at the City Council Meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Facilities Report – Mr. Ed Catelli reported:

- **A great project was completed at Whiteknact School on both the asbestos tile and the roof; all contractors did very good job.**

- **Science Lab at High School – Kim Mercer requested that Alana Nelson, Science Department Chair, be present to discuss this project.**

At the last meeting Mr. Ferreira spoke about concerns with the way the counter tops were constructed and the possibility of student safety issues if something rolled off. Mr. Monteiro went to the high school and asked the teachers to take a look at the counters to assure there would be no risk for students being injured. Alana Nelson, high school chemistry teacher, reported that the lab is set up and she did not believe there were any problems; She stated that it is a very easy, beautiful surface; conditions much better now than they were; she does not think the counters will impede students; it is a beautiful surface and the lab is gorgeous; everyone is very excited about it.

Mr. Ferreira said he asked for paperwork on the science lab two weeks ago; plumbing, electrical and building inspection; was the room inspected? Mr. Catelli stated he would check on it tomorrow.

Mr. Ferreira stated that with no disrespect to the science teacher, but commenting on signing off on a \$100,000 project; when the building inspector and Fire Marshall sign off on it, he will be happier.

Lacrosse/Soccer Complex – Presentation by Tony Vieira and John Mark Andrade. Bob Duarte, Athletic Director also present.

Tony Vieira, President of Bayside – present to discuss this privately funded project for a state of the art facility which would bring up to par the area where the JV Baseball field and where the lacrosse field was supposed to be done; he is putting this in front of the School Committee for discussion purposes. Mr. Monteiro requested they provide background information as to what had brought them to this point.

Mr. Andrade stated they have been working with different universities and colleges and are looking for a home facility to make their own; they will match with funding; the goal as an organization would be to have fields they would have consistent access to for a training and game day facility.

Mr. Conley asked about finances; Mr. Andrade stated yes, this approximately \$2 million project would have funding; they are in a constant search for land; he spoke to Tony, who is an alumni and they thought this would be a solution to the lack of facilities at the

high school; they would look at bringing the facilities up to par. They also had a conversation with an architect, Gale Associates, and walked through the facilities; if any additional plans, they would discuss different options that would make the most sense for the community; he is ready to move forward with drawings and sketches to be able to come to an agreement. Mr. Monteiro asked what areas they were looking at and what would be the end result.

Response from Bayside Speaker – JV Baseball field and outfield to practice; where construction was on the lacrosse field, would be a second field; this is their brainstorm to have fields and training facility to train and play. Discussion: when field not in play, it would become a training field; other fields would be in full use year round. (Gale designed LaSalle). In response to Mr. Conley's question, this would be for all the clubs. Mr. Cahoon asked if they could provide any data on the operation and maintenance of a similar type facility.

Mr. Andrade responded –that would include grooming of the fields, purchase of machinery; grass versus turf ; pretty significant overtime; he is sure he can get estimates; the life of the turf depends on the use; estimated 10-20 years.

Mr. Conley asked about the costs. Mr. Andrade responded that two firms looked at the property; number estimated to be \$1.5 to \$1.7 million. Mr. Conley asked if they had the ability to take to financing and they responded in the affirmative. Mr. Conley requested they

provide a full proposal, construction, timelines, maintenance, etc.

Mr. Ferreira requested that they overlay their plans on a copy of a city plan of the fields; he hesitates to get involved in this; he asked for five copies of the drawings with an overlay; without that and the cost; he does not know what is the benefit to the city; he wants to make sure the scheduling works for the city and not just one organization. He has confidence city engineers can review this.

Mr. Monteiro stated there would be no action taken tonight on the matter;

Mr. Ferreira – layout for lacrosse field; he would like overlay with current fields; where and the size of the proposed fields; once started we can't turn back; overlay that area on the current parcel similar to the lacrosse field and baseball field map; if we are going to agree on something sooner than later, we need to know what we are agreeing on

Mr. Catelli stated that he could get our engineers to make that plan and go from there; will get Gale involved.

Mr. Monteiro – just a layout of what is proposed against what already exists; looking for interest to entertain this idea and if it makes sense before it gets to the architect stage.

Mr. Conley said he would be interested in having a conversation

about it. Mr. Monteiro – we are looking at this as an opportunity to provide the high school with a state of the art turf field and have city organizations protected with school department as a bonus on top of that; cities and towns around us are going in this direction.

Mr. Ferreira – what are they looking for in return if we allow this to go forward in East Providence.

Mr. Andrade – they rent other facilities; he is from East Providence and has children here in school and would like the field to be here for the students. Mr. Vieira is a coach in EP.

Mr. Monteiro – home base for them; a million dollar facility for our students.

Mr. Ferreira asked who would maintain it.

Mr. Conley requested maintenance, use, community access and a timeline to give to the School Committee in order to make any decision to move forward.

Mr. Ferreira – asked how far along is the project we started and are we putting that project on hold; his concern is spending money and ripping it apart; he also did not want to close other organizations in the city out from using the fields; he never received an estimate; if they put money in up to \$1.7 million dollars, what are we giving up; for \$300,000 we have control over it; they invest money, we have no control. He asked how much our project would cost at the end.

Mr. Monteiro commented that the field is not where we wanted it to be; never usable; as a School Committee member, his goal is to provide usable space for students; he wished this came about a year ago; other than city working on the field, it is no better or worse; the field and tennis courts are unusable; looking at \$1.5 for turf, soccer, lacrosse and baseball for high school teams who would be able to have home games; interesting to him; bonus to allow any current organizations to have access so they are not displaced; provide the high school with the best space; looking long term at that; he agrees, the only other organization is AYSO; they met with Mr. Vieira and Mr. Andrade.

Mr. Conley – there is another soccer organization that does not have a home; this may be an opportunity.

Mr. Monteiro – we have to look at schedules; he would hate to muddy up the responsibility of the School Committee to provide for the schools opposed to the city providing for the community; win/win if we can figure out a way to do this; if this facility is put in place, we would not be any worse off than today; they would be listed to have access to the field; Mr. Duarte knows that one organization.

Mr. Ferreira – concerned that other organizations would have the opportunity to be present; we entered into conversation and he does not want to be accused of doing something without all the entities included; not just one. Mr. Monteiro – he said those currently

using the fields; this proposal changes nothing of the usage. Mr. Conley – this presents an opportunity to solve all the soccer needs Mr. Monteiro – is this something we want to entertain before they attempt to work with us; or does the School Committee want nothing to do with this?

Mr. Conley's concern was about the fact that they would be investing millions of dollars and having expectations regarding the property; we never had a soccer facility for the community; City Council has failed to act on this for years; he does not see why we cannot do this and work together on schedules.

Mr. Monteiro – he wanted to look at this; add other organizations; can this work; is it worth looking into? Discussion about usage from another organization; if we talk about who gets usage in off time; if we can turn this into success for the community; he would like to see high school students have a nice facility.

Mr. Andrade – if the School Committee is interested, they will get in touch with the architect.

Mr. Ferreira – wants to study all the information and see if all agree to go forward.

School Committee will get timeline, financing, etc. and coach will work out all the details.

Mr. Duarte stated that if we get the project started, completion set for spring 2015.

Mr. Monteiro noted that staff at Whiteknact commented on how nice the floors looked. Mr. Catelli thanked maintenance and custodial staff for another year of hard work; School Committee and the Superintendent provided them with new equipment to be able to do the job well.

Discussion:

Mr. Cahoon – thanked staff; School Committee usually does not get contacted for what is good or what is working; chemistry lab, roof at Whiteknact; the elevator at Riverside Middle School is an issue for a student; Room 101 at the high school is not in good shape; he would like a list put together in order to track fixable priorities.

Mr. Catelli – elevator out on contract; it is 35-40 years old; we have to upgrade for a wheelchair; it is not adequate for that student; he will be meeting with elevator company tomorrow.

Mr. Cahoon– that is a good example and there may be other items we need to raise to priority level; he would like to see a list.

Mr. Catelli– we always work on crisis management; he can provide all the plans showing that we need \$100 million to be able to do all the work needed.

Mr. Cahoon – we may have to contact our representatives at the State House about how the moratorium on building affects real people.

Mr. Ferreira– nothing to do with \$90 million; on Sunday with 400 people coming; trash issue; outside Whiteknact outside-rocks, \$1

million dollars of taxpayer money, it was left that way; he has an issue with the gutters; every ten feet seam folded over; used screws on downspouts; razor sharp.

Mr. Catelli – punch list with SMMA and a walk through

Mr. Ferreira– roof at Hennessey an issue three years ago

Mr. Ferreira – he is not supposed to be the guy who walks through

Mr. Catelli – that is why we have an architect and project manager

Mr. Ferreira – takes to heart; what do we have to do to hire help for Ed Catelli?

Mr. Monteiro – Mr. Catelli, through the Superintendent, can bring the case to the School Committee; not the responsibility of the School Committee to post jobs; we can't just say he needs 20 people.

Mr. Ferreira– is it our responsibility for the condition of the schools; peeling paint, etc. - if our responsibility, why can't we have normal maintenance.

Mr. Monteiro – to say we have gotten nowhere is wrong; bought new machines for floors, process and laundry list prior to us; insult to School Committee that nothing has been done; he shares the frustration, but before we say yes to money to add employees, we need justification; at the end of the day – have to answer to the taxpayers.

Mr. Conley asked the Superintendent if there are additional positions in the budget this year

Kim Mercer – we are putting the budget together now and hoping to increase custodial staff in the schools; in discussion with Mr. Catelli about maintenance.

Mr. Monteiro – tonight RIDE will be voting on Stage II application that the School Department presented for reimbursement; hoping to know by tomorrow if money will be accessible.

Mr. Ferreira– other items: playground basketball court; two pieces of equipment, fence along brook;

Mr. Catelli - fence will be started on Saturday; basketball court out to bid; thought the city could help with that job, but did not work out; hoping to bid out the work.

Mr. Ferreira – swing set – city was supposed to take out at new Oldham; all the equipment was to be moved.

Mr. Catelli – not aware of it coming out; not sure where we would put it; before we put fence up, we should wait on swing sets; get price form Mike or take old one out; he will have fence put up with a gate.

Financial Report – Kim Mercer reported Expenditures of \$55,591,484 and Revenues of \$55,938,710 as of August 31, 2014.

Personnel Report on Resignation/Leaves of Absence/Retirement – Superintendent recommended the following personnel actions:

Rescind the Appointment of Amanda Claus-Social Worker – Orlo/ALP-Effective 9/2/14

Resignation of Robert Anastasi-Yearbook Advisor-High School – Effective 8/31/14

Action Items –Personnel Appointments/Recalls- Superintendent recommended the following personnel appointments:

Brian Clifton Kelly – Social Worker-Hennessey/ALC-Effective 9/10/14

Sonia Price-Supervisory Assistant-Hennessey-Effective 9/4/14

Emily Rendine-Grade 4 Teacher-Francis-Effective 9/2/14

Jacqueline Denault-Grade 1 Teacher-Francis- Effective 9/2/14

Lindsay Ferris-Grade 2 Teacher-Whiteknact- Effective 9/2/14

Kristen Johnson-Pre-K Special Ed Teacher-ELP- Effective 9/2/14

Stacie Delos-Teacher Assistant-Hennessey- Effective 9/4/14

Tarah Wilson-Teacher Assistant-Whiteknact- Effective 9/4/14

Motion to approve by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 4-0.

Home School Requests – Motion by Mr. Conley to approve the requests, seconded by Mr. Ferreira.

Vote 4-0.

Transfer of former Oldham Elementary School (Bullocks Point Ave) to the City (Surplus)

Kim Mercer stated that the reason for placing the property at 640 Bullocks Point Avenue on the agenda was due to the fact that schools continue to incur costs of utilities, liability insurance, fire alarm, etc. Two feasibility studies done in 2010, SMMA Architects talked about the needs of the building and what was needed to bring

it up to code in order to make it educationally sound: ADA compliance, new roof, windows not functioning properly, doors in poor condition; water damage; need for emergency and exit illumination, electrical, new public address system, restroom renovations, etc. This past spring, city did a study and basically the same type of repairs were noted as they were in a 2010 report; we know that approximately \$1.2 million is needed for roof and code issues if we go back to using it as a school, which the Superintendent did not recommend. This has been brought to the School Committee for a vote to turn the building back to the city due to the amount of repairs needed; the Superintendent has been asked over last two weeks if we can open that building as a school due to being over enrolled; she did not see Oldham as a possibility; she would see additions, not another school; recommends turning back to the city for another purpose and not just let it sit there.

Nate – struck him that so many important parts of the building, plumbing, electrical, may not support fire code-no sprinklers, etc. it goes on and on; what is the likelihood of unplanned expenses for that building in middle of winter; surprises when we can least afford it.

Kim Mercer – we have had break ins and trash issues; police respond; the more it sits the more it will happen in the future; the building unique – 1952+ and then add open classrooms not conducive to learning; problem is we would have to build walls to get up to standard; technical needs to be rewired; high cost to operate; she does not think it is needed; over winter, there may be problems.

Mr. Conley mentioned a feasibility study had been completed by Recreation Department; if moratorium lifted that is a more effective way of meeting our school needs; he would be very hesitant to turn over to the city; shortsighted, not centrally located for recreation facility and spending \$1.5 million.

Mr. Monteiro – liked the idea of having school in that neighborhood and the idea of adding on – would like to see some preliminary numbers – cost of additions – bus Riverside expense; he does not want to carry any longer than necessary; he would like to see numbers operationally; two additions \$5-10 million functional addition; what will it cost us in busing; what has been done on that in years back; he does not disagree with addition; condition of that building changing in the future; they do not have the money to do anything with it; he would like to see numbers.

Mr. Ferreira – first we need to get information on a rough idea of what it costs to maintain that building now; he agrees with the Chairman; attendance for every class and how many kids in city in process-one development has broken ground with 800 units on the Parkway; could be a planning problem; we could be looking at 75-100 students coming from there alone; if even 75, that is another bus; we should have had numbers to demolish the building completely; when Martin Middle School was built, they said the old school would collapse, but the old building was better than the one built in 1974; we can go in and destroy all except the roof and four walls; can save money and have a 21st century school; if it costs

\$50-60 thousand for a year for the piece of property, we have to hold on to it for a year to see how condos develop and how many students that may bring. He would like to hold on to it for another year and get some hard numbers.

Motion by Mr. Conley to table discussion on the transfer of the Oldham School building to the city, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 4-0

Requisitions – Bill List

Warrant #1433 9/4/14 \$170,511.52

Warrant #1434 9/4/14 \$913,141.69

Motion to approve by Mr. Ferreira, seconded by Mr. Conley. Vote 4-0.

SMMA Outstanding Invoices – Mr. Monteiro read the list of SMMA invoices totaling \$36,106.51.

Mr. Ferreira would like to do a walk-through at the CTC to see if punch list items have been completed; he will not approve invoices until that happens; he would hold all Whiteknact roof invoices until he is comfortable with the gutters; his issue is not being notified when punch lists are completed so he can follow up on the work.

Mr. Monteiro - asked when that report on the walk through would be

ready

Linda Dykeman – SMMA (Ben) responded that we please clarify concerns; she will relay them to him

Mr. Monteiro– they were here; they said they would walk through a facility with Mr. Ferreira; at point where walk thru; he needs to be contacted and if available he will go; School Committee wants to get ahead; they are waiting on payment, but not reaching out to us; we all agreed that Mr. Ferreira would be included on walk thru.

Mr. Ferreira – at last meeting discussed that at the walk through, they took 18-20 pictures, if part of the punch list is done, call him and he can walk through; if they are looking for payment he will pay; if picture items are done, call him to go take a look; he never gets the opportunity; Waddington two and a half months ago still not done with punch list; if done, he will walk thru with somebody and ask questions about how things look.

Mr. Monteiro – will support that to get some action; if we do not pay them; appreciated Ms. Nelson coming out regarding use of the science lab, punch list never materialized; now sitting on an invoice;

Mr. Monteiro – we made it clear on lots of issues/concerns; then they claim amnesia when meeting; there are concerns on the roof

Kim Mercer – Stage II is fine

Mr. Monteiro- one thing on the list Stage II 4950 and 2500

Mr. Ferreira – no problem if the Superintendent agrees; High School audit - where are we at with it; waiting on if the panels are working out; Christmas Vacation coming up; they should get on schedule when kids leave; crew can go in; and then pay those two; give some

money for coming back; where we are on some of the issues; asked about egress door repairs \$7 and 8 thousand – what is that? He needs clarification; Call door companies to come in; get prices; they install.

Mr. Monteiro – questioned the invoice for doors - \$7000. Listed 108 hours; twice (twice their hourly rate); he thinks that is a problem; needs clarification; he thinks Stage II is good; RIDE happy with it.

Mr. Cahoon –would like to see a copy of contract project 10004.10 breakdown, what was budgeted; that would clear up questions.

Linda Dykeman – all separate contracts; Mr. Cahoon- 4 or 5 different contracts.

Motion by Mr. Cahoon to approve SMMA Invoice #0040589 in the amount of \$4,950 and Invoice #0041231 in the amount of \$2,500.00, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 4-0.

Linda Dykeman will follow up for further clarification. Mr. Monteiro - they promised information two weeks ago and several other times.

AA Asbestos Abatement at Whiteknact – no action taken.

Awarding of Bids

Waddington Chair Lift

Superintendent Mercer recommended awarding the bid to Garaventa USA, Inc. in the amount of \$39,531.00. Motion by Mr. Cahoon to award the bid, seconded by Mr. Conley. Vote 4-0.

Mr. Ferreira recommended that we check the condition of the one there now- if repairs needed, maybe do them while company is there to save a little money; they could just inspect it.

Mr. Cahoon – urgency in this bid is that we did not know a student was coming.

Kim Mercer – in years past they kept moving classrooms; now we have multiple students and it was brought to our attention.

Mr. Conley – students who may need this will only increase at Waddington School.

Policies for Second Passage:

Health and Wellness Policy – Motion by Mr. Conley to approve, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 4-0.

Discussion: any questions, please call the Superintendent for clarification.

Policy for Student Teacher Interns and Cooperating Teachers – Motion by Mr. Conley to approve, seconded by Mr. Cahoon. Vote 4-0

Policy for Data Privacy – Motion by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 4-0.

Policy and Protocol for School Response to Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Violence (form included)

Motion by Mr. Conley, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 4-0

Set date for Budget Workshop in September – Motion by Mr. Cahoon to set date of 9/23/14 at 7:00PM, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 4-0.

Public Comment II – Fred Rybka; big items going into the schools, little ones get neglected; writing on door at a school since beginning of August and the dumpster issue which Mr. Ferreira took care of it; little things beat us down here; happy to have Mr. Cahoon on the School Committee.

Mr. Rybka requested a policy book; there are a lot of different interpretations especially on food plan, he was happy the Committee decided not to give the Oldham building in Riverside back to the City because he believes we will need the school in the near future .

Mr. Monteiro noted that the entire policy book is not all up to date and is under revision, but we can provide copies of all policies voted on and set by the School Committee, rather than send out outdated policies.

Steve Souza – spoke about fields at high school; two fields not

enough; too many kids; what about Pierce Field; if you sit down with one organization you have to ask the second one for input too; he thinks there is something in it for them that they are not telling us; there is not enough time in the day for our kids to use fields; we are not using one organization against another, but speaking out for children; if 700 kids in AYSO and we have 400-500 and they want to play here; is Bayside interested in our kids or to benefit themselves. Mr. Conley noted that this could be a start for us; there is not a parcel of land in city to have one complex.

Mr. Monteiro stated that the reason why we spoke to AYSO, was about his concern that schools were first and then existing users of the fields; whether or not Mr. Souza has access to a field, whether this project goes forward or not; it would be great if this city could put together a facility; onus for providing fields for the city, taking over school facilities for students; he asked that any existing users be brought into the mix; it was not to go solicit more organizations; our obligation is to student athletes and physical education; he would like the Oceaneers and AYSO to work something out; he does not disagree with Mr. Souza, but we keep muddying what the purpose of the fields are; we need a field for city needs; mutually agreeable agreement; they will dump money and give themselves a home field; at same time our students have more access to a better field; that's why he thinks it is worth looking into before signing on to anything. He understands Mr. Souza's concerns, but this is a completely different situation; we do not have true lacrosse; this is an improvement possibility and an opportunity; it is not about singling

out groups; he would like to see the City Council work on a facility.

Jessica Beauchaine— swing set at Oldham vs. Waddington – she was told all equipment at Meadowcrest would follow students to Waddington and that was what she assumed would happen; this was two years in the making; she is grateful for what we have now, but they were told that equipment would go to Waddington and that a fence would be put up ten days from the last School Committee meeting on August 28th when they built the playground; they were told a fence would go in; parents asking why- fencing along creek was promised and not done; basketball hoops have not been put back up.

2010 study at Oldham – school was open then; school closed last year – if that study is correct we had children in there for three years – school ended in June 2013; she tried to keep open not knowing information coming to light –\$70,000 to keep open for utilities and maintenance; that is the number to go with

Scheduling at RMS – decreased staff; she spoke about this last year; received emails from Guidance counselors because of it. # of teachers they cannot run programs and accommodate schedules; she has been up here for couple years to accommodate student schedules; only hand full of kids; she is speaking for others; emails say we cannot accommodate your students personnel etc.

Speaker asked when the NEASC team will be visiting again to view the science lab. Kim Mercer - would be sometime in September and they would meet as body in October; they will do a site visit.

Announcements – Parent events – all events on the website

Dedication of EPHS Gymnasium and Gymnasium Floor- September 19, 2014 5:45pm

Parent Events

Title I Informational Evening

September 25, 2014, 6:30pm 3rd Floor City Hall Rm. 306

Report Card Informational Evenings

Kindergarten – Grade 1 6:30 Silver Spring

Grade 2 – Grade 3 6:30 Orlo

Grade 4 – Grade 5 6:30 Oldham

Website translation now available

Professional Day will be held October 14, 2014. Originally TBD in March

Mr. Silva, school legal counsel, asked to refer back to Item C and D; he noted that the School Committee did not officially request that executive session minutes be sealed. Motion by Mr. Cahoon to close the executive session minutes, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 4-0.

Mr. Ferreira frustrated with getting things done; when he asked about the science lab; are we aware of what can happen in Science Lab; he takes offense with being the only one concerned about what can happen; he has been doing this type of work for 35 years students and teachers in science lab not approved for use; he asked at the last meeting; should he sit and not say anything about it. The asphalt at

Oldham was stripped down; we have to have items put in writing; that is what an update should be; comments about the fence; he puts requests in and we have to start looking at a list of items; \$100 Million excuse – we have to put money in for 50- 60 items ; have to address some of those items, not just talk about bond money; we have to hire staff; we could have hired seasonal staff; he was told we could not do that; if not true why was he told that we have \$20-30 thousand in budget to start addressing this.

Mr. Monteiro would like the School Committee to be informed about what is needed instead of frustration about no time or manpower; Kim Mercer - additional help was given.

Mr. Ferreira – crews never took care of the school grounds; he was told and then it did not get done; needed sweeping and brush clearing; goal is to keep schools looking as good as possible.

Motion by Mr. Cahoon to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant

Elizabeth Clupny, Clerk of the Committee