

Andover School Committee
Regular Meeting of July 26, 2010
School Administration Building - School Committee Room

Members in Attendance: Chair Dennis Forgue, Annie Gilbert, Richard J. Collins, David Birnbach and Paula Colby-Clements

Others in Attendance: Dr. Marinel McGrath, Superintendent

I. Call to Order

Chair Dennis Forgue reconvened the meeting from Executive Session to Open Session at 5:20 P.M. and officially welcomed Marinel D. McGrath as the new Superintendent of Schools.

II. Regular Meeting

A. Salute to the Flag

Mr. Collins asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Old Business

1. IT Consolidation Update

Chairman Forgue reported that the School Committee would be meeting with the Board of Selectmen at 6:00 P.M. tonight to discuss the plan to move forward to create the position of the Chief Information Officer for the Town/School Information Technology Departments. Mr. Forgue suggested the School Committee approve the concept (not the specifics), of the merger of the Town/School Information Technology Departments with final approval occurring after review of an implementation plan devised by the Superintendent of Schools and the Town Manager.

On a motion by Annie Gilbert with a second by Paula Colby-Clements it was unanimously voted to instruct the Superintendent to work with the Town Manager to develop an implementation plan for formation of the CIO position.

2. 2011-2011 Calendar Amendment

Dr. McGrath explained that due to volume of traffic expected at the Special Town Meeting scheduled for January 25, 2011 for the residents of Andover to vote on the debt exclusion for Bancroft School, they have changed the school year calendar to include January 25, 2011 as a no school day. This would move the last day of school forward by one and require approval from the School Committee.

On a motion by Annie Gilbert with a second by Paula Colby-Clements it was unanimously voted to approve the revised 2010-2011 school calendar request for no school on January 25, 2011 moving the last day of school to Tuesday, June 15, 2011 and with the extra five days for snow days Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

3. Field Trip Policy

Dr. McGrath has received three field trip requests and realizing that the field trip policy is still in review asked how the School Committee would like her to proceed. Chairman Forgue said information will be forthcoming from school counsel and the item should be on the agenda for the first School Committee Meeting in September.

4. School Business Administrator Search Update

Chairman Forgue reported on a preliminary discussion with Fire Chief Mansfield regarding five possible sites in the South School area being considered for a new Ballardvale Fire House. Mr. Forgue shared the ideas and maps from the preliminary discussion with the School Committee Members and Dr. McGrath.

D. Citizen Input

Bob Willard, 76 Tewksbury Street said it would be helpful and protect the school's interests to have clearly described outline of the school hardware and software being turned over to a Chief Information Officer for School/Town Technology and what reports can be expected from the CIO.

E. Consent Agenda

1. Warrant
2. School Committee Minutes of June 15, 2010

Marinel McGrath said the warrants are in order.

On a motion by Annie Gilbert with a second by Richard Collins, it was unanimously voted to accept the Consent Agenda items as presented.

G. Adjournment

The School Committee recessed at 5:52 PM to move into a Joint Session with the Board of Selectmen for 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee DeLorenzo, Recorder