

### **Roll Call**

Notice having been given in accordance with the requirements of law, a meeting of the School Committee was held at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, 2004 in the Lynch Elementary School Library. Present were Mr. Feblowitz (who chaired the meeting in Ms. Bodie's absence), Ms. Swiger, Dr. Kounaves, Director of Finance Mr. Rippin, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kerble and Superintendent Marini. Ms. Bodie and Mr. O'Connor were absent.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Student Representative**

Meg MacCaughey joined the committee and reported on the activities currently happening at the high school. The National Merit Semifinalists and National Merit Commended students were named. The PALS program, which is a mentor program to assist freshmen in the high school transition, is organizing a program to take place on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the program is a clean up and renovation of a courtyard at the high school. There will be a first-time mock election held at the high school on October 28<sup>th</sup> to see how the presidential candidates fare at the high school. The freshman class will hold a dance on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the town hall. Freshman class officers have been announced. Mr. Gwin has initiated a Student Senate so that the students can become more involved in the decision making process at the school. Principals from China are visiting the high school during the week in a shadowing program. All the sports teams are doing well, and there will be a night football game against Burlington on Friday.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Marini announced that there will be a night football game at the McCall field Friday evening. Dr. Marini notified the abutters of the field that a meeting was scheduled to express their concerns. Because no one attended the meeting, Dr. Marini contacted each of the abutters by telephone to confirm receipt of the invitation. The abutters were in support of the night game. Dr. Marini stated that all the safety precautions will be in place regarding parking and traffic flow.

Dr. Marini had the pleasure of welcoming the Chinese visitors to Winchester this afternoon at the town hall. The visitors will be touring the middle and high schools during the week as part of the Principal Shadowing Project. Dr. Marini, Mr. French and Mr. Gwin will be traveling to China in April 2005 as part of the program.

Dr. Marini commended the students who received the National Merit Commendations. The students are: Joseph Bryan, Jason Burke, David Conway, Manon Guillermin, Bethany Studer, Laura Swearingen, Jenna Weiner and Samuel Zegas. The National Merit Semifinalists include: Peter Attardo, Joshua Feblowitz, Jonathan McMurry, Benjamin Rolfs, Christopher Schleicher, and Xinyu Wang.

Dr. Marini stated that a request from the Superintendent of the Stoneham Public Schools for counseling assistance due to a severe car accident at the Central Elementary School, was received. Ms. Roseann Gallery, Winchester's School District Incident Management Team Coordinator, was able to assist Mr. Robert Belmont in facilitating a counseling support team to respond to the Stoneham Superintendent's request. The following staff members provided support and counseling on Saturday, October 3, 2004 to students, parents and staff at the Central Elementary School:

- Dr. Glen Atkinson, School Psychologist, McCall Middle School
- Dr. Jodi DiNatale, School Psychologist, McCall Middle School
- Rebecca Jacques, Guidance Counselor, McCall Middle School
- Kristine Lacey, School Psychologist, Muraco Elementary School
- Paul Lynch, School Psychologist, Lincoln Elementary School
- Faye Kurnick, Clinical Adjustment Counselor, Winchester High School

Winchester School Resource Officer Dan Perenick, a member of the Winchester District Incident Management Team and Police STARS Unit, provided IMT leadership from early afternoon on Friday through Tuesday, October 5, 2004. Dr. Marini thanked our staff for their dedication and professionalism in providing support to our neighboring town.

Marc Kerble commended Katrina Eidmann who took first place in a cross-country national competition recently.

### **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Ms. Swiger, seconded by Dr. Kounaves the committee unanimously

**VOTED to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2004 meeting, as amended, the August 31, 2004 meeting, as amended, and the September 28, 2004 meeting, as amended.**

### **System Wide Goals**

Dr. Marini provided an overview of the Winchester Public Schools System Goals that were developed from the Strategic Plan. This past summer, during an administrative retreat, the four goals were developed. The four goals include:

1. Facilitate the regular and ongoing process of curriculum review and implement recommendations as they emerge.
2. Improve the availability and use of technology for teaching, learning and administration.
3. Reorganize the leadership of the Winchester Public Schools.
4. Strengthen the learning environment in each school and throughout the system.

Dr. Marini stated that the four goals are ambitious and are multi-year. The goals will move the system closer to realizing that this community values and cherishes outstanding education. Ms. Swiger suggested that a progress report of the goals be done yearly and published on the website for the public to view. Mr. Feblowitz suggested a review earlier than a year in order to see follow-up plans.

### **Technology Update**

Annamaria Schrimpf, Director of Educational Technology, joined the committee and presented a review of technology professional development that was made available to educators over the summer.

Ms. Schrimpf stated that several projects were funded by capital that included wireless access at the high school, dissemination of computers to the fifth grade to address equity issues, and equipment for special education throughout the district.

Ms. Schrimpf invited school committee members to visit the new Winchester Public Schools website which offers up-to-date information on calendar dates, sporting events, and school business.

Ms. Schrimpf presented the committee with the Web Publishing Guidelines for Staff. The committee is required to have two readings of the guideline policy in order to have a vote. The Web Publishing Guidelines will be presented at the next two school committee meetings for reading.

### **Meeting Date**

The next school committee meeting will be October 26, 2004 and will begin at 7:00 p.m. For the next several meetings the committee will attempt an earlier start time.

### **Executive Session**

None  
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### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

V. James Marini  
Secretary