

**JOINT
ACTON/ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Library
R.J. Grey Junior High School

February 10, 2009
8:35 pm

<i>Members Present:</i>	Jonathan Chinitz, Heather Harer, Brigid Bieber, Michael Coppolino, Xuan Kong, Sharon Smith McManus, Maria Neyland, John Petersen, Bruce Sabot
<i>Also Present:</i>	Susan Horn, Marie Altieri, Liza Huber, Sharon Summers, other staff, citizens & press

The joint meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m. by Jonathan Chinitz and Heather Harer, respective Committee chairs.

CHAIRPERSONS' INTRODUCTION

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Superintendent Search Process

- Heather Harer, chair of the search committee, thanked both Dr. Richard Hoffman and Dr. Stephen Mills, the two finalists for the Acton/ AB Superintendency, for spending the day in Acton/ Acton-Boxborough. She noted that both candidates met with School Committee members, administrators, staff, and parents. She shared some information about the candidates, volunteered from their respective communities, Ashland and Worcester. John Petersen reported on the meeting he, Jonathan Chinitz and Xuan Kong attended at Worcester, run by Dr. Mills last night. He said it was a 'listening' meeting and dealt with a wide range of issues. He was very impressed. Dr Hoffman did not have any comparable meeting scheduled.
- School Committee members gave their assessments of both candidates, and discussed their strengths, weaknesses, and suitability for Acton and Acton-Boxborough schools.
- Marc Lewis, speaking on behalf of the Acton Education Association, thanked Heather Harer for her sensitive and capable leadership on the search committee, and added that the teachers will welcome and support the new superintendent.
- Acton-Boxborough School Committee action:
It was moved, seconded and unanimously
VOTED: To appoint Dr. Stephen Mills to the position of Superintendent of the Acton Public Schools and the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District, subject to successful Contract negotiation.
- Acton Public School Committee action:
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Dr. Mills brings strength in leadership, while focusing on working to ensure the success of each student. He is held in high regard by his colleagues and others in the state education community. Dr. Mills has a great deal of respect for teachers and staff, and his strong people skills will help the transition to a new school district. Teachers and parents describe him as a fair and honest person with the highest level of integrity. It is a pleasure to welcome Stephen Mills to the Acton and Boxborough communities

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING: February 26, 6:30 pm, JH Library

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah T. Lawton, Secretary