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**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
APRIL 1, 2009**

The regular meeting of the School Committee was held at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 in the High School library with the following members present: M. Christie, Chairman; J. Viselli, Vice Chairman; S. MacNeill and D. Maurer. Also present was L. Olson, Superintendent of Schools; A. Patriquin, Assistant Superintendent; and A. DiCologero, Administrator of School Finance.

Chairman M. Christie called the open session of the School Committee to order at 7:00 P.M.

I. Consent Agenda

A. Action to Approve the Agenda

ACTION: A motion was made by J. Viselli and seconded by S. MacNeill to approve the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

II. New Business

A. 2009-2010 School Budget Approval

Dr. Olson reviewed class sizes and enrollment projections for next year and outlined changes in federal and state guidelines regarding the use of federal grants and stabilization funds. It appears that at this time, South School Grade 1 class size of 25 will be able to be addressed within the recommended budget. The Robin Hood Grade 2 class sizes of 24+ include special education students who only join the classes for selected elective and enrichment programs so there is no need for an additional section to be added to address this class size issue. The Grade 3 class sizes of 25 at Colonial Park and Robin Hood will not be able to be addressed until final approval of the stimulus funds.

Due to enrollment numbers for the Full Day Kindergarten Program, Dr. Olson discussed the following possible changes:

Colonial Park: Combine the full day kindergarten program with the half day program. Half day students would attend five days a week and be dismissed before lunch. Full day students would have lunch and return to their classroom for enrichment programs.

Robin Hood: Combine full day kindergarten with the half session as above; other half time students would continue to attend 2-1/2 days.

Central School and South School have sufficient enrollment numbers to continue with a traditional full day program and 2½ day program.

A discussion ensued regarding the benefits of kindergarten students attending five days a week and the need to take immediate action on these recommended changes so that parents will have adequate notice to make any necessary arrangements.

ACTION: A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by J. Viselli to approve the development of a new kindergarten program at Colonial Park and Robin Hood schools, as outlined above. The motion was approved 3-0-1 with D. Maurer abstaining stating a conflict of interest.

Dr. Olson explained that the increase in the technology budget is due to a revenue stream (e-rate reimbursement) that is not included in the budget. The e-rate reimbursement comes from the charges that are included in all cable and phone bills. The e-rate reimbursement of approximately \$35,000 to \$40,000 has never offset the technology budget. Dr. Olson recommended the e-rate reimbursement be included in the technology budget and the additional funds be used to hire the Grade 1 teacher at South School without increasing the bottom line of the budget.

A discussion ensued regarding the legal use of the stimulus money, the Grade 3 teaching position at Colonial Park, and the Central Office secretarial position. The Committee confirmed their intention that the Central Office secretarial position would not be filled until a job description could be reviewed and the Grade 3 Colonial Park and Robin Hood issues are resolved.

Dr. Olson recommended the Committee adopt Draft 2 of the 2009-2010 Budget totaling \$22,163,000.

ACTION: A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by J. Viselli to adopt the 2009-2010 School Budget totaling \$22,163,000. The motion was approved 4-0.

J. Viselli and D. Maurer made statements regarding the choices that were made with the school budget during tough economic times.

B. Hall of Fame Committee Report

M. Christie announced the following inductees into the fifth annual Stoneham High School Athletic Hall of Fame:

INDUCTEE	CLASS	SPORT
Victor J. Duplin, Jr.	1923	X-Country, Hockey, Baseball, Outdoor Track
Ralph L. Duplin	1925	Football, Hockey, Baseball, Outdoor Track
John Lawrence	1955	Football, Basketball, Baseball
James Mitchell	1964	Football, Hockey, Outdoor Track
John Sumner	1964	Hockey
John M. Rolli, Jr.	1969	Distinguished Alumni
Dave McDowell	1970	Football, Basketball, Baseball
Steve Jamieson	1977	Football, Hockey
William McDonough	1979	Hockey
Rachel Fabiano (Reis)	1988	Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
Danielle Fuligni	1988	X-Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track
Elena Semler	1994	Gymnastics
Peter Fisher	1995	Football, Indoor Track, Baseball
James Rafferty		Friend of SHS Athletics
Softball Team:	1980	1 st Softball Team to make post-season 1980 Middlesex League Champions
Kathy DeMarco 1981	Joan Fallon 1981	Michele Figucia 1981
Barbara Luther 1980	Carole McKenzie 1981	Tracey Marks 1980
Joann Marrone 1980	Elaine Murphy 1980	Maureen Noone 1981
Cheryl Titcomb 1981	Karen Uva 1981	Lisa Whitcomb 1980
Coach: Dick Burnham		

ACTION: A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by J. Viselli to accept the fifth induction of the Stoneham High School Hall of Fame. The motion was approved 4-0.

III. Old Business

None

IV. Discussion

Dr. Olson recommended posting the next School Committee meeting for April 16, 2009.

M. Christie requested members confirm whether they will be attending the MASC sponsored Day on the Hill on May 7th.

M. Christie reminded the public that the SBCEF will sponsor a Trivia Night at the Robin Hood School this Friday, April 3.

V. Superintendent's Report/Announcements & Correspondence

Dr. Olson announced that the School Building Authority, following up on the Statement of Interest that was submitted to them last fall, will be visiting the Stoneham Middle School next Monday, April 6th.

VI. Executive Session

ACTION: A motion was made by S. MacNeill, seconded by D. Maurer, and voted unanimously by roll call at 8:40 to enter Executive Session under MGL Ch. 39, § 23B.

VII. Adjourn

ACTION: A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by D. Maurer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LES E. OLSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS