

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, June 6, 2011**

**Newburyport City Hall  
Meeting Convened at 8:39 PM**

**City Hall Auditorium  
Bruce Menin Presided**

**Present: Steve Cole, Cheryl Sweeney, Bruce Menin, Mayor Donna Holaday,  
Stephanie Weaver, Nick deKanter, Dan Koen**

Bruce Menin called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:39 PM

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Motions**

**Warrants:**

On a motion by Cheryl Sweeney and seconded by Stephanie Weaver it was

**VOTED:** To approve, receive and forward to the City Auditor for payment the following warrant:  
**\$274,145.38**

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

On a motion by Cheryl Sweeney and seconded by Stephanie Weaver it was

**VOTED:** To approve, receive and forward to the City Auditor for payment the following warrant:  
**\$24,281.45**

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Minutes**

On a motion by Stephanie Weaver and seconded by Nick deKanter it was

**VOTED:** To approve, receive and file the Newburyport School Committee meeting minutes of Monday, May 16, 2011 as amended.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**VOTE REGARDING FEASIBILITY STUDY:**

**Motion**

On a motion by Stephanie Weaver and seconded by Nick deKanter it was

**VOTED:** The Newburyport School Committee votes to forward a bond request to the City Council for an appropriation of \$650,000 for a feasibility study in collaboration with the Massachusetts School Building Authority Model Schools program for the building of the Francis T. Bresnahan Elementary School at 333 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950

**Discussion:**

Bruce Menin stated this will be presented to the City Council at the next meeting.

Steve Cole stated that in the late 60's we had the opportunity to build the Molin west end school; since then we have labored long and hard to keep up – we need technology. There is an escalating cost of construction. We should do this now – it is a great thing for the community.

Stephanie Weaver thanked Senator Badour and Representative Costello for their help.

Dan Koen stated the five year plan was last funded in '08.

Nick deKanter stated we are at a critical point in the history of our schools. If we have good attractive elementary schools our students will be excited about learning – we have two opportunities to address our schools.

### **Motion Passed Unanimously**

#### **Motion**

On a motion by Stephanie Weaver and seconded by Mayor Holaday it was

**VOTED:** The Newburyport School Committee votes to forward a bond request to the City Council for an appropriation of \$500,000 for a feasibility study in collaboration with the Massachusetts School Building Authority program for the renovation of the Rupert A. Nock Middle/Edward G. Molin Upper Elementary School building at 70 Low Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

#### **Discussion:**

Stephanie Weaver stated they recently took City Councilors on a tour of the Rupert Nock/Edward Molin Schools. You can see through the building in the nurses office; she described the slip and slides throughout the building to contain the water leakage. We need to take care of this now.

### **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Superintendent Dr. Kerble thanked Assistant Superintendent Farrell and Steve Bergholm for all their hard work.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION PROCESS:**

Superintendent Dr. Kerble stated this is due by the end of the month. He passed out a memo from Murphy/Lamere & Murphy, P.C., Attorneys at Law, and read the last page (as follows):

1. All discussions by the School Committee regarding the process to be followed and the evaluation of the superintendent must take place in open session. As part of that discussion, the School Committee should include a determination of whether the compilation of the individual evaluations will be conducted by a nonmember, or a determination that such is not a practical option and designate the chair or another member to compile the evaluation.
2. School Committee members may each complete an individual evaluation of the Superintendent. These evaluations constitute public documents.
3. School Committee members may submit their individual evaluations to the person designated. Once the individual evaluations are submitted for compilation, there should be no further discussion among members regarding the content of the evaluation outside of a public meeting.
4. Discussion and adoption of the aggregate evaluation document must take place at an open meeting. This aggregate evaluation will constitute a public document.
5. Should the Committee choose to utilize a community feedback survey, to be completed by non-Committee members, then those documents do not constitute public records.

#### **Discussion:**

Nick deKanter stated this process is consistent in what we have done in the past with one further step. The Superintendent has a set of objectives – give the Superintendent a format of objectives – he will answer with comments on his performance in one week. Distribute this to Committee members. At a public meeting Committee members will discuss this publicly.

Bruce Menin said community feedback will be done at a later evaluation.

Nick deKanter said this is worth discussion.

Cheryl Sweeney asked for goals/objectives now.

**Motion**

On a motion by Stephanie Weaver and seconded by Dan Koen it was

**VOTED:** To adopt the process of the evaluation of the Superintendent as outlined by Nick deKanter.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion**

On a motion by Cheryl Sweeney and seconded by Stephanie Weaver it was

**VOTED:** To adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Dr. Ralph Orlando, 4 Wm. Hall DR. CONCERN:** The model school was not on the agenda – he cautioned that this has to be a community endeavor. He commented on the Senior Center and the athletic fields going away. He asked if we have the resources to make things happen. The bank doesn't come without a teacher.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion**

On a motion by Stephanie Weaver and seconded by Cheryl Sweeney it was

**VOTED:** To adjourn the meeting at 9:52 PM.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**