

**Wellesley Public Schools
School Committee Meeting – July 27, 2011
Superintendent’s Conference Room**

The meeting convened at 9 a.m. Those present included Chair Suzy Littlefield, members Diane Campbell, KC Kato, Ilissa Povich, and Wendy Paul; Superintendent Bella Wong, Assistant Superintendent Salvatore Petralia; Director of Technology Rob Ford; and Student Congress representative Adam Chernew. Ms. Kato announced that a local newspaper reporter is recording the meeting.

TECHNOLOGY FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Technology Director Rob Ford presented an overview of the new high school technology plan and correlating budget, totaling \$2,189,257.62. A copy of his presentation is attached hereto. The cost as presented includes all required computers, printers and peripherals, audio visual equipment, language lab, video production and broadcast, network infrastructure, servers and thin clients, and systems integration. Mr. Ford noted that the majority of computers will be transferred from the current school, an additional 120 new computers are needed to support new and expanded labs, and there are 11 additional computers needed for miscellaneous purposes. He also mentioned that the quantity of printers has been reduced, and low volume inkjets are being replaced with more energy efficient workgroup laser printers. He reviewed the audio/visual equipment in a typical classroom, and the makeup of the language lab. Mr. Ford reviewed the network infrastructure, indicating it is designed to support the anticipated heavy load in the new building. He reviewed the key design elements of the network, provided an overview of the network’s servers and thin clients, and a breakdown of the total budget.

After questions and discussion, upon a motion made by Ms. Kato and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the Committee unanimously **VOTED** to approve the budget as presented for the new high school technology plan.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Campbell reported the AdHoc Facilities Maintenance Committee is meeting this evening. The Committee has met with representatives from Schools, General Government, and Turner Construction. The goal is to have a presentation ready for a fall Town Meeting if one is held.

Ms. Kato reported Middle School construction is progressing. Demolition work started one week ago; the asbestos abatement has been completed.

Ms. Paul and Ms. Kato reported they met with the Advisory liaisons to the School Committee concerning budgeting. The liaisons have requested a meeting with School Committee members and staff to discuss process and timing as it relates to budget preparation, and the need for additional information in order to better support the School’s budget.

Ms. Povich reported she and Diane Campbell are reviewing the School Committee Policies book to ensure policies are up to date and consistent with school handbooks and statutes. She also indicated the High School Celebrations Committee are working on a ‘yard sale’ as one of the many planned events.

Ms. Littlefield commended Mr. Ford on his recent presentation to the Sustainable Energy Committee. She also reported that the WMLP is moving one of the solar panels at the current high school to the Middle School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Wong reported the new Facilities Director, Joseph McDonough, officially starts on August 1st. He has already met with the PBC and will be involved with onsite meetings. Ms. Wong also informed the Committee that the position of Department Head of Special Education at the Middle School has not yet been filled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Ms. Campbell and seconded by Ms. Povich, the Committee unanimously VOTED to enter into executive session to discuss collective bargaining and potential litigation. The Chair polled each member and each voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Secretary