

STONEHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

The regular meeting of the School Committee was held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 11, 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 7:02 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:**

August 28, 2008 Regular Meeting

**ACTION:** A motion was made by J. Viselli and seconded by S. MacNeill to approve the minutes of August 28, 2008. The motion was approved 4-0.

August 28, 2008 Executive Session

**ACTION:** A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by J. Viselli to approve the minutes of August 28, 2008 to remain confidential. The motion was approved 4-0.

**C. Bill Schedule #3**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by J. Viselli to approve Bill Schedule #3 in the amount of \$226,297.99. The motion was approved 4-0.

**II. New Business**

**A. School Improvement Plans**

Chris Banos, Principal of the Middle School, presented his School Improvement Plan for 2008/2009.

Ed Russo, Principal of the High School, presented his School Improvement Plan for 2008/2009.

A brief discussion followed regarding school safety and recycling in the schools.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by J. Viselli and seconded by S. MacNeill to accept the Middle School Improvement Plan, as approved by the Superintendent, for 2008/2009. The motion was approved 4-0.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by J. Viselli to accept the High School Improvement Plan, as approved by the Superintendent, for 2008/2009. The motion was approved 4-0.

#### **B. School Opening Report**

Dr. Olson reported a smooth opening at all schools on September 4, 2008. School safety is a community based issue and Dr. Olson thanked the principals and the police department. Enrollment numbers have decreased a total of 21 students; however, the enrollment numbers are higher than predicted.

#### **C. 2008-2009 Program Goals; 2009-2010 Budget Goals**

The School Committee reviewed their final Program Goals for 2008-2009 and Budget goals for 2009-2010.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by J. Viselli to approve the 2008-2009 Program Goals and the 2009-2010 Budget Goals. The motion was approved 4-0.

#### **D. Town Meeting Warrant Articles**

Dr. Olson recommended the following Warrant Articles for the October Special Town Meeting:

1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$87,000 for School Department utility expenses, or to do anything in relation thereto.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for expenses relating to the replacement of the roof of Stoneham High School and other capital projects at a cost not to exceed \$600,000, or to do anything in relation thereto.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by J. Viselli and seconded by S. MacNeill to approve the Warrant Article in the amount of \$87,000 for School Department utility expenses. The motion was approved 4-0:

**ACTION:** A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by J. Viselli to approve the Warrant Article not to exceed \$600,000 for expenses relating to the final phase of the roof replacement at Stoneham High School. The motion was approved 4-0:

### **III. Old Business**

Dr. Olson provided the Committee with a legal opinion from Attorney Mike Long regarding review of student discipline policies. The Committee will review the information for the next regular meeting.

### **IV. Discussion**

S. MacNeill reported that she attended the Colonial Park PTO meeting; D. Maurer reported that he attended the Robin Hood School PTO meeting.

J. Viselli addressed rumors regarding the East School field development and stated that the School Committee has not been involved or engaged in any discussions in relation to the East School field. The Committee agreed that they would notify the Beacon Street neighborhood and abutters if any development of the land were to be discussed by the School Committee.

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

A. Patriquin reported that the elementary schools have begun to implement two math pilot programs.

**VI. Executive Session**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by S. MacNeill, seconded by J. Viselli, and voted unanimously by roll call at 8:25 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 9:15 P.M.

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