

AUBURN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

AUBURN, MAINE

REPORT OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF THE AUBURN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Workshop 6:00 – 7:30

Auburn Hall

October 18, 2006

Members Present: Mr. Robert Baskett
Ms. Kathy Constantine Mr. Ross Leavitt
Mr. David Das Mrs. Tara Paradie
Mr. Justin Leary Mrs. Jane Williams

Others Present: Barbara Eretzian, Superintendent; Tom Morrill, Assistant Superintendent; Tanya Gagne and Victoria Tanous, Student Representatives.

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Introductions

Ms. Constantine called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Committee members introduced themselves and stated which ward they represent.

B. Communications

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes – October 4, 2006

It was moved by Mr. Das, seconded by Mr. Leary and voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda for tonight's meeting.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Greg Desgrosseilliers stated that Mr. Shaw reported at the last meeting that parents could get information on the website to show what their child has eaten during the school day. He noted that parents cannot get this information from the web, but they can get the information if they call the school. Mr. Desgrosseilliers also asked to have the ELHS menu put on the website. Ms. Tanous responded that the menu could be provided; however, it is the same menu everyday.

Mr. Das stated that he would bring this issue up to the wellness committee at their next meeting.

Mr. Morrill presented information on the substitute portion of the contract at the previous meeting. Mr. Desgrosseilliers requested further clarification on the process for the piece of the contract discussed at the previous meeting regarding substitutes. Mrs. Constantine provided further clarification.

Mr. Desgrosseilliers stated that in his opinion this will have an adverse affect by causing teachers to come into school when they are ill. He also noted that he believes teachers should be awarded for perfect attendance on an individual basis. He noted that this incentive should also be passed on to all other staff members. Mr. Das clarified that this is a contract that was agreed upon by the teachers.

IV. STUDENT INFORMATION

Ms. Gagne and Ms. Tanous reported on the sporting events, school musicals, the semi-formal, and mock elections. They also reported that elections for class executive boards would be held soon, noting that both Victoria and Tanya will be running for positions on the board. The students noted that Kiddie Night is planned for Nov. 3rd and money will be donated to AWAP.

V. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Business

1. Finance Report – September 2006

Mr. Das presented the Finance Report for September 2006 highlighting areas of interest. He noted that the status of RETC was discussed during the Finance Subcommittee meeting with respect to how the State considers the categorization of this group of students. It has not yet been decided if they will consider this a program or a school.

It was moved by Mr. Leary, seconded by Mr. Leavitt and voted unanimously to approve the Finance Report for September 2006 as presented.

VI. INFORMATION / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- City Council Update
- Wellness Committee Update

Mr. Das reminded the group that our wellness policy calls for a wellness committee to be formed. This committee has been formed and will meet next Wednesday.

- Naming of New School Subcommittee Update

Mr. Leary reported that this week nominations of the names for the new school would be taken. There is a place on the website where people can post their nomination or people can mail their nomination. Students will vote on names and come up with the top five. Classes will advocate for the ones they have chosen and the names will be narrowed down to three selections. On November 14th any person can go to the New School and vote for one of the top three names. This will be a great experience for the students because this will teach them about the voting process and also about the history of Auburn.

Mrs. Eretzian reported that the final name chosen would be brought before the School Committee for final approval.

VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular School Committee Meeting – November 1st — 7:00 at New Elementary
- Executive Session – Superintendent’s Goals – November 8th – 6:30 at Auburn Hall
- Regular School Committee Meeting – November 15th — 7:00 at Auburn Hall

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- National Anthem Project – November 1st
- Infectious Diseases Plan -

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Leavitt, seconded by Mr. Das and voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:51PM to enter executive session to discuss real estate negotiations pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C).

X. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Das, seconded by Mr. Leavitt and voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

Attest, a true record,

Barbara J. Eretzian, Secretary
Superintendent of Schools