

STONEHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 10, 2009**

The regular meeting of the School Committee was held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 10, 2009 in the High School library with the following members present: J. Viselli, Chairman; S. MacNeill, Vice Chairman; M. Christie, D. Maurer and Shawn McCarthy. Also present was L. Olson, Superintendent of Schools and A. DiCologero, Administrator of School Finance.

Chairman J. Viselli called the open session of the School Committee to order at 7:00 P.M. and requested a moment of silence for the victims of 9-11.

I. Agenda

A. Action to Approve the Agenda

ACTION: A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by M. Christie to approve the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

B. Action to Approve the Minutes of:

August 27, 2009 Regular Meeting

ACTION: A motion was made by D. Maurer and seconded by S. MacNeill to approve the minutes of August 27, 2009. The motion was approved 5-0.

August 27, 2009 Executive Session

ACTION: A motion was made by M. Christie and seconded by S. MacNeill to approve the minutes of August 27, 2009 to remain confidential. The motion was approved 5-0.

C. Bill Schedule #3

ACTION: A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by M. Christie to approve Bill Schedule #3 in the amount of \$168,085.60. The motion was approved 5-0.

Chairman Viselli requested moving on to Agenda Item E as all volunteers were not yet in attendance.

E. School Improvement Plans

Nick Leonardos, Principal of the South School, presented his School Improvement Plan for 2009/2010.

A brief discussion ensued regarding a student garden, parking and traffic issues, snow removal and school lunches.

ACTION: A motion was made by M. Christie and seconded by S. MacNeill to approve the 2009-2010 School Improve Plan for South School. The motion was approved 5-0.

D. Middle School Beautification Volunteer Recognition

Chairman Viselli thanked all of the volunteers who have contributed to the Middle School Beautification Project over the summer and presented each of them with a Certificate of Appreciation from the School Committee.

Chairman Viselli announced a 15 minute recess.

Agenda Item E continued:

Chris Banos, Principal of the Middle School, presented his School Improvement Plan for 2009/2010.

A brief discussion ensued regarding a public tour of the building, the condition of the building, school supplies and the technology aide position.

ACTION: A motion was made by M. Christie and seconded by S. MacNeill to approve the 2009-2010 School Improve Plan for the Middle School. The motion was approved 5-0.

Ed Russo, Principal of the High School, presented his School Improvement Plan for 2009/2010.

A brief discussion ensued regarding student surveys, upgrading technology, Grade 9 mid year exam prep and curriculum guides.

ACTION: A motion was made by M. Christie and seconded by S. MacNeill to approve the 2009-2010 School Improve Plan for the High School. The motion was approved 5-0.

F. Capital Committee

Richard Gregorio of the Capital Planning Committee addressed the School Committee to discuss plans for a warrant article for the October Special Town Meeting that would include \$219,000 for municipal projects and \$100,000 for a feasibility study to renovate the Middle School. Funding would come from the Capital Stabilization Account and a transfer from a prior TM warrant article. The goal of the Capital Committee is for the three committees – Board of Selectmen, Finance & Advisory Board and School Committee – to work in unison for the benefit of the Town.

G. Axiom Drummers Place - Presentation

Libor Hadravova of Axiom Drummers Place presented the School Committee with a proposal to provide students with an after school enrichment program in music theory education. The program would run for approximately 1 ½ hours and be free of charge to students.

Dr. Olson will meet with Axiom representatives to develop a program and target grade levels. A proposal will be presented at an upcoming School Committee meeting.

H. Financial Update

Mr. DiCologero presented a report on the 2009-2010 year-to-date expenditures.

II. Public Comments

Marlene McArdle, President of the Stoneham Teachers Association, addressed the School Committee on the affiliation of the teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries and cafeteria workers. Mary McNamara, Sandy Minotti, Maureen Souza and Paula Sotherby spoke in favor of unity within the bargaining groups. Mr. Viselli and Ms. McNeill responded on behalf of the Committee.

III. Superintendent's Report/Discussion

Dr. Olson reported on school opening enrollment numbers.

IV. Executive Session

ACTION: A motion was made by S. MacNeill, seconded by D. Maurer and voted unanimously by roll call at 9:53 PM to enter Executive Session under MGL Ch. 30A, § 11A ½ .

V. Adjourn

ACTION: A motion was made by M. Christie and seconded by S. MacNeill to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LES E. OLSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS