

## ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Library  
R.J. Grey Junior High School

August 3, 2006  
7:00 p.m.

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*Members Present:* John Ryder, Marie Altieri, Jonathan Chinitz, Michael Coppelino,  
Terry Lindgren, Sharon Smith McManus,  
*Also Present:* William Ryan, George Frost, Susan Horn, Elizabeth Huber,  
citizens and press

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairperson, and the Committee went into Joint Session.

*The Acton meeting was suspended at 9:48 p.m.  
The Acton meeting resumed at 10:00 pm.*

### **CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION**

#### **STATEMENT OF WARRANT**

Warrant #2006-26 in the amount of \$169,364.20, warrant #2007-01 in the amount of \$190,987.90 and warrant #2007-02 in the amount of \$150,855.72 were signed by the chairperson and circulated to the rest of the Committee for signatures.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of June 29, 2006 were approved as read.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **1. Capital Planning Presentation**

- John Ryder gave the Capital Planning presentation. He reported that he, George Frost and JD Head had met to develop a multi-year capital plan (prioritized list and cost) for the schools. The facility items included boilers, roofs, univents, equipment (truck and mower). In addition, \$100,000 was added in years 1 and 2 for technology. John also referred to a possible funding timeline. Potential funding sources are the operating budget, bonded gap indebtedness, and reserve funds. Debt service is dropping over next few years, which presents an opportunity to reallocate funds. The schools' list and the town's items will be brought to the State of the Town meeting this fall.
- Marie Altieri commented that the ALG needs to discuss funding sources now. She added that we also need a plan to fund technology. Terry Lindgren said that CTAC was discussing this. John Ryder suggested that the administration designate a placeholder in the budget of some amount for technology.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. FY'07 Staffing Update**

- George Frost referred to the new staff members. We have hired approximately 16 new professional staff to date. He also referred to the list of leaves, retirements and resignations included in the packet.

**2. Student Enrollment Update**

- George Frost reported that we have placed about 40 new students, and there may be about 15 coming in next week. Kindergarten registration at present is at 309, which is about 40 less than the projections. George mentioned that he has a few concerns about the short waiting lists for All-Day K. Class sizes look good; we are averaging 21 students per section. Grade 1 enrollment at present is 314, which is under the projection.

**NEXT MEETING: September 21, 7:30 pm, at McCarthy-Towne School**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah T. Lawton, Secretary