

Chariho School Committee Meeting
Regular Session Minutes - March 8, 2016

Committee Members Present: Chair Craig Louzon, Vice Chair Sylvia Stanley, George Abbott, Ronald Areglado, Donna Chambers, William Day, Stephen Huzyk, Lisa Macaruso, Kevin McGreevy, Keven Miller and Georgia Ure.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Barry Ricci, Assistant Superintendent Jane Daly and Director of Administration and Finance Brian Stanley. Also in attendance: Bond Counsel Karen Grande, Charlestown Town Council President Tom Gentz, Hopkinton Town Council Vice President Barbara Capalbo, NEA President Vin Levcowich, NEA Vice President Chris Fee and School Committee Clerk Donna Sieczkiewicz.

I. Meeting Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Silent Meditation

Chair Craig Louzon called the meeting of the Chariho School Committee, which was held in the Chariho High School Library, to order at 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silent meditation.

II. Executive Session

Ronald Areglado made a motion, seconded by William Day and it was

VOTED: That the School Committee go into executive session and close the meeting to the public under the authority of R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(1)(2)+(8) for the purpose of discussion pertaining to an individual's job performance or character (approval of executive session minutes of February 9, 2016 - Pre-deprivation Hearings/Non-renewal of Teacher Contracts); for the purpose of discussion and/or action pertaining to collective bargaining (NEA Certified Staff Memorandum of Understanding, NEA ESP Contract Update and approval of executive session minutes of February 9, 2016 – NEA ESP Contract Update) and for the purpose of reviewing and/or approving matters which relate to the privacy of students and their records (Home Instruction Request(s); approval of executive session minutes of January 19, 2016 – Home Instruction Requests; and approval of executive session minutes of February 23, 2016 – Student Disciplinary Appeal); any persons to be discussed have been so notified. In favor: Unanimous.

The Committee returned to open session at 7:10 PM and Chair Louzon reconvened the meeting at 7:17 PM.

III. Closing/Sealing of Executive Session Minutes

1. Superintendent Ricci recommended that minutes pertaining to the privacy of students and their records (Home Instruction Requests) remain sealed.

Ronald Areglado made a motion, seconded by Stephen Huzyk and it was

VOTED: That minutes pertaining to the privacy of students and their records remain sealed. In favor: Unanimous.

2. Superintendent Ricci recommended that minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (NEA ESP Contract Negotiation Update) remain sealed until such time as an agreement has been reached.

Ronald Areglado made a motion, seconded by Stephen Huzyk and it was

VOTED: That minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (NEA ESP Contract Negotiation Update) remain sealed until such time as an agreement has been reached. In favor: Unanimous.

IV. Disclosure of Executive Session Votes

Chair Louzon reported there were eleven votes taken in executive session. The first vote, approval of a Home Instruction Request, passed with 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention

with Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, McGreevy, Miller and Stanley voting in favor and Ure abstaining.

The second vote, approval of a Home Instruction Request, passed with 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention with Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, McGreevy, Miller and Stanley voting in favor and Ure abstaining.

The third vote, approval of executive session minutes of February 9, 2016 – Home Instruction Request, passed with 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention with Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, Miller, Stanley and Ure voting in favor and McGreevy abstaining (due to absence).

The fourth vote, approval of executive session minutes of February 9, 2016 – Pre-Deprivation Hearings/Non-Renewal of Teacher Contracts, passed with 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention with Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, Miller, Stanley and Ure voting in favor and McGreevy abstaining (due to absence).

The fifth vote, approval of executive session minutes of February 9, 2016 – NEA ESP Contract Negotiation Update, passed with 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention with Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, Miller, Stanley and Ure voting in favor and McGreevy abstaining (due to absence).

The sixth vote, approval of executive session minutes of February 23, 2016 – Student Disciplinary Appeal, passed with 8 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions with Areglado, Day, Louzon, Macaruso, McGreevy, Miller, Stanley and Ure voting in favor and Abbott, Chambers and Huzyk abstaining (all due to absence).

The seventh vote, approval to appoint three alternates (one from each town) to the ESP Contract Negotiation Subcommittee, passed with 11 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions with Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, McGreevy, Miller, Stanley and Ure voting in favor.

The eighth vote, to appoint Stephen Huzyk as an alternate for Charlestown to the NEA ESP Negotiation Subcommittee, passed with 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention with Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Louzon, Macaruso, McGreevy, Miller, Stanley and Ure voting in favor and Huzyk abstaining.

The ninth vote, to appoint Kevin McGreevy as an alternate for Richmond to the NEA ESP Negotiation Subcommittee, passed with 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention with Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, Miller, Stanley and Ure voting in favor and McGreevy abstaining.

The tenth vote, to appoint George Abbott as an alternate for Hopkinton to the NEA ESP Negotiation Subcommittee, passed with 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention with Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, McGreevy, Miller, Stanley and Ure voting in favor and Abbott abstaining.

The eleventh vote, to return to open session, passed with 11 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions with Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, McGreevy, Miller, Stanley and Ure voting in favor.

V. Recognition – The following were congratulated/thanked:

1. High School Senior Karlisle Wilbur, winner of this year's Poetry Out Loud Competition and High School Junior Marissa Alfiero who earned 2nd place in this competition.
2. Hope Valley School for being named a Commended School by the RI Department of Education.

3. Richmond School Teacher Jeanne Garr and High School Special Educator Jeanne Ross – recipients of the “You Inspire Me!” Award.
4. High School Sophomore Matt Stanley for winning the State Swim Title in the 100-yard Breaststroke competition.
5. Dylan Zenion, Kyle Merritt, James Dougherty and Nathan Marchione for winning Middle School State Wrestling Titles (they will be formally recognized when the High School Team is in attendance).
6. High School Wrestling Team for Winning the DII State Title (they will be formally recognized at an upcoming meeting when they are finished competing).
7. High School JV Basketball Team for Winning the DIII Crown (they will be formally recognized at an upcoming meeting when the High School Team is in attendance).
8. High School Basketball Team for Winning the DIII State Title (they will be formally recognized at an upcoming meeting when they have finished their season).
9. (In attendance) High School Girls’ Indoor Track Team – Dwyer Division Champions (Post Season Awards noted) – Sophie Brown, Cameron Fournier, Emily Louzon, Allegra Migliaccio, Grace Vargo-Willeford, Adelaide Brown, Mackenzie Fox (2nd Team All-Division High Jump); Beibhinn Gallagher, Kendra Hamilton, Natalie Keefe (1st Team All-Division 3000 Meters, 1st Team All-Division 1000 Meters, 3rd Team All-Class 3000 Meters), Cristina LaPaglia, Clarina Lee, Aimee Louzon, Nicole Montague (2nd Team All-Division 4x8 Relay), Jocelyn Ohde, Hannah Perra, Meagan Power (2nd Team All-Division 4x8 Relay), April Rainey (2nd Team All-Division 4x8 Relay), Nicole Ramaker, Kristen Ross, Gabrielle Torres, Brianna Azzinaro, Julia Bursell, Michaela Caparco, Devon DiPalma (1st Team All-Division 600 Meters, 2nd Team All-Division 4x4 Relay), Suzanne Johnston, Lucy Jones, Kristyn Morgan, Andrea Pezzullo, Madeline Potts, Justine Rios (2nd Team All-Division 4x4 Relay, 2nd Team All-Division 600 Meters), Sierra Dube (2nd Team All-Division 4x4 Relay), Claire Fox, Gabriella Huzyk, Natasha Huzyk (2nd Team All-Division 4x8 Relay), Hannah Orciari, Devan Ravino (2nd Team All-Division 4x4 Relay, 2nd Team All-Division 1500 Meters), Assistant Coach Michelle Smith, Coach Karen Allen (2015 RI Coach of the Year). The girls and coaches were given certificates recognizing their achievement.
10. George Abbott recognized Georgia Ure as she stated that Chariho should file a claim for a ruined engine and the District received \$4,000 for it.
11. Chair Louzon stated that he designated Ron Areglado to speak at the State House on behalf of the Chariho School Committee and he acknowledged the fantastic job Ron did.

VI. Public Forum

Chair Louzon asked if anyone was interested in speaking on a topic that is not on the agenda, this would be the time to do so. There was no one interested in speaking.

VII. Business

A. Community 2000 Update - Chris Philips was in attendance to update the Committee on Community 2000. He reviewed documents that were included in the packet (Mission, Vision and Evolution of the six endowments which all support Chariho kids). He stated that as of 12/31/15 they are over \$2 million. Committee goals were shared and Chris explained ways in which people could support this Foundation, whether by volunteering or financial support. He stated that the Annual Golf Tournament, which brings in a substantial amount of money, will be held the Saturday after Labor Day. He would like to see more Committee members from Richmond and Hopkinton as right now Charlestown has more (as this originated in Charlestown). Contact information was shared and Chris was thanked for the tremendous job he has done over the past 17 years.

William Day made a motion, seconded by Ronald Areglado and it was VOTED: To move Item F in front of Item B. In favor: Unanimous.

F. Approval of RYSE School Legislation – Superintendent Ricci welcomed Bond Counsel Karen Grande who was in attendance to answer questions and address concerns. He thanked Karen, the three Town Council Presidents, Building Committee Chair Kevin McGreevy, Building Committee Vice Chair Lisa Macaruso and School Committee Chair Craig Louzon for coming up

with a compromise that would work for all. He recommended that the Committee approve, for submission to the legislature, The R.Y.S.E. School Legislation that was reviewed by Bond Counsel, Building Committee Chair McGreevy and Vice Chair Macaruso. Kevin made a motion, which was seconded by Lisa, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. Kevin asked all to remember the Chariho Act which calls for payment to be calculated by enrollment. Every Town will benefit from this legislation; he feels it is the best for all. George questioned what would happen if there was a zero balance in the District's account to which Kevin replied that by policy the Committee has to keep between 2% and 4% in this fund so there should always be money. Georgia asked if the towns have voted for this. Superintendent Ricci stated that he also included, in the packet, the resolution that the member councils will be asked to approve. If the Committee approves the legislation, he will ask the Town Councils to support the resolutions. Lisa added that many thoughtful and informative hours were spent on it. Everything was considered and thought out. When thinking about this, she thought of her Hopkinton colleagues who are always insisting that the Committee and District follow the Chariho Act. This is what they are doing. Kevin questioned the reimbursement rate and terms of the bond. It was noted that the minimum the District will receive is 56% while Superintendent Ricci, after being questioned about this, stated that he is hoping to see in the mid-60% reimbursement. Karen explained how the bonds are issued and payment is made. She then discussed terms and rates and stated that they will try to go out to bond only once and do it all in one shot. Georgia noted many concerns she had and quoted things she read from the paper. She feels she is being rushed and she never gets answers to her questions. Superintendent Ricci responded that this was the first time he had heard her questions and he proceeded to address her concerns. Kevin reminded all that the Building Committee meetings are public meetings so anyone is welcome to attend or they can call him with a concern. Bill shared his concern that a member from Hopkinton was trying to sabotage this plan. She has been on the School Committee long enough to know what students attend RYSE and that the oil spill is not located anywhere near RYSE. She just doesn't want special needs students to get the same benefits as other students. Ron quoted a saying "Don't let perfect get in the way of good." We will be foolish not to accept this. We spend over \$110,000 a year on the lease agreement and we get no reimbursement. We save \$700,000 a year by having this program. With this reimbursement, the towns could net \$2.4 million. The question you need to ask yourself, would you want your child in those trailers? Shame on us if we don't pass this.

Kevin McGreevy made a motion, seconded by Lisa Macaruso and it was VOTED: That the School Committee approves, for submission to the legislature, The R.Y.S.E. School Legislation which was reviewed by Bond Counsel, Building Committee Chair McGreevy and Vice Chair Macaruso. In favor: Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, McGreevy and Stanley. Opposed: Miller and Ure. The motion carried by a vote of 9 in favor with 2 opposed.

B. Adoption of FY17 Budget – Superintendent Ricci recommended that the School Committee approves the FY2017 budget in the amount of \$57,384,844 (includes total budget including federal grant expenses and debt service) with the member towns' contribution to be \$50,817,764, with Charlestown's share at \$14,111,439 - a decrease of 1.07%; Richmond's share at \$18,551,086 – an increase of 1.92%; and Hopkinton's share at \$18,155,239 – an increase of 2.22%. He noted that he will also have a recommendation pertaining to transportation categorical aid.

William Day made a motion, seconded by Ronald Areglado and it was VOTED: To approve the FY2017 budget in the amount of \$57,384,844 (includes total budget including federal grant expenses and debt service) with the member towns' contribution to be \$50,817,764, with Charlestown's share at \$14,111,439 - a decrease of 1.07%; Richmond's share at \$18,551,086 – an increase of 1.92%; and Hopkinton's share at \$18,155,239 – an increase of 2.22%. In favor: Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, McGreevy and Stanley. Opposed: Abbott, Miller and Ure. The motion carried by a vote of 8 in favor with 3 opposed.

Superintendent Ricci recommended that the Committee approves, conditional upon passage of the budget and the development of no unanticipated budgetary events, that any categorical transportation aid received above the amount budgeted be distributed to the member towns according to the percent of enrollment.

Ronald Areglado made a motion, seconded by Keven Miller and it was VOTED: That the Committee approves, conditional upon passage of the budget and the development of no unanticipated budgetary events, that any categorical transportation aid received above the amount budgeted be distributed to the member towns according to the percent of enrollment. In favor: Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Louzon, Macaruso, McGreevy, Miller, Stanley and Ure. Opposed: Huzyk. The motion carried by a vote of 10 in favor with 1 opposed.

C. Approval of Five-Year Capital Plan – Superintendent Ricci recommended approval of the Five-Year Capital Plan, which must be submitted to RIDE by March 15 in order to qualify for reimbursement. The District is required to spend 50% of what is targeted on the plan as the State, because they are reimbursing some projects, wants to ensure that the facilities are maintained. He and Brian reviewed history and the facilities study that was completed by KBA. They worked with the Facilities Improvement Subcommittee and Director of Maintenance to develop this plan. There are more projects but these are priority items and the ones that the State will reimburse us for. The State will allow some flexibility with this.

Stephen Huzyk made a motion, seconded by Lisa Macaruso and it was VOTED: To approve the Five-Year Capital Plan. In favor: Unanimous.

D. Resolution Regarding Tools for Schools Participation – Superintendent Ricci recommended approval of the Resolution regarding Tools for Schools Participation. This is required by RIDE for housing aid eligibility.

Ronald Areglado made a motion, seconded by Stephen Huzyk and it was VOTED: To approve the Resolution Regarding Tools for Schools Participation. In favor: Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, McGreevy, Miller and Stanley. Opposed: Ure. The motion carried by a vote of 10 in favor with 1 opposed.

E. Resolution Regarding CHPS Participation – Superintendent Ricci recommended approval of the Resolution Regarding CHPS Participation (CHPS is an energy standard). This is required by RIDE for housing aid eligibility. Georgia questioned if this will cost the District and if RYSE will be energy efficient to which the Superintendent replied that some times it costs more to be energy efficient and RYSE has to be energy efficient to qualify for housing aid.

Ronald Areglado made a motion, seconded by Stephen Huzyk and it was VOTED: To approve the Resolution Regarding CHPS Participation. In favor: Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, McGreevy, Miller and Stanley. Opposed: Ure. The motion carried by a vote of 10 in favor with 1 opposed.

G. Approval to Form High School Yoga Club – Superintendent Ricci recommended approval of the formation of a High School Yoga Club. Substance Abuse Counselor Deirdre Murphy has volunteered to be advisor of this club. This will not cost the District any money.

George Abbott made a motion, seconded by Stephen Huzyk and it was VOTED: To approve the formation of a High School Yoga Club. In favor: Unanimous.

H. SC Meeting Schedule – Superintendent Ricci recommended adoption of the 2016-2017 School Committee Meeting Schedule. It follows the same format as last year. Kevin McGreevy shared a concern he had regarding the November 15th meeting; will this give new members

elected enough time to be sworn in before the meeting? Superintendent Ricci noted that he cannot predict how long it will take to get new members on board.

Stephen Huzyk made a motion, seconded by George Abbott and it was VOTED: To adopt the 2016-2017 School Committee Meeting Schedule. In favor: Unanimous.

I. NEA Certified Staff Memorandum of Understanding – Superintendent Ricci recommended approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between NEA Chariho and the Chariho Regional School District Committee pertaining to Article 28 of the collective bargaining agreement. Because of changes to the RIDE evaluation model scoring system, the old language is obsolete.

Ronald Areglado made a motion, seconded by Stephen Huzyk and it was VOTED: To approve the NEA Certified Staff Memorandum of Understanding. In favor: Unanimous.

VIII. Consent Agenda Items

Chair Louzon requested clarifying questions or items to be pulled. Steve pulled A-3, Kevin pulled A-1 and A-2, Bill noted that he will need to recuse from voting on the Hope Valley-Wyoming Fire District bill and Georgia pulled B & C. Donna acknowledged the donations and thanked the donors.

William Day made a motion, seconded by Ronald Areglado and it was VOTED: To move the balance of the Consent Agenda. In favor: Unanimous.

A. Minutes – Approved the following:

4. Public Budget Hearing Minutes of March 1, 2016

D. Budget Summary - As per enclosed.

E. Treasurer's Report - As per enclosed.

F. Personnel Actions

1. Accepted the resignation request of Daniel Angell from the position of 1.0 FTE CTC Electrical & Renewable Energy Sources Instructor effective July 1, 2016.

2. Accepted the resignation request of David Simone from the position of District Custodian effective February 11, 2016.

3. Accepted the resignation request of Michael Nedwidek from the position of High School Golf Head Coach effective immediately.

4. Accepted the resignation request of Barbara Browning from the position of Hope Valley School Custodial Supervisor effective May 1, 2016.

5. Approved the unpaid medical leave of absence request of Rebecca Romeo Fasula from the position of Charlestown School Grade One Teacher effective February 15, 2016 and until such time as her doctor releases her to return to work.

6. Approved the paternity leave of absence request of John Haas from the position of High School Guidance Counselor effective on or around the birth of his baby (due date is March 18, 2016) for approximately twenty (20) days in accordance with Article 18, Section C of the collective bargaining agreement.

7. Approved the paternity leave of absence request of Jon Kelly from the position of High School Graduation by Proficiency Coordinator effective on or around April 3, 2016 and for one week following the birth of his daughter in accordance with Article 18, Section C of the collective bargaining agreement.

8. Approved the unpaid medical leave of absence request of Kelly Botham from the position of Middle School Teacher Assistant through March 14, 2016 with variation from this date dependent upon her medical condition and release from her doctor.

9. Appointed Brittney Godbout to the position of High School Girls' Lacrosse Head Coach for 2015-2016. All required application materials and certifications are on file.

10. Appointed Tom Parenti to the position of High School Girls' Softball Assistant Coach for 2015-2016 contingent upon receipt of all application materials and required certifications.

11. Appointed Rachel Lawrence to the position of Middle School Track Assistant Coach for 2015-2016 contingent upon receipt of all application materials and required certifications.
12. Appointed Jenna Brierly to the position of High School Girls' Lacrosse Assistant Coach for 2015-2016 contingent upon receipt of all application materials and required certifications.
- G. Permission to Issue Bids/Request Quotes – Permission granted to issue the following:
 1. Custodial Supplies Bid
 2. Tennis Courts Resurfacing Bid
- H. Permission to Award Contracts – None at this time.
- I. Home Instruction – Action taken in executive session.
- J. Grants – None at this time.
- K. Donations – Accepted the following:
 1. Donation from Mary Beth Flood, Hope Valley, RI of one (1) Tunable Bongo Set, valued at \$30.00, and one (1) Guitar and Bag, valued at \$60.00 to Hope Valley Elementary School.
 2. Donation from Scott Donley, Hope Valley, RI of one (1) 98 GMC 350 Engine, valued at \$200.00, to the CTC Automotive Technology Program.

A-1. Keven Miller made a motion, seconded by Kevin McGreevy and it was VOTED: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of February 9, 2016 – Approval of Executive Session Minutes of January 19, 2016 and January 21, 2016 (minutes not sealed). In favor: Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, Miller, Stanley and Ure. Abstained: McGreevy (due to absence). The motion carried by a vote of 10 in favor with 1 abstention.

A-2. William Day made a motion, seconded by Ronald Areglado and it was VOTED: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of February 9, 2016. In favor: Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, Miller, Stanley and Ure. Abstained: McGreevy (due to absence). The motion carried by a vote of 10 in favor with 1 abstention.

A-3. Kevin McGreevy made a motion, seconded by Ronald Areglado and it was VOTED: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of February 23, 2016. In favor: Areglado, Day, Louzon, Macaruso, McGreevy, Miller, Stanley and Ure. Abstained: Abbott, Chambers and Huzyk (all due to absence). The motion carried by a vote of 8 in favor with 3 abstentions.

B. Transfers – Kevin made a motion, which was seconded by Steve, to approve the transfers. Georgia asked Brian to explain the transfers. Brian noted the first one had to do with extra auditing hours for out-of-scope work related to GASB 68 and the second one is for the purchase and installation of a screen for the High School Library (for presentations, etc.). Georgia questioned if Brian felt there would be sufficient funds in health care with the transfer of this money to which Brian replied that the rate projected when the budget was being drafted ended up being higher than the rate we paid. Rates are not solidified until April, after the budget is set. He is comfortable with the transfer.

Kevin McGreevy made a motion, seconded by Stephen Huzyk and it was VOTED: To approve the transfers. In favor: Unanimous.

C. Bills – Kevin made a motion, which was seconded by Ron, to approve payment of the bills excluding the invoice for the Hope Valley-Wyoming Fire District. Georgia proceeded to question Brian Stanley on several bills (page 2 – Apple; page 4 – CDW-G and Cap City of RI) to which Brian responded to her concerns. Keven had one concern about Dell Technology on page 4. This was for server/storage and is a one-time payment. Pricing was off the State of RI Master Purchasing Agreement. This was an item that was moved up from next year's budget to this year's.

Kevin McGreevy made a motion, seconded by Ronald Areglado and it was VOTED: To approve payment of the bills with the exclusion of the Hope Valley-Wyoming Fire District invoice. In favor: Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso,

McGreevy, Miller and Stanley. Abstained: Ure. The motion carried by a vote of 10 in favor with 1 abstention.

Kevin McGreevy made a motion, seconded by Ronald Areglado and it was VOTED: To approve payment of the Hope Valley-Wyoming Fire District invoice. In favor: Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Huzyk, Louzon, Macaruso, McGreevy, Miller and Stanley. Abstained: Ure. Recused: Day. The motion carried by a vote of 9 in favor with 1 abstention and 1 recusal.

IX. Reports

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Health & Wellness Subcommittee – The Health and Wellness Subcommittee met this afternoon. One more major task will be revising the Nutrition and Physical Education Policy. A copy of the minutes of the December 15, 2015 meeting was included in the packet.

2. RYSE School Building Committee – The RYSE School Building Committee met on February 24th and March 1, 2016. Enclosed in the packet was a copy of the approved minutes of February 24th and a draft copy of the minutes of March 1, 2016. The Committee will meet with the School Building Authority on March 9th at 1:00 PM in the Administration Building Conference Room.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Meeting of Regional Districts – The Superintendent thanked all who attended the meeting at the State House. The Governor's cover letter for her budget states if there is additional revenue, they will restore the transportation categorical aid. He is optimistic that some of the aid will be restored.

2. Meeting with Speaker Matiello – He had a very positive meeting with Speaker Matiello. He stated that it was clear that the regional school districts were forgotten.

3. Introduction of Legislation by Representative Price – Representative Price has introduced legislation which states that so long as a District is running a center, there can be no competing programs in the area.

4. Meeting with School Building Authority – Brian and he met with the School Building Authority as required. The scope of the project and drawings were reviewed. This is a phenomenally huge undertaking in such a short period of time. They were impressed by the presentation and drawings done by KBA. We will be meeting again tomorrow.

5. NEASC Visit begins on Sunday at 4:00 PM. Members should contact Donna if they plan to attend as the meeting will need to be posted if there is a quorum present. The High School sent letters to the Committee for a 1:00 PM Panel Presentation; the 4:00 PM is set for the purpose of meeting with the Committee. Bill encouraged all members to look at the NEASC website and see what the District is getting for \$17,000. He is opposed to this and hopes that others will view the website.

C. Coming Events were highlighted.

X. School Committee Requests for Future Agenda Items or Legal Opinions

Bill stated that he should have brought this up under Recognition, but wanted to commend the Middle School on the fantastic job they did on their performance of The Lion King.

Georgia requested that GZA be invited in asap for an update on the oil spill.

XI. Adjournment

Stephen Huzyk made a motion, seconded by Ronald Areglado and it was VOTED: To adjourn at 9:03 PM. In favor: Unanimous.

Donna J. Siczkiwicz, Clerk