

OPEN SESSION

SHARON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 7, 2005
Administration Building
One School Street
Sharon, MA 02067

Present: Mr. Mitchell Blaustein, Mrs. Jane Furr, Ms. Suzanne Gervais, Mr. Donald Gilligan, Mr. Sam Liao, Mr. Andrew Nebenzahl

Also present for the Open Session meeting: Dr. Claire Jackson and Dr. Barbara Dunham, Mr. Allen, Mr. Adler, Mr. Wolfe, members of the community and a member of the press

Mr. Nebenzahl called the Open Session meeting to order at 7:57 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE/REGULAR ITEMS

Open Forum

Upgrading Sharon Middle School Baseball Field

Mr. Wolfe from the Sharon Youth Baseball & Softball Association presented their proposal for upgrading the Middle School baseball fields:

- 1) Install irrigation line from fire hydrant to baseball field.
- 2) Place portable storage container at field for machinery and equipment.
- 3) Construct a portable batting cage at the baseball field.
- 4) Resurface and extend the height of the fence at the backstop.

Mr. Wolfe stated that he has met and will coordinate this project with Ken Wertz, Director of Maintenance & Operations.

The Committee wholeheartedly approved the proposal and thanked SYBSA for their support of the Sharon Public Schools and its facilities.

Correspondence

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

Approve Minutes

MOTION: Gilligan/Furr) Moved to approve the Open and Executive session minutes for the November 3, 2005 meeting as drafted and submitted. Vote was four in the affirmative. Mr. Liao was absent and Mr. Blaustein abstained

MOTION: (Gilligan/Furr) Moved to approve the Executive session minutes of November 16, 2005. Vote was four in the affirmative. Mr. Liao was absent and Mr. Blaustein abstained.

MOTION: (Gilligan/Furr) Moved to approve the Executive session minutes of November 30, 2005 as amended. Vote was four in the affirmative. Mr. Liao was absent and Mr. Blaustein abstained.

Student Representative

Lior Haas, student representative, reported on recent happenings at the High School:

- A new program at the High School has been initiated for student recognition in areas of school environment and academics.
- The Model UN Conference will be held at Harvard on Dec. 9th
- The Pep Rally was a resounding success with a visit from the Framingham Drum Line.
- Winter sports is under way with the first basketball game to be played on December 13th.
- Barnes & Noble, in conjunction with the English Department, is running a promotional program from Dec. 7th – 10th, whereby, when a voucher is presented, 10% of the sale proceeds will go to the English Department.

Announcements

There were no announcements at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS

Approve Overnight Trip

Dr. Jackson requested the Committee to approve the overnight field trip request from the Alternative School to Sandwich, MA on June 12-15, 2006 for the purpose of enhancing the Science curriculum to meet the Learning Standards.

MOTION: (Blaustein/Gilligan) Moved to approve the Alternative School's field trip request as presented by Dr. Jackson. Vote was five in the affirmative. Mr. Liao was absent.

Revision of Budget Transfer Policy

Dr. Dunham reviewed the current budget transfer policy and the proposed change, which would allow the transfer among similar specified accounts. Dr. Dunham stated she would supply the Committee with a quarterly report listing the transfers. The Committee will vote on this request at the December 21st meeting.

STRATEGIC PLANNING/POLICY ITEMS

Budget – Preliminary Draft FY07

Dr. Jackson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Preliminary FY07 Budget. Dr. Dunham presented a brief overview of the budget and highlighted the summary sheet. The Committee commended Dr. Jackson and Dr. Dunham for such a thorough presentation and requested that the PowerPoint presentation and summary sheet be posted on the web.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Mr. Nebenzahl asked for a motion to adjourn Open Session and return to Executive Session with the intent not to return to Open Session.

MOTION: (Gilligan/Gervais) Moved to adjourn the Open Session meeting at 8:40 p.m. Vote was five in the affirmative. Mr. Liao was absent.

The next meeting will be December 21st.

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