

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Report)

Special Meeting

Tuesday, July 29, 2003

Called by Mayor Michael A. Sullivan, to take up any and all business that may properly come before the Committee.

Members Present: Mr. Fantini, Mr. Grassi, Mr. Harding, Mr. Price, Ms. Turkel, Ms. Walser, Mayor Sullivan

Mayor Sullivan in the Chair.

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

Presentation of the Records

On a motion by Ms. Walser, seconded by Ms. Turkel, the Minutes of the following meetings were accepted as presented:

- Special Informal Meeting - January 14, 2003
- Regular Meeting - January 21, 2003
- Special Informal Meeting - January 21, 2003
- Special Informal Meeting - January 25, 2003
- Special Informal Meeting - January 28, 2003
- Regular Meeting - February 4, 2003
- Regular Meeting - February 25, 2003
- Regular Meeting - March 4, 2003
- Special Informal Meeting - March 4, 2003
- Regular Meeting - March 18, 2003
- Special Meeting - March 18, 2003

Public Comment on the School Committee Agenda

The following individuals were heard:

- Bruce Silverman, Larch Road, Parent, Letter regarding violation of hiring policy at Baldwin School

On a motion by Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Price, it was voted to suspend the Rules to allow Mr. Silverman additional time to speak.

- Rita Silverman, Larch Road, in support of letter re violation of hiring policy at Baldwin School
- Liz Peoples, Crescent Street, in support of letter re violation of hiring policy at Baldwin School
- Lakshmi Mudunuri, Bellis Circle, in support of letter re violation of hiring policy at Baldwin School
- Noriko Sugimori, Chestnut Street, in support of letter re violation of hiring policy at Baldwin School
- Michael Siegell, Bellis Circle, in support of letter re violation of hiring policy at Baldwin School
- Jessica Cashdan, Dudley Street, in support of letter re violation of hiring policy at Baldwin School
- Maryann Doiron, Market Street, in support of letter re violation of hiring policy at Baldwin School
- Cheryl Kennedy, Lopez Street, re Communication
- Paul Toner, CTA President, re involuntary transfers and Level III grievance

- Craig Kelley, St. Gerard Terrace, in support of letter re violation of hiring policy at Baldwin School
- Beverly Kogut, Notre Dame Avenue, in support of letter re violation of hiring policy at Baldwin School
- Bill Zamparelli, Emmons Place, in support of letter re violation of hiring policy at Baldwin School

On a motion by Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Grassi, it was voted to close Public Comment.

Reports and/or Comments from Student School Committee Members: None

Superintendent's Consent Agenda

Ms. Turkel moved, seconded by Mr. Harding, for adoption of Superintendent's Recommendations #03-082 through #03-101. Mr. Grassi removed #03-082 and #03-096. On the following roll call, the remaining items were adopted:

#03-083, Contract Award, Maintenance & Repair of School Buses: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor, Automotive Truck Center, 22 Sunnyside Avenue, Arlington, MA, for the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, in the amount of \$75,000.00, for Maintenance and Repair of School Buses. Funds are to be provided from the General Fund budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with. This contract is for the maintenance and repair of school buses owned by the Cambridge Public Schools. Automotive Truck Center was the low bidder for this contract.

#03-084, Contract Award, Two (2) New School Buses: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor, New England Transit Sales, 30 Progress Avenue, Tyngsboro, MA, for the period of June 30, 2003 to August 8, 2003, in the amount of \$106,730.00, for the purchase of Two (2) New School Buses. Funds are to be provided from the Capital Fund budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with. This contract is for the purchase of two (2) new school buses for the Cambridge Public Schools. New England Transit Sales was the low bidder for this contract.

#03-085, Response to Cambridge Teachers Association Unit A Level III Grievance: that the School Committee approve the Superintendent's recommendation relative to the Level III grievance response to the Cambridge Teachers Association in accordance with CN03-036. This response is to the last remaining Level III grievances that were heard by the School Committee on December 3, 2002.

#03-086, Settlement of Pending Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination Action: that the School Committee approve the Superintendent's recommendation relative to the settlement of a pending Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination Action in accordance with CN03-37. This is a negotiated pre-determination settlement agreement of a pending Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination Action matter number 021304120.

#03-087, Special Needs Contract Amendment for Special Education Student Transportation: that the School Committee award a contract amendment, for Special Education Student Transportation, to the following vendor, Schools for Children, Inc., 20 Academy Street #200, Arlington, MA, in an Est. Amount of, \$149,508.00, Vans 1&2 @\$272.74/day (8 students max per van), Van 3 @ \$35.64/day per student. For the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Funds are to be provided from the General Fund budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with. This contract provides for the transportation (round-trip) of students assigned to Schools for Children, Inc. They will be transported in three (3) vans with a maximum assignment of eight (8) students per van, for 180 days. This is a continuing contract with schools for Children, Inc.

#03-088, Expulsion Status Update Report: that the School Committee receive the report, for information, consideration and the record in response to School Committee Order C96-499.

#03-089: that the School Committee receive the report, for information, consideration and the record: **Cambridge Public Schools, Discipline Detail Report**, for the period June 1 - 30, 2003.

#03-090, Request for Travel: that the School Committee approve the request for travel, for UCHE AMAECHI Program Director, in an amount not to exceed \$792.50, to attend the 21st Century Community Learning Center Summer Institute, in Washington, D.C., June 22 - 24, 2003.

#03-091, Request for Travel: that the School Committee approve the request for travel for the following people, and in the following amounts not to exceed \$6,350.00, to attend the National Science Res. Center, in Green Bay, Wisconsin, October 8 - 11, 2003.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Melanie Barron	Science Coordinator	\$1,270.00
Brenda Fitzgerald	Tech. Specialist	1,270.00
Christine Chiappetta	Teacher	1,270.00
Karen Spaulding	Teacher	1,270.00
Marianne Dunne	Teacher	<u>1,270.00</u>
TOTAL		\$6,350.00

#03-092, Request for Travel: that the School Committee approve the request for travel, for FRANCES COOPER-BERRY, Staff Developer, in an amount not to exceed \$1,410.00, to attend the Responsive Classroom Summer Institute, in Greenfield, MA, July 6 - 11, 2003.

#03-093, Request for Travel: that the School Committee approve the request for travel, for JACQUELINE DYER, Program Director, in an amount not to exceed \$1,586.00 to attend the National Drug Free Schools Conference, in Washington, D.C., October 27 - 29, 2003.

#03-094, Request for Travel: that the School Committee approve the request for travel, for MAUREEN MACFARLANE, Legal Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$1,539.80 to attend the Annual Education Law Conference, in Portland, Maine, July 28 - 31, 2003.

#03-095, Request for Travel: that the School Committee approve the request for travel, for JANET PALLADINO, Teacher, in an amount not to exceed \$1,915.00 to attend the Reading Recovery Conference, in San Antonio, Texas, June 4 - 6, 2003.

#03-097, Service Agreements: that the School Committee approve the following agreements with the following individuals in the amounts set forth, funds to be provided as shown:

1. Daryl Best, Dorchester, in the amount of \$5,400.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
2. Warren Burney, Somerville, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761.
3. Erin Burnes, Burlington, in the amount of \$4,000.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 859651, prog. 651, project/grant SC03604; and in the amount of \$1,000.00, project/grant SC02604;
4. Marlon Davis, Cambridge, in the amount of \$8,000, account 51111, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
5. Dorothy Decerqueira, Milford, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;

6. Danya Ferraro, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,400.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
7. Tamara Fontana, Allston, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
8. Olga Garriga, North Easton, in the amount of \$5,000.00, account 51201, fund 15000, org. 852385, prog. 385;
9. Kristen Handricken, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,000.00 account 53101, fund 25000, org. 868670, prog. 670, project/grant SC03611;
10. Philip Harrington, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
11. Robert Kelley, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,400.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
12. Petra Kim, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
13. Richard Lyons, Concord, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
14. Jill Minot-Seabrook, Dover, New Hampshire, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
15. Jarvis Murray, Medford, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
16. Jermaine Myrie, Boston in the amount of \$5,400.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
17. Jamalh Prince, Roxbury in the amount of \$7,200.00, account 51111, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
18. Elsa Roderick, Woburn, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
19. John Roderick, Woburn, in the amount of \$14,000.00, account 51111, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
20. Jennifer Schnabel, Arlington, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
21. Anthanette Stotts, Brookline, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
22. Katherine Sutcliffe, Somerville, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
23. Ellen Wheeler, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;

24. Kimberly Witting, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 51112, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;

#03-098, Consultant Agreements: that the School Committee approve consultant agreements with the following companies as indicated, in the amounts set forth, funds to be provided as shown:

1. Sabine Cadeau, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,400.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
2. Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, Cambridge, in the amount of \$817,056.00, account 53101, fund 15000, org. 841148, prog.148, project/grant SC04602;
3. Childcare & Family Support Division, Cambridge, in the amount of \$12,000.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 841660, prog. 660, project/grant SC03474;
4. Childcare Resource Center, Inc., Cambridge, in the amount of \$22,000.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 841148 prog. 148, project/grant SC04602;
5. Cambridge Youth Employment, Cambridge, in the amount of \$9,380.00, account 53101, fund 15000, org. 894250, prog. 250;
6. Shira Cohen, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
7. Concillio-Ahora Program, Cambridge, in the amount of \$21,274.00, account 53101, fund 15000, org. 894250, prog. 250;
8. Jennifer Cramer, Weymouth, in the amount of \$4,000.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 859651, prog. 651, project/grant SC03604; and in the amount of \$1,000.00, org. 859410;
9. Family Center, Somerville, in the amount of \$14,250.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 852362, prog. 362, project/grant SC03699; and in the amount of \$9,000.00, fund 15000, org. 827144, prog. 144;
10. Jose Garcia, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,400.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
11. Guidance Center, Cambridge, in the amount of \$9,380.00, account 53101, fund 15000, org. 894148, prog. 148; and in the amount of \$6,000.00, org. 823144, prog. 144;
12. Ogechi Iwoha, Allston, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
13. Janis Lemke, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
14. Lesley University, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,250.00, account 53101, fund 15000, org. 852335, prog. 335;
15. Ellen McCarthy, Watertown, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
16. Andrew Michel, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,400.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;

17. Matthew Nelson, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,400.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
18. Margie Pierce, Chestnut Hill, in the amount of \$6,400.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03743;
19. Public Affairs Research Institute, Inc., Arlington, in the amount of \$12, 500.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 859651, prog. 651, project/grant SC03604;
20. Lisa Raymond, Littleton, in the amount of \$5,000.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 859651, prog. 651, project/grant SC03604;
21. Lynn Schultz, Lexington, in the amount of \$30,000.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 868679, prog. 679, project/grant SC03699;
22. Carol Svirsky, Belmont, in the amount of \$5,400.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871; project/grant SC03761;
23. Margaret Sullivan, Watertown, in the amount of \$5,400.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
24. Teenwork Program, Cambridge, in the amount of \$6,331.50, account 53101, fund 15000, org. 894250, prog. 250;
25. Lisette Williams, Cambridge, in the amount of \$5,400.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761;
26. Kelly Zocco, Newtonville, in the amount of \$5,300.00, account 53101, fund 25000, org. 869871, prog. 871, project/grant SC03761.

#03-099, Grant Awards, FY03-04: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant awards named below in the amounts and for the periods indicated:

1. Community Partnership for Children, project/grant SC04602, in the amount of \$1,111,792.00, for the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Cambridge will continue its model of integrated service delivery and professional development in school and kindergarten classrooms, as well as its pilot transdisciplinary approach.
2. Bilingual Ed. Comprehensive School, project/grant SC04691, in the amount of \$300,000.00, for the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. The Cambridge Amistad international Project (CAIP) will continue to support five core activities that will endorse the creation and upgrading of rigorous dual language and bilingual programs in the middle and high school level.
3. Elementary School Counseling, project/grant SC04699, in the amount of \$400,000.00, for the period of June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004. The purpose of this award is to support the provision of mental health counseling services through collaboration with Cambridge Guidance Center, the Cambridge Family Center, the Health Alliance and the Public Health Department.
4. After School Learning Centers, project/grant SC04701, in the amount of \$197,476.00, for the period of June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004. The Cambridge School District is requesting funding in support of its implementation of a 21st Century Community Learning Center at the Fletcher/Maynard School. This collaborative project will target its services to all of the school age children and their families and elders in this high need urban community. Its services will include support services and assisting students, to meet state and local standards in the core academic subjects.

5. Harvard University, project/grant SC04729, in the amount of \$38,996.00, for the period of April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004. These funds are to reimburse Cambridge Public Schools for salary and benefits of a K-12 Science Teacher.
6. Mental Health Support-Summer, SC03760, in the amount of \$2,520.00, for the period of June 17, 2003 to August 31, 2003. The Cambridge Public School Office of Special Education provides a five week intensive summer program that's 4 hours a day, 5 days a week to children from our ten-month inclusion program who the team state would suffer significant regression without continuity of service. This classroom is a substantially separate classroom. Parents have voiced concern that there are no typical peers to continue their child's opportunities to engage in socially/emotionally age appropriate activities.
7. Academic Support Services-Summer, SC03761, in the amount of \$318,900.00, for the period of July 1, 2003 to August 31, 2003. Data analysis of students' performance on the most recent MCAS indicates that a significant percentage of our students are experiencing difficulty in the areas of reading comprehension, long composition and the fundamental of numerals. This grant funds summer school programs for high school and elementary school students focused on Literacy and Math instruction.

#03-100, Harvard University Supplemental Grant Award, FY02-03: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant award named below in the amount and for the period indicated:

1. Harvard University, project/grant SC03729, in the Original Amount of \$24,000.00, Supplemental Amount of \$13,496.00 for a Total Grant of \$37,496.00, for the period of May 31, 2002 to June 30, 2003. This grant is a supplemental amendment to the original grant that was approved on the June 3, 2003 School Committee Meeting. These funds are to reimburse Cambridge Public Schools for the salary of a K-12 Science Teacher.

#03-101, FY2003-2004 Statutory Transfers for Consolidation Plan Budgets: that the School Committee approve the following transfers of appropriation within the General Fund budget for FY2003-04 to reallocate funds among the various statutory appropriation categories;

<u>Statutory Category</u>	<u>Increase Amount</u>	<u>Decrease Amount</u>
51000 Salaries, Wages & Benefits	0	(\$144,950)
52000/55000 Supplies, Services & Materials	\$144,950	0
57000 Travel & Training	0	0
58000/59000 Debt Service & Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total: General Fund	\$144,950	(\$144,950)

These transfers are related to the Elementary Consolidation Plan transition budgets that were approved for three schools - Kennedy/Longfellow, King Open and Peabody. Each school received an additional \$260,000 to be expended as determined by the Principals. We initially budgeted the \$260,000 amounts in the Salaries and Wages statutory category, pending decisions by each Principal how they would expend the funds. They have now made those determinations and these transfers will move the budgets into the proper statutory categories.

Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding YEA, Mr. Price YEA, Ms. Turkel YEA, Ms. Walser YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mayor Sullivan YEA.

On a motion by Ms. Turkel, seconded by Mr. Harding, it was voted to suspend the Rules for Legal Counsel to speak to the comments made earlier in the meeting regarding personnel actions.

Ms. MacFarlane was heard. Ms. Turkel raised a question on the appropriateness of referring the matter to the Superintendent for a response. Ms. MacFarlane was heard. A question was raised on what role the School Committee could play to resolve this issue. Ms. MacFarlane responded that the Superintendent is in charge of such matters. Ms. Turkel asked that the matter be referred to the Interim Superintendent for a response to the signatories on the letter. It was pointed out that the School Committee cannot become involved in personnel matters and raised a question on what staffing policies are in place. Ms. MacFarlane was heard. The Superintendent was asked to clarify in her response to parents how hiring committees fit into the process and the responsibility of Principals for supervision of teachers in their buildings. Ms. Turkel moved that the Superintendent notify the School Committee if deviation from common practice did happen and also that she bring forward a recommendation for any changes she deems appropriate for the School Committee to vote on. On a motion by Mr. Fantini, seconded by Mr. Price, it was voted to suspend the Rules to allow Baldwin School parents to speak again. Ms. MacFarlane advised Members that discussing personnel issues in an open meeting will be in violation of the Open Meeting Law.

The following issues were raised by Baldwin parents:

- Another letter is not needed as Interim Superintendent Turk already sent two letters
- Ms. Allen has had six months to respond to the letter regarding policy
- Teacher in question was not on the list to be evaluated
- What can be done to immediately remedy an incorrect process that happened a year ago
- Why was the letter that the PTO sent in January never answered

The Chair responded that the January letter was sent to a former Superintendent who chose not to answer.

Mr. Fantini moved the adoption of Ms. Turkel's motion. On a voice vote, the following motion was adopted as amended: That the Superintendent write a letter explaining our policy history of this particular case and whether or not deviation of common practice did or did not happen; further that the Committee receive a recommendation for any changes that she deems appropriate to insure that this does not happen in the future.

At this time, the Chair returned to the Agenda.

Reconsideration of Votes Taken at Previous Meeting: None

Unfinished Business

On a motion by Ms. Turkel, seconded by Ms. Walser, it was voted to remove Recommendation #03-080, Promotion Policy and Administrative Guidelines, from the Calendar and place it on the Table.

Ms. Turkel removed a Report requesting a recommendation for a process of evaluating and monitoring schools, and offered the following amendments: add "affected by the Consolidation Plan" to the end of the sentence and change "by the first meeting in June" to "by the end of September". On a voice vote, the amendments were accepted and the matter placed back on Awaiting Report. The Superintendent was asked to make Dr. Fowler-Finn aware of the request.

School Committee's Consent Agenda

Mr. Fantini moved, seconded by Mr. Grassi, for adoption of items #1 through #11. Mr. Grassi removed #8 and #9. Ms. Walser removed #10 and #11. On the following roll call, the remaining items were adopted:

- 1, **Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Superintendency** (Committee of the Whole), March 4, 2003.
- 2, **Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Superintendency** (Committee of the Whole), March 13, 2003.
- 3, **Letter from the Executive Secretary** to the School Committee requesting permission to carry over vacation days.
- 4, **Letter dated July 8, 2003** from Paul Toner, President, CTA, requesting a Level III grievance.
- 5, **Invoice for \$5,285.00** from Massachusetts Association of School Committees for annual dues.
- 6, **Invoice for \$3,150.00** from National School Boards Association for Annual National Affiliate Membership dues.
- 7, **Motion by Mayor Sullivan** that the School Committee convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding YEA, Mr. Price YEA, Ms. Turkel YEA, Ms. Walser YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mayor Sullivan YEA.

Superintendent's Non-Consent Agenda

Mr. Grassi asked the Superintendent if appeals could go to someone else in the administration rather than the Superintendent. The Superintendent was heard. Mr. Grassi moved an amendment that the language be changed to Superintendent "or his/her designee". Ms. Turkel raised a question on what would designee's power be. The Superintendent was heard. On a voice vote, **#03-082, Approval of Modifications to Cambridge Public Schools Rights and Responsibilities Handbook**, was adopted, as amended, as follows: that the School Committee approve the modifications to the Cambridge Public Schools Rights and Responsibilities Handbook as detailed in the document. Further, that within the document where appeals are not granted, the language be changed to the Superintendent "or his/her designee".

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 71, section 37H each school district is required to publish its policies pertaining to its codes of conduct and discipline. The document sets forth the codes of conduct and discipline for students attending school in the Cambridge Public Schools.

To improve the clarity and understanding of the document, the violations set forth in section 14 of the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook have been revised into categories of offenses; the numbering throughout the document has been made consistent; references to the Deputy Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent have been replaced with references to either the Chief Operating Officer or to the Superintendent's designee, as appropriate; and the description of the attendance policy in section 2 has been updated to include the attendance policy for CRLS. Additionally, language changes have been made in sections 14 and 19 to clarify that (A) display, use or possession of alcohol or drugs on school property is not tolerated (see, e.g., section 14.3 (c)(v)&(vi) and section 19.1 and section 19.4 (f)); (B) use of language or gestures that are obscene, improper, derogatory or offensive will not be tolerated (see, e.g., section 14.3 (d)(vi)); (C) sounding false alarms that endanger the safety of others, cause disruption of the school day or activities or the making of bombs or other types of false threats will not be tolerated (see, e.g., section 14.3(e)(iii), (viii), (ix) and (x) and section 14.5) and (D) engaging in activities or bringing objects of no reasonable use in the school setting to school or to school related events will not be tolerated (see, e.g., section 14.3 (f)(vi)&(vii)).

Mr. Grassi asked for clarification on the McKinney Partners and why an administrator needs to attend the conference. The Superintendent was heard. On a motion by Mr. Grassi, on the following roll call, **#03-096, Request for Travel**, was adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve the request for travel, for LENORE PRUESER, Director, in an amount not to exceed \$750.00 to attend the Continue work with McKinney Partners, in Houston, Texas: Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding YEA, Mr. Price YEA, Ms. Turkel YEA, Ms. Walser YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mayor Sullivan YEA. Mr. Grassi requested and received unanimous consent to be recorded on the above roll call as PRESENT, not voting, on pages 134, 165, 178 and 179.

School Committee Non-Consent Agenda

Mr. Grassi moved an amendment to his motion: that each school Principal be responsible for posting the Minutes in each school lobby for members of the public to view. On a voice vote, the following was adopted:

- 8, Motion by Mr. Grassi** that the Minutes, once approved by the School Committee, be posted on the School Committee web site, was adopted, as amended, as follows: That the Minutes, once approved by the School Committee, be posted on the School Committee web site. Further, that each school Principal be responsible for posting the Minutes in each school lobby for members of the public to review.

Mayor Sullivan moved an amendment to include Morris Gentile whose hand was injured by a falling light fixture. Mr. Grassi accepted the amendment. On a voice vote, the following motion was adopted as amended:

- 9, Motion by Mr. Grassi** that the School Committee wish Jim Rita and Morris Gentile both a speedy recovery.

Ms. Walser asked the Superintendent to speak to **#10 and #11**. The Superintendent and Mr. Maloney were heard. On a voice vote, the following was adopted:

- 10, Motion by Ms. Walser** that the Interim Superintendent update the School Committee on the steps that will be taken to inform bilingual families of the new options for their choice of programs in the wake of the Legislative vote.

- 11, Motion by Ms. Walser** that the Interim Superintendent update the School Committee on the progress of the moving of schools and the professional development occurring as part of the Elementary Schools Consolidation Plan.

Late Orders

On a motion by Ms. Turkel, seconded by Mr. Fantini, it was voted that the School Committee receive a report showing whether families making choices had a geographical preference.

Ms. Turkel moved, seconded unanimously, it was voted that the Executive Secretary create a resolution thanking Acting Superintendent Turk for her service and that it speak to the difficult times during which she served.

On a motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Grassi, it was voted to adjourn (8:15 p.m.).

Adjourned
Marilyn Y. Bradshaw
Executive Secretary to the School Committee