

SCITUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by
Mr. Michael Hayes, Chairperson
at 6:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at Scituate High School.

**On a motion by Mr. Hayes,
Seconded by Ms. Bowen,**

**It was voted: To go into Executive Session as set forth
In Section 23B, Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts
General Laws to discuss matters pertaining to contract
negotiations at 6:30 p.m.**

The roll call was:

School Committee Members Present:

Mr. Michael Hayes,	yes
Ms. Brenda Bowen,	yes
Mr. Richard Hebert,	yes

**On a motion by Ms. Bowen,
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

It was voted: to return to the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The roll call was:

School Committee Members Present:

Mr. Michael Hayes,	yes
Ms. Brenda Bowen,	yes
Mr. Richard Hebert,	yes

**The meeting was called to order by
Mr. Michael Hayes, Chairperson, at
7:00 pm in the Library at Scituate High School.**

School Committee Members Present:

Mr. Michael Hayes,
Ms. Brenda Bowen,
Mr. Richard Hebert

Administrators Present:

Dr. Susan E. Martin, Superintendent
Dr. James Kelleher, Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Paul Donlan, Director, Business Finance

**On a motion by Ms. Bowen,
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

1. Approval of Minutes

It was voted: To approve the October 17, 2011 Minutes.

The vote was 3-0.

There were no statements or comments from the public

Comments and Statement from the Public

2. Special Matters

Dr. Susan E. Martin, Superintendent introduced Mr. Vincent Gilarde and Mrs. Eleanor Keenan. Mr. Gilarde explained that the late Mr. Larry Keenan was a physical education teacher, basketball coach and athletic director at Scituate High School from 1954 to 1980. Mr. Gilarde announced to the Committee that the Larry Keenan Scholarship Fund Committee will purchase and donate 40 padded folding chairs to the High School basketball programs in memory of Mr. Larry Keenan.

a. Larry Keenan Scholarship Fund

**On a motion by Ms. Bowen,
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

It was voted: To accept with great appreciation the wonderful donation of forty padded folding chairs.

The vote was 3-0.

Dr. Susan Martin, Superintendent advised the Committee that the METCO Program update is postponed until November 21, 2011.

b. METCO Program Update

Dr James Kelleher, Assistant Superintendent said that the Technology Committee will be reviewing presentations' from Ochres, Comcast and possibly Verizon. The goal is to improve network operations in all buildings, hire a data manager and implement X2.

c. Technology Plan Update

Dr. Susan E. Martin, Superintendent suggested that legal services be provided by Murphy Lamere and Murphy, P.C.

d. Murphy Lamere & Murphy P.C.

**On a motion by Ms. Bowen,
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

It was voted: To move to ratify the contract with Murphy Lamere and Murphy as legal counsel.

The vote was 3-0.

Dr. Susan Martin, Superintendent outlined the Social Media first draft. Mr. Hayes would like to take time to review the policy. Mr. Hebert and Ms Bowen agreed. The School Committee agreed to place this item on a future agenda.

e. Social Media

Dr. Susan Martin, Superintendent introduced Mr. Matt Meehan, Assistant Principal, Gates Intermediate School and Mr. Paul Donlan, Director, Business and Finance to review the Gates Statement of Interest. Mr. Donlan stated that the new parts of the plan need to be embedded into the old plan. There will be future discussions on this issue.

**f. Refresh the Gates
Statement of Interest**

Dr. Susan Martin, Superintendent outlined the Gates Intermediate School Project Timeline as it pertained to CPC funds. Dr. Martin mentioned that 13 contractors took out RFP's but only 2 returned them.

**g. Gates Intermediate School
Project Timeline**

3. Routine Matters

Dr. Susan E. Martin, Superintendent introduced Mr. Zach Brazao, Scituate High School School Committee Student Representative. Mr. Brazao reported that the Scituate High School boys and girls soccer playoff night game was postponed because of a lighting malfunction. He also mentioned that grades will be closing at Scituate High School.

a. Student Report

Mr. Paul Donlan, Director, Business and Finance presented the Budget End of Year Report to the School Committee.

b. Budget – End of Year Report

Mr. John Fitzgerald, President, Scituate Teachers Assoc. requested that the School Committee include teachers' in the social media deliberations and decisions. He also welcomed Murphy Lamere and Murphy as legal Counsel but thanked MaryEllen Sowyrda of Murphy Hesse Toomey and Lehane for her professional service over the last few years.

**Comments or Statements from the
Public**

Ms. Lynn Harhen, Speech Language Pathologist read a letter expressing her dissatisfaction with the decision to change legal counsel.

There was no information to discuss under the Superintendent's Report.

4. Superintendent's Reports

5. Superintendent's Correspondence

Dr. Susan Martin, Superintendent read the following Letters of correspondence:

Letter from Ms. Linda Whitney, Principal, Wampanoag Elementary School recognizing Mr. Robert Greene, Physical Education teacher.

Letter from Ms Linda Whitney, Principal, recognizing Mr. Ian Cohen and Ms. Amanda Fanelli, Teachers, Wampanoag School for assisting with technology training.

Information/outline on the November 8, 2011 Professional Development, In-Service.

Update from Dr. Martin on the newly formed SANDS Committee Or Scituate Alliance of Natural Disasters.

Mr. Hayes, Chairman outlined the following two items:

6. Other Business

Mr. Hayes gave a brief auditorium renovation historical outline. He reminded the audience that the auditorium is the most publically used space in the Town of Scituate.

Ms. Shan Morrissey, teacher, Gates Intermediate School expressed discontent over funding the auditorium renovation project instead of funding repairs at the Gates Intermediate School.

Mr. Donlan, Director, Business and Finance agreed to give an update on the Gates Intermediate repair projects.

Dr. Martin reminded the Committee that there will be a Gates Intermediate Feasibility Study meeting on November 17th at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Hayes, Chairman, School Committee announced that Dr. Susan E. Martin will retire at the end of the year. He thanked her for her dedication and service to the Scituate Public School system. b.) Other

There were no sub-committee reports.

7. Sub-Committee Reports

Personnel issues were reviewed.

8. Personnel

**On a motion by Mr. Strobino,
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

It was voted: To approve the Personnel changes as noted.

The vote was 4-0.

9. Future Agenda Items

The following items are to be placed on a future School Committee agenda: School Improvement Plans, METCO Presentation, Technology Draft, Social Media Draft Two, Gates Intermediate Statement of Interest, Budget Calendar Draft.

**On a motion by Mr. Strobino,
Seconded by Ms. Bowen**

10. Adjournment

It was voted: To adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The vote was 4 – 0.

Prepared by: Kim Peters

APPROVED:

Ms. Brenda Bowen, Secretary