

OPEN SESSION

SHARON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2005

Administration Building

One School Street

Sharon, MA 02067

Present: Mr. Mitchell Blaustein, Mrs. Jane Furr, Mr. Donald Gilligan, Mr. Sam Liao (arrived at 8:41 p.m.), Mr. Andrew Nebenzahl

Absent: Ms. Suzanne Gervais, Mr. Donald Gilligan

Also present for the Open Session meeting: Dr. Claire Jackson, Dr. Barbara Dunham, Lior Haas, Student Representative, Mr. Alpert from the Finance Committee, Patricia Mulcahy, Foreign Language Coordinator, Leija Chen, Chinese teacher, students and parents.

Mr. Nebenzahl called the Open Session meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Gilligan left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE/REGULAR ITEMS

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to come before the Committee at this time.

Approve Minutes

MOTION: (Blaustein/ Furr) Moved to approve the Executive and Open Session minutes for the September 28, 2005 meeting as drafted and submitted. Vote was four in the affirmative. Ms. Gervais and Mr. Gilligan were absent.

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Student Representative

Lior Haas reported on recent happenings at the High School:
¥ The new entrance to the student parking lot has been completed and traffic flow and pedestrian safety has been greatly improved.

¥ The varsity football team won against Canton.

Announcements

Dr. Jackson requested the Committee to accept the generous donation of a baby grand piano from Mr. Sid Boorstein to the Sharon Public Schools. This donation will go a long way to preserving the quality of the music program.

MOTION: (Blaustein / Furr) Moved to accept the generous donation of a baby grand piano from Mr. Sid Boorstein and to authorize the Chair to send a letter of thanks, on behalf of the Committee, to Mr. Boorstein. Vote was four in the affirmative. Ms. Gervais and Mr. Gilligan were absent.

Dr. Jackson announced that the tutoring center at the High School is up and running. This center will provide support any student that needs additional assistance. It is available as an elective.

Dr. Jackson congratulated Linda Morse, a High School Social Studies teacher, whose work, "May You Have Many Sons", has recently been published in the *The New England Journal of History*. Ms. Morse's article was on women in China. The article will be posted on the web providing it does not infringe on copyright laws.

STRATEGIC PLANNING/POLICY ITEMS

Discuss Wiring Penetration in the Sharon Public Schools

Dr. Jackson updated the Committee on the wiring issues at the Middle School and the measures taken to correct the problem. The Standing Building Committee will work with architects, Kaestle Boos to install the proper fire safety

precautions.

Discuss Preliminary Capital Outlay Requests

A preliminary draft proposal for the 2006-2007 school year was distributed and reviewed. Mr. Nebenzahl requested that this be an agenda item for the October 26th meeting. He also requested for the next meeting a brief narrative explaining the rationale for the request.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS

Presentation of the Grade 5 Chinese Students – 2005 Is the Year of Foreign Language

Students performed songs and dialogue in Chinese for the Committee and the community. Their excellent performance was a reflection of what they have learned of the Chinese language and culture. The Committee commended the students, Mrs. Mulcahy and Mrs. Chen for their outstanding performance.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Nebenzahl requested a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: (Liao / Blaustein Moved to adjourn the Open Session meeting at 8:23 p.m. Vote was four in the affirmative. Ms. Gervais and Mr. Gilligan were absent.

Submitted on behalf of the School Committee by: Helen Campanario, Recording Secretary