

STONEHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
JULY 24, 2008**

The regular meeting of the School Committee was held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 24, 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; and A. DiCologero, Administrator of School Finance.

Chairman 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.

B. Action to Approve the Minutes of:

June 19, 2008 Regular Meeting

ACTION: A motion was made by D. Maurer and seconded by J. Viselli to approve the minutes of June 19, 2008. The motion was approved 4-0.

C. Bill Schedule #24 (FY08) and #1 (FY09)

ACTION: A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by J. Viselli to approve Bill Schedule #24 in the amount of \$307,424.98; and Bill Schedule #1 in the amount of \$186,159.80. The motion was approved 4-0.

II. New Business

A. FY08 Financial Report – Final

Dr. Olson reported on the final unaudited FY08 Financial Report showing a balanced budget with \$18.00 being returned to the Town. Also included was a report on the revolving accounts and grant accounts. Grants expire August 31st and will be expended with no funds being returned to the state.

B. 07-08 Goals – Final Report

Dr. Olson gave a final update on the 07-08 Goals that included Curriculum and Instruction, Facilities and Equipment, and Budgeting and Finance. Also included were the 2008-2009 Budget Goals showing what has been included in the FY09 Budget. Traditionally, the Strategic Plan has been the basis for goal setting; however, Dr. Olson felt that while strategic planning is critical, having 30 or more goals can be overwhelming – especially without the resources to implement them – and can tend to divert attention from key issues if all goals appear to have the same priority. The

committee will prioritize goals with a numbering system from 5 to 0, with 5 being highest priority and review at the next meeting.

C. Personnel – Summer Hiring

Dr. Olson updated the committee on the status of vacancies for the 2008-2009 school year. Approximately 20 positions became vacant, mostly due to retirements and only 1-2 vacancies due to resignations to accept comparable positions in another district. A full listing will be included in the August School Committee packet.

D. Summer Professional Development

In the absence of Assistant Superintendent Anne Patriquin, Dr. Olson presented her listing of summer Professional Development programs that included: John Collins Writing Program, Foundations Workshop, Curriculum Guides, Open Circle Training, and Advanced Leadership Skills Institute.

III. Old Business

None

IV. Discussion

None

V. Superintendent's Report/Announcements & Correspondence

Dr. Olson informed the School Committee that the MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority) is accepting Statements of Interest and requested support from the committee to submit a Statement of Interest if they think they may be looking at a Middle School building project within the next few years. This would require a vote of approval from the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen – it does not commit the Town to any building project, but must be submitted in order to be considered.

VI. Executive Session

ACTION: A motion was made by S. MacNeill, seconded by D. Maurer, and voted unanimously by roll call at 7:26 PM to enter Executive Session under MGL Ch. 39, § 23B.

VII. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LES E. OLSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS