

SCITUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2010
School Committee Meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by
Mr. William Johnston, Chairperson,
at 6:00 P.M. in the Library at SHS.

On a motion by Mr. Johnston,
seconded by Mr. Hayes

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.

The roll call was:

Mr. William Johnston, Chairperson	yes
Ms. Brenda Bowen, Vice-Chairperson	yes
Mr. Michael Hayes, Secretary	yes
Dr. Michele Morrissey-Smith	yes
Mr. Jamie Strobino	yes

On a motion by Mr. Hayes,
seconded by Mr. Strobino,

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

The roll call was:

Mr. William Johnston, Chairperson	yes
Ms. Brenda Bowen, Vice-Chairperson	yes
Mr. Michael Hayes, Secretary	yes
Dr. Michele Morrissey-Smith	yes
Mr. Jamie Strobino	yes

School Committee Members Present:

Mr. William Johnston, Chairperson
Ms. Brenda Bowen, Vice-Chairperson
Mr. Michael Hayes, Secretary
Dr. Michele Morrissey-Smith
Mr. Jamie Strobino

Administrators Present:

Dr. Susan E. Martin, Superintendent
Dr. Jim Kelleher, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Paul Donlan, Director of Business and Finance
Ms. Judy Norton, Director of Special Education

2. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Strobino,
seconded by Dr. Morrissey-Smith,

a. January 25, 2010

It was voted: To approve the January 25, 2010
regular Meeting minutes.

The vote was 5 – 0.

Comments and Statements from the Public

3. Special Matters

Dr. Susan Martin, Superintendent; Mr. Dick Blake,
Principal, Gates Intermediate School; Mr. Adam Culbert,
Teacher and the Future City Team gave the 2010 Future
City Team presentation to the Committee.

a. Gates Future City Team

Dr. Martin presented the Committee with the MSBA
Building Committee.

b. MSBA Building Committee

On a motion by Mr. Strobino,
seconded by Mr. Hayes,

It was voted: To approve the MSBA Building Committee
as presented.

The vote was 5 – 0.

Dr. Martin and Dr. Jim Kelleher, Assistant
Superintendent presented the District-wide Assessment
Plan and Parental Communication Plan to the Committee.

c. District-wide Assessment Plan and Parental Communication Plan

Dr. Martin and Dr. Kelleher presented the Homework
Survey to the Committee.

d. Homework Survey

Dr. Martin presented the Out-of-State Field Trip Policy
Update to the Committee.

e. Out-of-State Field Trip Policy Update

On a motion by Mr. Strobino,
seconded by Dr. Morrissey-Smith,

It was voted: To approve the Out-of-State Field Trip Policy
Update with direction to add to the Field Trip Request Form.

The vote was 5 – 0.

Dr. Martin and Dr. Kelleher presented the Equivalency Policy to the Committee.

f. Equivalency Policy

On a motion by Mr. Strobino,
seconded by Dr. Morrissey-Smith,

It was voted: To approve the Equivalency Policy as written.

The vote was 5 – 0.

Dr. Martin presented the 2010-2011 School Calendar to the Committee.

4. Routine Matters

a. 2010-2011 School Calendar

On a motion by Mr. Hayes,
seconded by Mr. Strobino,

It was voted: To table the 2010-2011 School Calendar.

The vote was 5 – 0.

Dr. Martin and Mr. Paul Donlan, Director of Business and Finance presented the FY' 11 Budget Update.

b. FY'11 Budget Update

Dr. Martin; Ms. Donna Nuzzo-Mueller, Principal, Scituate High School; Mr. Bill McNeil, Teacher and Ms. Sharon Mohr, Guidance Teacher updated the Committee on the SHS Alternative Evening Program.

c. SHS Alternative Evening Program

Comments and Statements from the Public

5. Superintendent's Reports

- a. Budget Update
- b. Cushing Elementary School 2010 National Geographic Bee
- c. Christopher Parenteau – Conway-Gram/Internship
- d. Volunteer Handbook Update
- e. Study Skills committee Update
- f. American Legion – Boys and Girls State
- g. American Legion – Flag Ceremony
- h. American Legion – Spring 2010 Gates Intermediate School Gym Dedication: Memorial Gym

None

6. Superintendent's Correspondence

None

7. Other Business

None

8. Communication from School Councils

None

9. Sub-Committee Reports

10. Personnel

10. PERSONNEL MATTERS

a. Resignation

For your information, the Superintendent of Schools has accepted the following resignation:

Kathleen Workman, Vocational Skills Tutor, High School, effective January 29, 2010.

b. Transfers

None

c. Leaves of Absence

For your information, the Superintendent of Schools has approved the following leaves of absence:

Tara Szymaniak, Mathematics Teacher, High School, Maternity Leave of Absence, with pay subject to the availability of sick days, effective February 3, 2010 through March 30, 2010 and Maternity Leave of Absence extension, without pay, effective March 31, 2010 through May 31, 2010.

Tara Corcoran, (.5) Elementary Classroom Teacher, Jenkins School, Maternity Leave of Absence, with pay subject to the availability of sick days, effective February 24, 2010 through April 20, 2010 and FMLA Leave of Absence, without pay, effective April 21, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

Sandra Liberty, Special Education Aide, Jenkins School, Leave of Absence, without pay, effective March 15, 2010 through March 19, 2010 (5 days).

Tammy Tedeschi, Special Education Aide, Cushing School, Leave of Absence, without pay, effective February 10, 2010 through February 24, 2010 (6 days).

Linda White, Special Education Aide, Jenkins School, Medical Leave of Absence, with pay subject to the availability of sick days, effective January 4, 2010 through February 12, 2010.

c. Leaves of Absence (continued)

Janet O'Connor, Assistant Cafeteria Manager, Cushing School, Leave of Absence, without pay, effective October 26, 2009 through October 30, 2009.

d. Appointments

For your information, the Superintendent of Schools has appointed

the following individuals:

Kathleen Jenkins, Long-Term Substitute Reading Specialist, Hatherly School, effective January 25, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Salary \$37,288 prorated (Bachelor's, Step 1). (Contingent upon satisfactory CORI check)

Ashley Ferrara, Long-Term Substitute English Teacher, High School, effective January 22, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Salary \$37,288 prorated (Bachelor's Step 1). (Contingent upon satisfactory CORI check)

Lisa Masterson, (.5) Elementary Classroom Teacher, Jenkins School, increase in assignment to full-time Elementary Classroom Teacher, Jenkins School, effective February 24, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

Elizabeth Merritt, Cafeteria Worker, Scituate High School, 4 hours per school day, \$11.55 per hour (Cafeteria Worker Salary Schedule, Step 1) effective September 28, 2009 (revised date) through June 29, 2010 (includes allowance for five snow days)

Lori Pfrommer, Cafeteria Worker, Jenkins School, 4 hours per school day, \$11.55 per hour (Cafeteria Worker Salary Schedule, Step 1) effective September 8, 2009 (revised date) through June 29, 2010 (includes allowance for five snow days)

e. Other

None

On a motion by Mr. Hayes,
Seconded by Mr. Strobino,

It was voted: To approve the contracts listed above.

The vote was 5-0.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Future City Team Update
- SPS 2010-2011 School Calendar
- Out-of-State Field Trip Policy Form Update
- Homework Survey
- MSBA Building Committee
- Job Descriptions
- Study Skills Committee

On a motion by Mr. Strobino,
seconded by Mr. Hayes,

It was voted: To adjourn from the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

The vote was 5 – 0.

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APPROVED:

Mr. Michael Hayes, Secretary