

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING/WORKSHOP
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES
1675 FLAT RIVER ROAD

September 23, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Spear at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Chairman Raymond E. Spear, Vice-Chairperson Karlene Toppin, Member Katherine Patenaude, Member Andrew 'Ben' Perra, Member Michael Reeves, Superintendent Kenneth Di Pietro, Assistant Superintendents Michael Convery and James Erinakes, Director of Business & Finance Anthony Ferrucci, and Attorney Frederick Tobin.

Recording Secretary: Donna A. McDonald

There was no Executive Session.

Chairman Spear opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in consideration of the pending school business. Member Perra notified the public of emergency exits. Member Patenaude read the Mission Statement.

Personnel:

Coaching Terminations:

Motion No. 08-9-1 by Member Perra, seconded by Member Patenaude, to affirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to terminate the services of Richard Martin, Assistant Football Coach, at Coventry High School. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion No. 08-9-3 by Member Patenaude, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Toppin, to affirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to terminate the services of Charleen Ricci, Boys' Outdoor Track Coach, at Coventry High School. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion No. 08-9-3 by Vice-Chairperson Toppin, seconded by Member Reeves, to affirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to terminate the services of Charleen Ricci, Boys' Indoor Track Coach, at Coventry High School. Motion unanimously approved.

Classified Resignations:

Motion No. 08-9-4 by Member Reeves, seconded by Member Perra, to affirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resignation of Maritza Guillen, 1.0 one-on-one Teacher Assistant at Hopkins Hill School, effective 12/19/08. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion No. 08-9-5 by Member Perra, seconded by Member Patenaude, to affirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the resignation of Raul Velasco, 3-hour Resource Teacher Assistant at Tiogue School, effective 8/2/08. Motion unanimously approved.

Field Trip:

Motion No. 08-9-6 by Member Patenaude, seconded by Vice-Chairperson, to approve the field trip of CHS students to Montreal and Quebec October 9-12, 2008. Motion unanimously approved.

Curriculum Coordinator Evaluation:

Assistant Superintendent Erinakes has designed an evaluation for curriculum coordinators that aligns with Coventry Schools evaluations. The unique services and responsibilities for these four-year appointments require a unique evaluation. (Appendix A)

Motion No. 08-9-7 by Vice-Chairperson Toppin, seconded by Member Reeves, to approve the Administrative Directive for Curriculum Coordinator evaluations. Motion unanimously approved.

School goals for 2008/2009:

The principals of the elementary, middle and high schools presented brief summaries of the goals for their schools. These goals align with the strategic plan and provided the Committee and the public with a focus on the goals and work to improve schools in 2008/2009.

Citizens' Comments:

Member Reeves will hold a meeting of the Wellness Committee tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. He is looking for parent and community involvement. The committee needs to be more than 50% school staff.

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

Motion No. 08-9-8 by Member Reeves, supported by Member Perra, that the next meeting of the School Committee be scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2008. Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

Motion No. 08-9-__ by Member Perra, supported by Member Patenaude, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:21 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.