

Dighton~Rehoboth Regional District School Committee  
Regular Session ~ June 24, 2014

A Regular Session of the Dighton~Rehoboth Regional School Committee was held on June 24, 2014, in the Dighton~Rehoboth Regional High School library.

Present:

Christopher Andrade  
Richard Barrett  
Tiffany Bartholomew  
Eliza Couture  
Heather Cross  
David Katseff  
Susan Lorenz  
Raymond Medeiros  
Timothy Rapoza  
Janice Terry (7:30 PM)

Also:

Dr. Anthony Azar, Superintendent-Elect of Schools  
Gail Van Buren, Asst. Superintendent of Schools  
Catherine Antonellis, District Business Administrator  
Kellie Fagan, Recording Secretary

*Mrs. Couture stated that the committee would enter into regular session, and was being broadcast/videotaped with the help of the Rehoboth Cable Advisory Committee, at: 6:30 PM.*

*Mrs. Couture led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Mrs. Couture introduced Dr. Azar.*

Agenda Item #3, Vote to Approve Minutes:

It was moved by Mrs. Bartholomew and seconded by Mrs. Lorenz to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014 Executive Session. No vote taken.

It was moved by Mr. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Katseff, and VOTED to table the vote.

**VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS**

Agenda Item #4, DRRSD Unsung Hero Award:

Dr. Azar explained a new award that will be given out to students throughout the district. The award focuses on recognition of students. Dr. Azar spoke about Chad Mello, a Beckwith Middle School student, as the DRRSD Unsung Hero award winner. Dr. Azar presented a plaque to Chad, who was present with his family and friends.

Chad addressed and thanked the committee, his family, friends, and Beckwith Middle School staff.

Agenda Item #5, Bills and Payroll:

It was moved by Mrs. Bartholomew, seconded by Mrs. Lorenz, and VOTED to approve bills and payroll as presented:

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V - #29	\$ 109,847.61
V - #30	\$ 123,652.67
V - #1079	\$ 308.64
V - #1080	\$ 864.46
V - #1081	\$ 370,985.22
V - #2600	\$ 737,955.89
V - #2601	\$ 28,090.45
V - #2610	\$ 771,797.33
V - #2611	\$ 264,430.94

**VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS**

Agenda Item #6, Public Input:

Steve Patrick, Beckwith teacher, addressed the committee concerning Advanced Math being taken out of the middle schools. The school needs to keep their enhanced pathway with Advanced Math.

Agenda Item #7, Correspondence & Enclosures:

Dr. Azar stated that the correspondence will be addressed during the committee meeting.

Agenda Item #8a, D~R Regional Retirees Association Introduction:

Mr. Jeffrey Day, Rehoboth resident and DRRHS retiree, introduced the D~R Regional Retirees Association: Dr. Joseph Harrington, DRRSD Retiree, and D~R Regional Retirees' Association Chairperson, and Wendy Cute, DRRSD Retiree and association secretary. Mrs. Cute introduced the members of the D~R Retirees' Association Executive Committee. The board has met twice. The board then addressed the committee regarding the 2015-2016 retiree health insurance.

Stephen Patrick and Timothy Kelly, DRRTA Co-Chairs, addressed the committee regarding the retiree/DRRTA relationship. The retirees will collaborate with the DRRTA.

Mr. Harrington spoke about the Health Insurance Task Force.

Mrs. Lorenz stated that the task force will reconvene in the fall 2014.

Agenda Item #8b, Swim Team Annual Report:

Kylee Hitz, and Robert Hassen, DRRHS parent liaison and head coach, gave a brief overview of the swim team for the past year:

- They thanked the school and the staff, the YMCA, and the East Providence Boys and Girls Club
- This was a very successful season ~ 29 swimmers this year

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- Going to be part of the South Coast Conference beginning next year (league championship meets will now be available for the swimmers)
- There are 4-5 teams in the South Coast Conference at this time

Mr. Andrade asked if there is a user fee cap for the swim team, as some students have to pay for both school and parent-funded sports.

Mrs. Lorenz stated that it is currently our policy that students pay both fees. This may have been discussed in the past; however, the policy was not changed to address this issue.

Agenda Item #8c, DRRHS Student Handbook Revisions:

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Braga reviewed changes to the high school student handbook:

- Important changes:
  - No more progress reports (will be on X2)
  - Added language regarding students' grades
  - Mid-term scoring percentage of overall grades will go back to 10%, from 5%

Mrs. Couture asked about getting a hard copy of a student's progress report, if someone can't get onto X2. Mr. Harrison stated that hard copies will be available as requested.

- Changed GPA: AP and Honors students will get a higher GPA than before
  - This will be retroactive
- The high school is moving away from "class rank" and moving toward the class percentile system

Stephanie Brown, parent, asked how this will impact a senior getting into college. Mr. Harrison noted that many schools are moving away from class rank, and to the percentile system.

Mrs. Couture asked if class rank will be available to those who want it. Mr. Harrison stated that it would be available through X2, as requested.

Mr. Katseff suggested that the GPA change should be a change in educational philosophy, not a change in the student handbook.

Mr. Braga stated that the new model does not deny anyone their student rank, and that a student will be able to access their percentile rank as well (top 10%, etc.).

Mr. Medeiros noted that there will be a BYOD Policy coming for each school handbooks (for consistency).

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Mr. Rapoza pointed out that there is some conflicting language regarding electronic devices. Mr. Harrison will revise that language.

It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to move this to an action item.

*VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS*

It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to accept the Dighton~Rehoboth Regional High School 2014-2015 Student Handbook, as amended.

*VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS*

It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to accept the Dighton Middle School and Beckwith Middle School 2014-2015 Student Handbooks, as amended.

*VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS*

It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to accept the Dighton Elementary School and the Palmer River Elementary School 2014-2015 Student Handbooks, as amended.

*VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS*

Agenda Item #8d, Regional Agreement Consultant RFP Presentation:

Ms. Antonellis reviewed the RFP for the Regional Agreement outside consultant:

- There was one respondent to the RFP (4 were contacted): MARS Consultants, in conjunction with The Abrahams Group
- Dr. Hemmens from MARS will make a presentation at the August 26, 2014 School Committee meeting
- The cost is approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the entire process

Mrs. Terry asked if this amount will include any legal fees that may be incurred. Ms. Antonellis stated that there is money in the legal account (this was budgeted). There will be the potential to transfer funds from the legal account, if required. Mr. Barrett asked if this transfer would come out of "Other Expenses" account. Ms. Antonellis noted that the funds will come from the "Contracted Services" account.

Mr. Andrade asked what would happen if the steering committee goes beyond the 100 hours allotted in the RFP ~ will the consultants fees increase with each additional hour. Ms. Antonellis said that any overage would have to be approved, in advance, by the School Committee.

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Mrs. Lorenz suggested that a steering committee be formed, before appointing a consultant, to see the atmosphere of each town: what do the towns want to accomplish; what needs to be changed; etc.

Mr. Medeiros agreed that a committee needs to be formed first, to find out what the towns are looking to change. The steering committee may only need "guidance" to amend the Regional Agreement.

Mrs. Couture is recommending a consultant first. Mr. Rapoza reminded the committee that the consultant will help form the steering committee for the entire district (they will recommend the make-up of the committee).

Mr. Katseff suggested that the School Committee wait for the presentation, before making any decision on a consultant.

Ms. Antonellis is recommending that the consultant come in and present parameters to the committee. Ms. Antonellis will ask Dr. Hemmen, MARS, give an overview on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Barrett suggested that our district research other districts who have worked with MARS for regional agreement revisions – were the schools satisfied with their work.

Mrs. Terry noted that both of these companies know our district, and could be of great assistance.

Mrs. Bartholomew suggested that a steering committee be put together first: get town feedback, have a discussion of ideas, etc.

Committee discussion continued. Mr. Rapoza said that the agreement must be what is best for the students.

Mr. Barrett noted that the School Committee should get together first, with their ideas, before hiring a consultant.

Mr. Katseff reiterated that the committee may not have to spend the entire \$10,000.00: put a cap of \$5,000.00 (to begin) on this proposal. Dr. Azar asked if MARS could come to the committee and answer any questions that the School Committee members may have.

Eric Brown, Rehoboth, stressed to the committee that this is an urgent matter for the towns, specifically focusing on the budget. There have been problems this past year, so the School Committee should initiate moving forward as soon as possible. Dialogue between all stakeholders needs to begin now. Mr. Andrade added that he is recommending the MARS consultant proposal.

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Mrs. Couture stressed that both towns need to be involved. Mrs. Couture asked for a clarification of a steering committee. Mr. Katseff stated that the steering committee would start the process of revising the Regional Agreement, and then involve the consultants with the steering committee.

Mrs. Bartholomew reminded the committee that a consultant may not be needed: DESE can be helpful to us (Christine Lynch).

Mrs. Terry suggested that each School Committee member review the Regional Agreement first.

Mr. Rapoza noted that the district is paying the consultants to focus on legal issues within our Regional Agreement. MARS should analyze the agreement before the presentation.

It was moved by Mr. Andrade, and seconded by Mrs. Terry to award the Regional Agreement Consultant to: MARS, in conjunction with the Abrahams Group, in the amount of \$5,000.00. No vote was taken.

Ms. Antonellis recommended that subjects that need to be focused upon, timelines, deadlines, etc. be specified by the consultants. She will contact Dr. Hemmens before the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting for additional information.

It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mrs. Terry, and VOTED to award the RFP to MARS, in conjunction with the Abrahams Group, in the amount of \$5,000.00, to give initial analysis and preliminary review, including timelines and deadlines, of our Regional Agreement.

*VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS*

Agenda Item #8e, Policy Subcommittee Report:

Mr. Medeiros will be ready to discuss the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Residency policies at the next committee meeting.

Agenda Item #8f, Cafeteria Subcommittee Report:

Ms. Antonellis reviewed the meeting of June 17<sup>th</sup> with Whitsons Food Services, Gail Fisher, Kelly Harrison, and Ray Medeiros. Whitsons is looking for an updated Wellness Policy from the district. The Policy Subcommittee Committee will have to take care of this. The Cafeteria Advisory Committee and the Wellness Committee should work together. These 2 committees could meet 2-3 times per year, at each school as well as joint meetings with the 2 elementary and 2 middle schools. Whitsons needs feedback from the Cafeteria Advisory Committee. Whitsons and the Business Office will be providing reports to committee members, which will be more comprehensive than previous reports.

Mr. Medeiros suggested that the School Committee bring back the Wellness Committee. This committee should include School Committee members, staff, parents, etc.

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#### Agenda Item #8g, PARCC Presentation:

Mrs. Van Buren spoke about PARCC testing versus MCAS:

- After much research (getting feedback from other schools), Mrs. Van Buren is recommending that the district move to the PARCC testing
- We can still do the PARCC paper test, until we are technologically up-to-date
- MCAS is aligned with outdated frameworks
- Dr. Azar, Mrs. Van Buren, and central administration recommended the PARCC testing (paper test)

This is a School Committee vote, only the committee can recommend the change. Mrs. Van Buren noted that Grade 10 and Science will stay the same (MCAS testing).

Mr. Andrade asked if the district could participate in both MCAS and PARCC. Mrs. Van Buren stated that we cannot. Mrs. Van Buren stated that, if the district goes with the PARCC testing, they must notify the state by October 1<sup>st</sup> whether we will use technology or the pencil/paper method of testing.

The district has already had a PARCC trial, so we now know how to proceed and administer the test. Professional development has been in-place on the Common Core. Dr. Azar noted that PARCC is aligned with the Common Core which was put in-place in 2011.

Mr. Katseff stated that PARCC testing will eventually be done on-line. He asked if the district has the capacity to handle the test using our current technology plan (for all 5 schools). Dr. Azar stated that a plan is being created to accommodate the PARCC test.

Mr. Rapoza suggested that this plan include a deadline for technology upgrades. Eventually, both MCAS and PARCC will be on-line testing. However, the committee still needs to pick the best test for our students.

Mrs. Cross noted that the Common Core is a concern throughout the district. Mrs. Couture reiterated that PARCC is aligned with the Common Core Curriculum.

Mr. Andrade agreed that the committee must choose the best test for the students: either choose PARCC testing - with the appropriate technology, or MCAS testing for another year.

Mrs. Van Buren stated that PARCC is at a more challenging level for the students.

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Mrs. Couture is questioning the students' ability to technically work on the PARCC test (would the assessment be on their computer ability, or their academic level).

Mrs. Couture asked if students had given any feedback on the high school's test. Mrs. Van Buren stated that the students were not intimidated by the technology piece of the test.

Mrs. Van Buren stated that input from the teachers included the fact that they wanted exposure to the PARCC test.

Mrs. Terry addressed the committee concerning the need to support the district technology piece.

Mr. Rapoza asked if the PARCC test has more flexibility regarding not "teaching to the test". Dr. Azar stated that the students will be ready for PARCC more than for MCAS, as PARCC is aligned with the Common Core Curriculum. This will allow for more ingenuity for the instructor as well as the student.

Mrs. Couture stated that the state still needs to decide which test will be used (either MCAS or PARCC). Mr. Katseff noted that the state did not provide any funding grants for technology this year. Mrs. Couture added that the district needs a commitment from the state for technology funding.

Mrs. Bartholomew is supporting PARCC, but she asked what the administration's recommendation is. Dr. Azar noted that our teachers are more comfortable with PARCC testing.

Tim Kelly, DRRTA Co-Chair, addressed the committee re: PARCC vs. MCAS. Feedback re PARCC included:

- Technology is needed in this district
- There is a need for student practice with PARCC testing

Mr. Katseff said that the district needs to ensure that we get the proper "growth" data, per student, from the PARCC testing.

Mrs. Van Buren said that the "growth" data for students will be reported by PARCC.

Mrs. Bartholomew asked when PARCC field trial results are received. Mrs. Van Buren stated that no public results will be given; however, the "growth" data will be available. Dr. Azar noted that the state continues to "testing the test".

It was moved by Mr. Rapoza, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to approve PARCC testing as the district's testing method (grades 3-8 and 9 and 11), for the 2014-2015 school year.

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Mr. Andrade ~ Nay  
Mrs. Bartholomew ~ Aye  
Mr. Barrett ~ Nay  
Mrs. Couture ~ Aye  
Mrs. Cross ~ Nay  
Mr. Katseff ~ Nay  
Mrs. Lorenz ~ Aye  
Mr. Medeiros ~ Aye  
Mr. Rapoza ~ Aye  
Mrs. Terry ~ Aye

AYE ~ 5.20    NAY ~ 3.8

MOTION FAILED

The district will stay with MCAS testing.

Agenda Item #8h, Superintendent-Elect's Report:

Dr. Azar reviewed the following:

- His welcome to the district from the committee, schools, community members, etc. has been extraordinary
- He has met with School Committee members, and stakeholders, asking: "What works and what needs to be improved"
- The student meetings were very informative
  - There is a bond starting at the high school between the two towns (with sports, activities, the Marching Band, etc.)
- He noted that his opportunity to start the position as "Superintendent Elect" was very beneficial
- He noted that there is too much misinformation about the school district in both communities
- He would like to invite a student representative to School Committee meetings, at the pleasure of the committee
- We need a strategic plan for the district
- There will be an administrative retreat in July and a union representatives meeting coming up soon
- Dr. Azar has also met with a teacher focus group for general discussion
- The district needs to meet the needs of every student. How this is done: through professional development, differentiated instruction, etc.
- The district needs to channel and harness our energy to reach our goals

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Agenda Item #8i, Chairperson's Report:

Mrs. Couture highlighted the following:

- The D~R Marching Band went to Disney and Washington, DC
- The Rehoboth 2 ½ vote will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup> ~ there will be informational sessions for residents on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the library, and July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Council on Aging
- Professional Development information had been included in the committee packets

Agenda Item #9a, Policies Discussion: Residency and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD):

Mr. Medeiros reviewed the policy wherein any residency waiver requests should go to the Superintendent. Mr. Medeiros stated that the district needs to add a "waiver" form to our current Residency Policy. In the meantime, Dr. Azar will receive and recommend (or not recommend) any residency waiver requests. There will be additional language and a waiver form added to this policy.

There is a BYOD Policy draft in the committees' back-up:

- Needed to include a section about device recordings of others (without permission, this is prohibited)

Mrs. Couture asked if the district is legally allowed to collect and examine a student's electronic device. Dr. Azar responded that we would need "probably cause", eminent danger, reasonable suspicion, etc. (best judgment of the administrator).

There is already a policy in-place, that is signed off by the student and the parent.

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Braga explained that a device would only be examined if there is a "threat to student safety".

Mr. Medeiros suggested that the words be changed to "reasonable suspicion".

Mr. Katseff and Mrs. Couture recommended that the committee hold on this vote, until the revisions can be reviewed by the School Committee. Mr. Medeiros will revise as appropriate.

Mr. Medeiros stated that the new Fingerprinting Policy will be discussed at the next Policy Subcommittee meeting (August).

Mr. Katseff asked if the district will have ample capacity for the students to access their electronic devices. Mrs. Van Buren stated that this would not be possible at this time.

Stephanie Brown, Rehoboth, asked if this would be a district-wide policy. Mr. Medeiros stated that it would.

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There will be language changes made in the BYOD Policy. Mr. Medeiros noted that the BYOD Policy was recommended by the Technology Committee.

Mr. Medeiros said that the Policy Subcommittee will review both the BYOD Policy and the Residency Policy, and bring them back to the committee.

Agenda Item #9b, Staff Postings and Recommendations:

Ms. Antonellis reviewed the district treasurer's position information:

- Mrs. Lorenz, Mrs. Rebelo, and Ms. Antonellis participated in interviews on June 23, 2014 ~ there were two (2) candidates
- The committee endorsed Mr. Robert McGuire, retired treasurer
  - Mr. McGuire has more experience to help the finance department move forward
  - Mr. McGuire will work exclusively for this district

It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to move this to an Action Item.

***VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS***

It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to hire Mr. Robert McGuire to the position of District Treasurer, for Fiscal Year '15.

Ms. Antonellis would recommend a contract, rather than an hourly wage. Mr. McGuire will work approximately every other week, as required. Mr. McGuire will not take benefits from the district.

Ms. Antonellis will update the committee on Mr. McGuire's contract.

***VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS***

It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to appoint Mr. Robert McGuire to the position of District Treasurer, for Fiscal Year '15.

***VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS***

Dr. Azar continued with the high school staffing recommendations:

- The Dean of Academic and Athletic Programs is a draft job description only

Mr. Braga spoke about the CTE .75 Early Childhood teacher position: there will be a Math teacher position not filled, opening up the .75 Early Childhood position funding. Mr. Rose also spoke about this position. He suggested that this position be at least a .75 position, if not a 1.0 FT position.

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Ms. Antonellis stated that she will transfer budget funds, in order to reinstate this position.

What is the difference in pay for a 1.0 Child Care teacher ~ Ms. Antonellis said it would come to approximately \$14,000.00.

Mr. Katseff asked if the high school should replace the Math teacher, and not bring back the Child Care teacher. Mr. Braga explained that class sizes are at a comfortable level for Math (there are 19.8 students maximum per Math class).

Dr. Azar stated that the Child Care class will function effectively with the .75 position.

Mr. Braga reviewed the CTE Director position:

- The position will be posted for 205 days at a starting salary of \$75,000.00
  - Position duties and responsibilities can be completed in that timeframe
  - Summer work can be done 2 weeks before and 2 weeks after the school year
- Should post for 2 weeks at 205 days and see what the response is
  - The committee can always re-post for a full-time CTE Director
  - The district is funded for a full-time position

Mr. Braga reviewed a proposed, combined position ~ Dean of Academic and Athletic Programs:

- Draft job description only
- Will save the district \$52,000.00
- Will help to bring the middle school and the high school together
- The proposed salary is \$80,000.00
- This person would coordinate and implement all state-wide testing and AP programs
- Will perform all Athletic Director responsibilities
- They will coordinate the Freshman Transition Program
- This would be a full-time position, but with flexible hours
- This would help fill the void of an Athletic Director and a Director of Guidance
- This would be an administrative position; will evaluate peers

Mr. Medeiros stated that the guidance element needs to be included in this position.

Mr. Katseff asked who would supervise the Guidance Department. Mr. Andrade noted that the School Committee needs a more comprehensive job description, with more guidance and academic responsibilities included.

Mr. Braga reviewed the job description and the role of this position. He noted that academics and guidance are included in the job description. The high school assistant principals will be responsible for applicable, remaining duties (guidance related). They will be proposing a Lead Counselor as well.

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Mrs. Bartholomew stated that this is a good model, and the perfect time to approve this position.

Mrs. Couture would like to see what the Director of Guidance's responsibilities are.

Dr. Azar recommended that there is a need for the proposed position, both academically, as well as athletically. This would be the go-to person, who would oversee academics, activities, and athletics. We need to connect the high school and the middle schools (keep our students in the district).

Mr. Rapoza stated that the district really needs a Director of Technology.

Mrs. Couture noted that this position is not curriculum related.

Dr. Azar suggested that this district can be a "trend setter" for this model.

Mr. Harrison reviewed the Lead Counselor stipend job description.

Mr. Medeiros talked about the previous position of the .5 Athletic Director.

Mrs. Lorenz noted that this is the recommendation from the district administration.

Mrs. Brown addressed the committee regarding the Dean of Academic and Athletic Programs position. Mr. Braga further clarified this job description.

Mr. Harrison stated that the district is trying to build a team of leaders with shared responsibilities.

Dr. Azar is recommending this position.

Mrs. Van Buren noted that there is already a secretary in-place in the athletic department. Ms. Antonellis stated that the secretary can do some of the responsibilities on the athletic department side.

Mr. Katseff suggested that the job description be reviewed and revisited at another time. He would like clarification on the Lead Counselor position.

Mrs. Van Buren stated that the guidance part of this position can be accomplished in 10 months. She recommended the new position.

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Mrs. Cross said that the district needs to “change things up” ~ don’t have to do the same thing over and over.

Mr. Rapoza addressed the committee regarding a district-wide Technology Director.

Mrs. Couture asked for consensus to approve the Dean of Academic and Athletic Programs position. No consensus reached.

Mr. Andrade stated that the committee needs more information on this position.

Dr. Azar stated that the administration does not support a .5 Athletic Director (a .5 Athletic Director does not meet the needs of this district). Committee discussion continued.

Mr. Braga noted that the Dean of Academic and Activities will be a support system for all students.

Committee discussion ensued. Dr. Azar is asking the committee’s endorsement to review and revise this job description.

It was moved by Mr. Medeiros and seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew to move the high school recommended staffing positions to an Action Item.

Roll call vote on Action Item motion:

Mr. Andrade ~ Nay  
Mr. Barrett ~ Aye  
Mrs. Bartholomew ~ Aye  
Mrs. Couture ~ Aye  
Mrs. Cross ~ Aye  
Mr. Katseff ~ Nay  
Mrs. Lorenz ~ Aye  
Mr. Medeiros ~ Aye  
Mr. Rapoza ~ Nay  
Mrs. Terry ~ Aye

AYE ~ 6.4    NAY ~ 2.60

MOTION PASSES

Mr. Medeiros asked about posting the .75 Child Care position. This position is currently not in FY ’15 budget.

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It was moved by Mr. Katseff, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to transfer \$27,000.00 from the General Teaching salary line to the CTE Department in FY '15 budget.

Mr. Andrade ~ Aye  
Mr. Barrett ~ Aye  
Mrs. Bartholomew ~ Aye  
Mrs. Couture ~ Aye  
Mrs. Cross ~ Aye  
Mr. Katseff ~ Aye  
Mrs. Lorenz ~ Aye  
Mr. Medeiros ~ Aye  
Mr. Rapoza ~ Nay  
Mrs. Terry ~ Aye

AYE ~ 8.2    NAY ~ .8

MOTION PASSED

The committee then gave permission for the high school to post the CTE Director's position at full-time, 205 work days, at \$75,000.00 (no budget transfer involved). This will be posted immediately.

It was moved by Mr. Medeiros, and seconded by Mrs. Lorenz to appropriate a total of \$80,000.00 for the position of Dean of Academic and Athletic Programs. No vote taken.

Committee discussion.

It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mr. Medeiros, and VOTED to approve the recommendation of the administration, and approve the Dean of Academic and Athletic Programs position, as presented to the committee.

Mr. Rapoza asked if the job description should be approved first.

Dr. Azar noted that all responsibilities will be interchangeable.

Mr. Andrade ~ Aye  
Mr. Barrett ~ Nay  
Mrs. Bartholomew ~ Aye  
Mrs. Couture ~ Aye  
Mrs. Cross ~ Aye  
Mr. Katseff ~ Nay  
Mrs. Lorenz ~ Aye

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Mr. Medeiros ~ Aye  
Mr. Rapoza ~ Nay  
Mrs. Terry ~ Nay

AYE ~ 5.4    NAY ~ 3.6

MOTION FAILED

Dr. Azar noted that the administration does not endorse hiring a .5 Athletic Director, nor a Director of Guidance.

Mr. Katseff requested a draft, proposed job description for the stipend position of "Lead Counselor". He also suggested that a .5 Athletic Director position be filled.

Mrs. Bartholomew noted that a plan for an Athletic Director has been proposed.

It was moved by Mrs. Bartholomew to meet in July 2014. No second. Dr. Azar agreed that the July meeting may be necessary.

Mrs. Couture pointed out that the administration has recommended the position of Dean of Academic and Athletic Programs.

*Mr. Andrade left the meeting at 11:00 PM.*

It was moved by Mr. Katseff, seconded by Mr. Rapoza, and VOTED to move onto the next agenda item.

Committee discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mrs. Terry, and seconded by Mr. Medeiros to reconsider the motion on the Dean of Academic and Athletics position. No vote taken.

Mr. Katseff asked that the motion on the table be voted first. Vote on original motion:

Mr. Barrett ~ Nay  
Mrs. Bartholomew ~ Nay  
Mrs. Couture ~ Nay  
Mrs. Cross ~ Nay  
Mr. Katseff ~ Aye  
Mrs. Lorenz ~ Nay  
Mr. Medeiros ~ Nay  
Mr. Rapoza ~ Aye

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Mrs. Terry ~ Nay

AYE ~ 1.8    NAY ~ 7.2

MOTION FAILED

It was moved by Mrs. Bartholomew, seconded by Mrs. Lorenz, and VOTED to reconsider the motion on establishing the position of Dean of Academic and Activities Programs.

Mr. Barrett ~ Nay  
Mrs. Bartholomew ~ Aye  
Mrs. Couture ~ Aye  
Mrs. Cross ~ Aye  
Mr. Katseff ~ Nay  
Mrs. Lorenz ~ Aye  
Mr. Medeiros ~ Aye  
Mr. Rapoza ~ Nay  
Mrs. Terry ~ Aye

AYE ~ 6.2    NAY ~ 2.8

MOTION FAILED

Mr. Katseff would like to see the money amounts for these 2 positions (Dean of Academic and Athletic Programs and Lead Counselor).

The committee discussed a possible title change for the Dean of Academic and Athletic Programs.

After continued committee discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Bartholomew, seconded by Mrs. Lorenz, and VOTED to schedule a School Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 @ 6:30 PM.

***VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS***

The committee would like to see another proposal from the high school administration, at the July 16, 2014 meeting.

***Agenda Item #9a, Vote to Accept Donation Requests:***

It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to accept a monetary donation in the amount of \$155.53 from AHold Financial Services, to the Beckwith Middle School.

***VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS***

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It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to accept a monetary donation in the amount of \$130.00 from J & J Materials, to the Beckwith Middle School.

*VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS*

It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to accept a monetary donation in the amount of \$600.00 from Bristol County Savings Bank, to the Palmer River Elementary School.

*VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS*

It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to accept a monetary donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Feinstein Foundation, to the Palmer River Elementary School.

*VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS*

*Agenda Item #9b, Vote to Approve Section K of the District Policy Manual:*

It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to approve Section K of the District Policy Manual.

Mr. Medeiros noted that there were minor language changes to Section K.

*VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS*

*Agenda Item #9h, Vote to Approve the 2014~2015 School Committee Meeting Dates Calendar:*

It was moved by Mrs. Bartholomew, seconded by Mrs. Lorenz, and VOTED to approve the 2014-2015 School Committee meeting dates schedule.

*VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS*

*Agenda Item #9i, Vote to Approve a Building Use Request:*

It was moved by Mrs. Bartholomew, seconded by Mrs. Lorenz, and VOTED to approve the building use request from X-Factor for June 30, 2014 through August 15, 2014, at DRRHS.

*VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS*

*Agenda Item #9k, Vote to Approve the "Residency " Policy:*

No vote taken.

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Agenda Item #9l, Vote to Approve the "Bring Your Own Device" Policy:

No vote taken.

Agenda Item #9o, Vote to Approve Surplus Books:

It was moved by Mrs. Bartholomew, seconded by Mrs. Lorenz, and VOTED to approve high school surplus books, as listed.

**VOTE ~ AYE ~ UNANIMOUS**

*Mrs. Couture stated that the committee would enter into Executive Session as per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, for the purpose of discussing potential litigation, union and non-union personnel issues, and security.*

It was moved by Mrs. Lorenz, seconded by Mrs. Bartholomew, and VOTED to enter into Executive Session as per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, for the purpose of discussing potential litigation, union and non-union personnel issues, and security, at: 11:20 PM. Roll call vote:

Mr. Barrett ~ Aye  
Mrs. Bartholomew ~ Aye  
Mrs. Couture ~ Aye  
Mrs. Cross ~ Aye  
Mr. Katseff ~ Aye  
Mrs. Lorenz ~ Aye  
Mr. Medeiros ~ Aye  
Mr. Rapoza ~ Aye  
Mrs. Terry ~ Aye

MOTION PASSED

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*Richard Barrett*