

STONEHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
DECEMBER 9, 2008**

The regular meeting of the School Committee was held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 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 Christie called the open session of the School Committee to order at 7:00 P.M. and called for action to move immediately into Executive Session.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by S. MacNeill, seconded by J. Viselli, and voted unanimously by roll call at 7:00 PM to enter Executive Session under MGL Ch. 39, § 23B and to return to open session.

The School Committee returned to open session at 7:58 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.

**B. Action to Approve the Minutes of:**

November 13, 2008 Regular Meeting

**ACTION:** A motion was made by J. Viselli and seconded by S. MacNeill to approve the minutes of November 13, 2008. The motion was approved 4-0.

November 13, 2008 Executive Session

**ACTION:** A motion was made by D. Maurer and seconded by J. Viselli to approve the minutes of November 13, 2008 to remain confidential. The motion was approved 4-0.

**C. Bill Schedule #7**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by J. Viselli and seconded by S. MacNeill to approve Bill Schedule #8 in the amount of \$682,429.36. The motion was approved 4-0.

**D. Student Representatives to the School Committee**

Present at the meeting were Nick Ciarlante, Nicole Willard and Bikang Zhang who reported that the Peer Leaders held a Coffee House to raise money for Invisible Children in Uganda, the National Honor Society will hold a bake sale next week, Thursday night is the annual winter concert, National History Day is January 15, 2009.

## II. New Business

### A. PTO Reports – South School

Andrea Gustin and Karen Rondeau, Co-Presidents of the South School PTO, gave a summary of events for the 2008/2009 school year which included:

- Enrichment Programs and Field Trips
- Community Service Events: Coats for Kids, Thanksgiving Baskets and Giving Tree
- School Activities: Halloween Fun Night, Holiday Bazaar and Breakfast, Back to School Picnic,
- Upcoming Events: Family Game Night, Family Reading Night and Family Dinner Night
- Fundraising: Gift Wrap, Nature in Bloom, South School Student Fund.

### B. Donation Acceptance – South School/Stop & Shop

**ACTION:** A motion was made by D. Maurer and seconded by J. Viselli to accept a donation of \$4320 from Stop & Shop to the South School Homework Club. The motion was approved 4-0.

### C. Science Department – Program Review

Sharon Chapman, Program Supervisor of Science and Health, gave an overview of the Science and Health programs at the Middle School and High School that included Biology MCAS scores; Topics in Biology, a new course for students who passed biology but failed the MCAS test; AP scores; a new 7<sup>th</sup> Grade textbook; Peer Leaders and Community Service.

### D. Mathematics Department – Program Review

Donna Cargill, Program Supervisor of Mathematics at the High School, gave an overview of the Mathematics program at the High School and reported on staffing, MCAS testing and scores, curriculum, new course proposals, SAT scores, future textbook adoptions, integrated technology in the classroom, and professional development.

### E. New Course Proposal

Anne Patriquin requested acceptance of a new High School math course:

New Course 2009-2010: Applications in Algebra and Geometry

Unleveled

Grades 11-12

5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Algebra I, Geometry, and Topics in Algebra

This course is designed for the students who wish to continue to study mathematics but do not have the required skills for Algebra II. Emphasis will be placed on the skills necessary for Algebra II, MCAS preparation and standardized testing. Students will need a scientific calculator for this class.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by J. Viselli to approve a new course *Applications in Algebra and Geometry* beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. The motion was approved 4-0.

**F. 2009-2010 School Calendar**

Dr. Olson presented a proposed 2009/2010 School Calendar for School Committee review. The School Committee will formally vote to approve the calendar at a meeting in January.

**G. Central School Principal Search**

Dr. Olson announced the retirement of Central School principal Larry MacElhiney in June 2009 and proposed a schedule and process, for School Committee review, to fill the position.

**H. Approval of Alliance House – M.G.L. Ch. 76**

Dr. Olson recommended approval of the Alliance House, a residential facility for juvenile offenders who are preparing to return to their local communities and operated by the Hampshire Educational Collaborative under a contract with DYS. The Alliance House was last approved by the School Committee in 2001 and has requested renewal of this approval. Dr. Olson stated that he has reviewed the school's curriculum and visited the school on December 4, 2008 and is satisfied that the Alliance House meets the requirements for local approval under M.G.L. Chapter 76, Section 1.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by J. Viselli to approve the Alliance House under M.G.L. Chapter 76, Section 1. The motion was approved 4-0.

**I. Subcommittee Updates**

J. Viselli reported that he and D. Maurer attended the first meeting of the Facilities Subcommittee that will be looking at school properties (North School, East School and old Central School). The first meeting was basically an introduction of members.

The Health Advisory committee hopes to have all members on board and hold their first meeting in January.

**III. Old Business**

None

**IV. Discussion**

D. Maurer reported on the filming of the schools that is currently taking place and stated that a coordinator for this project is still needed.

**V. Superintendent's Report/Announcements & Correspondence**

Dr. Olson announced that art teacher Jessica Swegel was selected to design an ornament for the White House Christmas tree and congratulated her.

## **VI. Executive Session**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by S. MacNeill, seconded by J. Viselli, and voted unanimously by roll call at 9:10 to enter Executive Session under MGL Ch. 39, § 23B.

## **VII. Adjourn**

The committee returned to open session.

**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 10:45 P.M.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**  
**LES E. OLSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**