

MOTION: Walton

SECOND: Varian

VOTE: Board (7-0)
Students (2-0)

TO: Approve the minutes of January 25, 2011 as presented.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

The agenda was adjusted to include the retirement of Bob Young, Assistant Superintendent, effective June 30, 2011.

PUBLIC SESSION

Bath resident and MHS Debate coach Larry Bartlett wanted to honor the members of our debate team. At the state meet, out of 25 schools, we took 2 first year debaters and they took 2 of the 6 positions.

DATA UPDATE

West Bath Principal Emily Thompson presented a PowerPoint showing our "As is" current snapshot of our math performance in the RSU and it will be an addendum to the school board minutes.

4 X 4 UPDATE

Morse High School Principal Kahl presented a detailed PowerPoint of 410 students who completed the survey regarding the benefits of the 4 x 4 block schedule. This PowerPoint will be posted on the Morse High School website and a hard copy attached to the board minutes.

WOOLWICH BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Superintendent Shuttleworth presented an overview highlighting recent concerns of the current septic system including the need for an electrostatic precipitator and a backup generator. All these issues will be resolved by the end of March.

BIG IDEAS COMMITTEE REPORT

Board member Garrison introduced the good work of the committee and deferred to our Technology Director Dean Emmerson who passed out two documents showing the results of the public survey. The survey was completed by 699 people. Mr. Emmerson walked the Board through the documents which are attached to the Board minutes. Small class sizes, classroom technology, arts and athletics were most coveted by the people responding to the survey.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chairperson Rice indicated applications for the Superintendent position have closed. The search committee will now review the applications. The search committee has 7 members representing the Board, staff and general public. The next meeting will take place on March 3rd.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Shuttleworth discussed the financial report and answered questions regarding the status of the report.

REVIEW OF BOARD GOAL PROCESS

This item was deferred to next month's Board meeting.

REVIEW OF BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Board reviewed the following Board committee assignments:

- Policy Committee – Dave Barber, Julie Rice, Robin Buczkowski
- Facilities Committee – Alan Walton, Betsy Varian
- Affirmative Action Advisory Committee – Chet Garrison, Betsy Varian
- Patten Free Library – Julie Rice
- BRCTC Advisory Board – Tim Harkins
- School Community Liaison Council – Robin Buczkowski
- Wellness Committee – Betsy Varian
- Project 95 – David Barber, Alan Walton
- Education Foundation Board of Directors – Chet Garrison
- RSU 1 Board legislative Contact - Chet Garrison

PERSONNEL ITEMS

MOTION: Garrison **SECOND:** Barber **VOTE:** Board (7-0)
Students (2-0)

TO: Accept the resignation of Bob Young, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2011.

MOTION: Garrison **SECOND:** Barber **VOTE:** Board (7-0)
Students (2-0)

TO: Approve the nomination of Daniel Hemdal, Special Education teacher, MHS.

MOTION: Rice **SECOND:** Walton **VOTE:** Board (7-0)
Students (2-0)

TO: Approve the following Schedule B nominations:

Schedule B nominations: Mark Anderson, Baseball coach, BMS
Michelle Fields, Softball coach, BMS
Dane Dwyer, Girls' Track coach, BMS
Justin Voldman, Boys' Track coach, BMS

OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST FOR WCS 5TH GRADERS TO VISIT BOSTON'S FREEDOM TRAIL AND MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

MOTION: Garrison **SECOND:** Buczkowski **VOTE:** Board (7-0)
Students (2-0)

TO: Approve an out-of-state field trip request from WCS 5th graders to visit Boston.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Woolwich resident Beth Schultz spoke about her concerns about the rigor of the NECAP and the cut scores that have been established. She stated that she has deep concerns about not teaching the traditional algorithms.

Sharon Dohner expressed appreciation for the survey and the public transparency. She continued to express concerns about the 4 x 4 schedule and is now convinced that the 4 x 4 is designed for the bottom 15% of the students.

Maria Renaud asked if this was going to be a public forum for 4 x 4 and said that she was concerned that her son could not get his schedule.

Mary Theriault spoke that her daughter has difficulty completing long division, very laborious. Her son struggles in 10th grade math and feels that 80 minutes of math is just too much.

NEXT MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Next RSU 1 Board meeting: Monday, March 28, 2011 – Bath Middle School at 6:00 PM
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ADJOURN

MOTION: Garrison

SECOND: Rice

VOTE: Board (7-0)
Students (2-0)

TO: Adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



William C. Shuttleworth
Secretary