

**SCITUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009
TOWN CHAMBERS HALL**

CALL TO ORDER

45-1

The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Marcure at 6:30 PM.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Umbriano, to move to Executive Session 42-46-5(a)2. The Committee unanimously agreed.

The Regular School Committee reconvened at 7:10 PM.

Mr. LaPlante moved to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Mrs. Archambault seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

Present were Patricia Archambault, Ernie Marcure, Brian LaPlante Marylou Umbriano, and June Guglielmi. Also present were Paul Lescault, Superintendent of Schools, and Kristen Stringfellow, Assistant Superintendent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

45-2

Led by Chair Marcure, the Committee and audience participated in a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

45-3

Mrs. Umbriano moved, seconded by Mr. LaPlante, to approve the minutes of the Special Committee Meeting of November 24, 2008. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Mrs. Umbriano moved, seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of Tuesday, February 3, 2009. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Mrs. Umbriano moved, seconded by Mrs. Archambault, to approve the minutes of the Regular School Committee Session of Tuesday, February 3, 2009. The Committee unanimously agreed.

**MONTHLY PAYABLES
NEW BUDGET**

45-4

Mrs. Umbriano moved, seconded by Mr. LaPlante, that the Committee approve the New Budget Bills 2009 for the month of March in the amount of \$322,612.69. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

GRANT BILLS

45-5

Mrs. Umbriano moved, seconded by Mrs. Archambault, that the Committee approve the Grant Bills for the month of March in the amount of \$87,100.72. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

BOND BILLS

45-6

Mrs. Umbriano moved, seconded by Mrs. Archambault to approve the Bond Bills for the month of March in the amount of \$1,277.71. The Committee unanimously agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

45-7

1. A letter to Chair Marcure from Kristen Stringfellow resigning from her position as Assistant Superintendent effective June 30, 2009.
2. A letter to Chair Marcure from Jerome P. Egan, Assistant Executive Director, NEARI, requesting specific financial information to clarify the school committee's request for consideration of wage concessions for the Scituate Educational Support Personnel.
3. A letter to Chair Marcure from John Liedecker, Assistant Executive Director, NEARI, requesting specific financial information to clarify the

school committee's request for consideration of wage concessions for the Scituate Teachers' Paraprofessionals.

4. A letter to Chair Marcure from Thomas R. Landry, NEARI, requesting specific financial information to clarify the school committee's request for consideration for wage concessions for the Scituate Teachers' Association.
5. A letter to the school committee from Deborah Gamelin requesting to combine 120 long-term sick days, 10 short-term sick days, 3 personal days and 2 days of literacy coaching activities to qualify for retirement due to illness.

1. Recommendation: Accept the resignation with regret.

Mrs. Umbriano moved, seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi, to accept the resignation with regret. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Chair Marcure thanked Dr. Stringfellow for her years of service to the district, beginning as Principal of Clayville School before becoming Assistant Superintendent. Since 1995, Dr. Stringfellow has brought a lot to the Scituate School System and will be greatly missed. With heartfelt appreciation, the committee wished Dr. Stringfellow the best of luck in her new position.

2. Recommendation: Provide financial information as requested.
3. Recommendation: Provide financial information as requested.
4. Recommendation: Provide financial information as requested.

Chair Marcure stated Mr. Landry has received the financial information requested.

Mrs. Umbriano moved, seconded by Mrs. Archambault to provide financial information requested to the above mentioned parties. The Committee unanimously agreed.

5. Recommendation: Approve request.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Umbriano, to approve the request to combine long-term sick days, short-term sick days, personal days and literacy coaching days to qualify for retirement. The Committee unanimously agreed.

45-8

REPORT OF COMMITTEE LIAISONS

BUDGET

Mrs. Archambault stated Dr. Lescault will discuss the budget in the Superintendent's Report.

CURRICULUM

Chair Marcure stated the committee is trying to create a well-balanced curriculum. Elective course curriculum was discussed with department chairs to enhance and improve students' experience in the school.

FOOD SERVICES

Mrs. Umbriano stated Scituate now will be sharing an Aramark manager with Smithfield School Department.

SPACE NEEDS

Chair Marcure stated nothing to report.

HEALTH/

Mrs. Guglielmi stated a meeting was scheduled for March 19th.

**WELLNESS
NEGOTIATIONS**

Chair Marcure stated negotiations are ongoing. Mr. Przybyla needs a final decision (school budget reduction) by Friday to prepare the final Town Budget for the Financial Town Meeting.

POLICY

Chair Marcure asked Mr. LaPlante if information has been compiled on the pay-to-play suggestion. Mr. LaPlante will provide information to Chair Marcure.

RIASC

Mrs. Archambault stated RIASC has been holding workshops regarding communication; however the recent workshops have been geared to newer school committee members.

**SAFETY AND
TRANSPORTATION**

Mrs. Umbriano is still waiting to hear status on application to Town Safety Committee. Chair Marcure communicated to Town Council need to have a school committee as a member of the Town Safety Committee. Mrs. Umbriano also suggested to President Budway to have a current school committee on town committee, specifically one who is also doing Safety and Transportation for the schools to tie everything together.

**SCITUATE ADVOCATES
FOR EVERYONE (SAFE)**

Chair Marcure stated a co-chair has been selected. Mrs. McCormick has done an excellent job working with students with SADD but also the entire school population. Currently, Mrs. McCormick is coordinating a program called American Athletes to address athletes in terms of behavior, choices, etc. regarding drug/alcohol abuse, speeding. SAFE will provide funding for John Underwood, national speaker for this event. There will also be a presentation for parents and students before the prom which will include roll-over car simulator. The 8th grade dance is June 5th and the prom is May 29th.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Chair Marcure stated nothing to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Chair Marcure stated this Townwide Finance Committee is now the Budget Committee consisting of Ted Przybyla, Peggy Long, Karen Beattie and Chair Marcure. At the February Town Council meeting, Mr. Przybyla presented the town budget and Chair Marcure discussed the school budget. Chair Marcure stated Town Council was in deficit by approximately \$320,000. By reducing the fund balance by \$200,000, the deficit decreased to \$120,000. The town also laid off six people which reduced the \$120,000 deficit to \$0.00.

Scituate School Department has 280 employees and those employees were asked to agree to a wage freeze. Rather than a 1.8 increase in the school budget, Mr. Przybyla is requesting a 0 increase which would equate to approximately \$500,000. If all groups, excluding teachers, agree to wage freeze, approximately \$200,000 would be generated and if teachers agree to wage freeze, approximately \$300,000 would be generated. This \$500,000 would fulfill Town Council's needs. Negotiations are still ongoing. If the stimulus package does come to fruition, the committee will reassess needs.

BOND

Chair Marcure stated nothing to report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mrs. Guglielmi stated nothing to report.

**45-9
UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There is no unfinished business for the month of March.

**45-10
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**HIGH SCHOOL
ELECTIVES
COURSE/ENROLLMENT
CAP**

Dr. Stringfellow stated the additional high school courses brought to the committee's attention last month in areas of Art, Family/Consumer Science, Industrial Technology, and English will be voted on under New Business.

Dr. Stringfellow stated after the meeting requested by Chair Marcure, the department chair personnel and elective personnel expressed a deep concern that the cap of 15 in enrollment was making it impossible to run many of the courses. Chair Marcure responded to consider a cap of 12 which will be voted on under Unfinished Business.

Chair Marcure stated in the future one area being looked at is eliminating corrective literacy and instead have the students in a classroom as the corrective literacy does not seem to truly benefit the students.

Dr. Stringfellow stated what has been discussed this year and been included in course proposals is since 9th graders don't attend directed literacy because they are attending fundamentals of writing course is instead having a fundamental of writing course for sophomores which could be projected upward for juniors and seniors.

Chair Marcure stated the students and parents can decide what courses best suit needs but it is believed these elective changes will benefit the students in the long run.

Mrs. Archambault asked what the cap was prior to the cap of 15.

Dr. Stringfellow replied 10; it was increased to 15 last year. However, there was an exception clause so for example, if a student has been in pipeline for four years, Spanish IV or Calculus would run at the discretion of the School Committee as an "exception" to the cap.

Mrs. Guglielmi believed last year there was discussion of combing classes such as Spanish III and Spanish IV.

Dr. Stringfellow confirmed that is occurring currently.

Chair Marcure informed attendees some of the Honors students may sign up for a class and then drop out due to level of difficulty after a few weeks dropping the enrollment number to below the cap leaving those other students still enrolled and/or needing that course to be out of luck.

Mrs. Archambault asked if the cap is 15 and if there is flexibility built in, is the program still not being successful.

Dr. Stringfellow stated it is really for the exceptions such as Spanish IV or Calculus. The Committee last year wished to keep the cap at 15 and in select cases, it would be reviewed by the committee. Last year many elective courses fell below.

Mrs. Archambault asked what is trying to be accomplished by raising the cap to 12.

Chair Marcure stated by bringing the cap, this year, to 12 would give the departments a chance to draw the students in to the courses. The teachers condensed the course offerings which should eliminate less number of students being spread out in more classes.

Mrs. Archambault asked if cap is at 15 and the enrollment is not there, what happens. Does the student take another elective?

Dr. Lescault stated the student would need to select something else.

Dr. Stringfellow stated the student would meet with Guidance Counselor and select

from available course electives based on schedule.

**STAFF DRESS CODE
POLICY & NO FOOD OR
DRINK IN
CLASSROOMS POLICY**

At the request of Chair Marcure, middle and high school staff and parents as well as other Rhode Island districts were surveyed. That information was presented to the School Committee at the February meeting. The Committee received copies of the feedback received from our elementary schools and Wellness Committee. This feedback is in general agreement with the feedback received from the middle and high school. In summary the feedback is as follows:

Dress Code

- Business casual.
- Teachers need to be able to comfortably move around the classroom to get work done.
- Administrators should address inappropriate dress with the individual staff member.

Food and Drink

- Snacks are needed at the elementary level and when there is inclement weather those snacks are consumed indoors.
- Water bottles and covered cups should be allowed for staff and students (particularly at North Scituate School where there is a water problem).

Chair Marcure asked status of water problem in North Scituate. Chair Marcure believed the same kind of minerals being deposited by the Water Board for the city of Providence were supposed to be deposited in Scituate as well.

Dr. Lescault will confirm with Mr. Gormley and report back to Chair Marcure.

Based on emails Mrs. Umbriano has received from parents, some of the parents seem angry a survey was done on the food and drink policy and Mrs. Umbriano asked if an explanation accompanied the survey indicating the safety issue.

Dr. Stringfellow understood the surveys in the elementary schools were addressed in the newsletter and if parents were interested in providing feedback, to send along to the principal and/or attend the informational session held at the school. The middle school and high school principals handled it in a different way because their communication structure is different.

Mrs. Umbriano stated it did not seem the elementary parents understood the reason for implementing this policy.

Dr. Stringfellow stated feedback received from elementary parents overall was positive. Dr. Stringfellow did not attend the informational meeting but Drs. Lescault and Stringfellow asked the principals to discuss the safety issue with parents.

Mrs. Archambault asked if each site principal was delegated the task of the survey.

Dr. Stringfellow replied yes.

Mrs. Archambault asked if it was handled individually.

Dr. Stringfellow stated the administrators were informed at the administrators meeting and all were given same direction but each made germane to own site. At the middle school and high school everything is done through the List Serve yet the elementary school principals felt the newsletter was more effective communication method.

**TEEN DATING POLICY
FOLLOW-UP**

Committee members received copies of the "to do list" to be in compliance with the Teen Dating Violence and Bullying Policy that the School Committee approved at the February meeting. Dr. Filippelli has volunteered to address all of these items

with his District Crisis Response Team. Dr. Filippelli will then forward the protocols and procedures to the Committee's attention. Now that the policy is in place, it is an appropriate time to develop these protocols and procedures.

Chair Marcure believed this program will help students as some students would continue negative or abusive relationships unless a friend or someone less stepped in and did/said something.

**INFORMATIONAL
ITEMS**

- Dr. Stringfellow attended the celebration (on February 10th) in Shannon Donovan's classroom when National Grid awarded a \$1500 check to the students of Scituate High School on behalf of their Project Need efforts. The students plan to spend the cash award on another solar panel for the roof of Scituate High School, which will assist with heating the building in a very "green" way.
- Dr. Stringfellow participated in the paraprofessional negotiations with Dr. Myers, Mr. Marcure and Mrs. Umbriano on February 12th and 24th.
- Dr. Stringfellow facilitated the grade 5 elementary teacher interviews on February 23rd.
- Dr. Stringfellow attended the Dana Center training in mathematics education at RIDE on February 25th.
- Dr. Stringfellow attended a First Steps training session on February 25th (Superintendent's Meeting).
- Dr. Stringfellow attended the secondary level RTI training on February 26th at Providence College.
- Dr. Stringfellow attended the Title I Parent Involvement training on February 27th.

Chair Marcure stated the projects completed were very impressive and the students put in a lot of hard work. Chair Marcure suggested to Ms. Donovan a wind turbine at Scituate and Mrs. Guglielmi suggested generating energy for lighting the athletic fields.

Mrs. Archambault added Portsmouth is doing that already (wind turbine and providing electricity for the town).

**OUR KIDS WIN!
FUNDRAISING
OPPORTUNITY**

Our Kids Win! is a unique approach to augmenting funding for school programs and activities. It is a shopping rewards program that pays a cash rebate to the school district on purchases that community members make at over 500 participating businesses. The communities of East Greenwich and Smithfield are currently using this system. It provides the following:

- A district (and school) website which includes all software and training to design the website and publish current content. The sign-up for this fundraising program exists on the website.
- Access to an online mall (and also local shops) where stores offer 2-30% cash back to the school district with every purchase.
- A field person to get interested parents and staff registered (which includes providing contact information and registering their credit card and/or debit card in the system).
- No out-of-pocket expense to the district or families who purchase.
- For the first 6 months, 100% of the rebates are sent to the district. During the second six months, 1/3 of the rebate is sent directly to the district and 2/3 of the rebates are used to satisfy program fees to produce and maintain the school and district website. Once the program fees are satisfied, 100% of the rebates come to the school again.
- Rebate funds will be directly deposited into either a 501(c) (3) non-profit account twice annually or into a revolving account. Rebates cannot be submitted to the general town account (because the fundraising agents want to guarantee that the funds will be used for the schools and not other town

departments).

- Parents can specify a specific school, multiple schools or the entire district as recipients of the funds.
- Parents can change their participation at any time. A check and a detailed report will be submitted to the district twice annually.
- Funds can be spent by the district immediately in any manner as determined by the district. Funds can also be carried over and saved for a later date.

With the Committee's permission, Dr. Stringfellow would like to authorize Our Kids Win! to design a website and start this fundraiser as of September 2009 (when it can be launched for staff and families). Hopefully this program will serve to augment the local budget.

Mrs. Umbriano stated there is a program currently with Target where shopper indicates which school will receive cash back for percentage of purchase and Mrs. Umbriano believes checks have been submitted to Scituate.

Dr. Stringfellow stated the Our Kids Win program differs in that shopper must start at Scituate web site and then select store of choice. Dr. Stringfellow will review with Mark DiLuglio and will report back to the committee at a later date.

ANNUAL SCHOOL HEALTH REPORT

Committee members received copies of the Annual School Health Report sent to RIDE on 2-23-09. Thanks to Jean Angell, Steve Gormley, Colleen McCann and Eileen Prochet for their assistance in compiling this annual report. Scituate is in very good shape with regard to district and school health services.

BULLYING REPORTS

Committee members received copies of the Semi-Annual Bullying Report from each school.

Chair Marcure thanked Dr. Stringfellow, Ms. Bower and Ms. Smith for putting together a report on the amount of money which could be saved when meeting with the various groups regarding negotiations. Chair Marcure appreciated all of the hard work provided by the team.

**45-11
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

BUDGET

Dr. Lescault hoped to report on status of the budget however due to unknown stimulus packages and state aid at this time, Dr. Lescault will provide report at April's meeting.

WAGE FREEZE

Drs. Lescault and Myers, Chair Marcure and Mrs. Umbriano met with each of the employee groups to discuss a wage freeze for the 12-month period beginning July 1. These meetings were at the request of the Town Council and with the approval of the School Committee. All groups were open to the possibility of a wage freeze if it applies to all employees and the need for it can be documented.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee met again during the month of February and approved the design development drawings for the MS/HS project. The project continues to comply with program requirements, is below project budget, and ahead of schedule.

EXIT RAMP

The Building Committee was asked by the police chief and others to consider developing an alternative to the current steep exit ramp from the lower high school parking lot to Rockland Road. The Committee concurred that the current exit is a safety issue and asked Torrado Architects to develop a preliminary design to address the problem. However, this item was not part of the original project. Dr. Lescault and Chair Marcure believe the School Committee should consider using funds from the current School Department budget, if necessary, to construct a new ramp.

Chair Marcure added this project is expected to be completed by September.

Mrs. Archambault asked what happens if the project is under budget. Can that money be used elsewhere? There will be things along the way but wanted to know if that money would still be available to the school if the project falls under budget.

Dr. Lescault stated building enhancement can be done.

**SUCCESSION
PLANNING**

The Succession Planning CD has arrived. Drs. Lescault and Stringfellow have listened to it and prepared a summary of it for the administrators. The CD is available for members of the School Committee who wish to listen to it either individually or as a group.

Mrs. Archambault asked for a brief summary.

Dr. Stringfellow stated the CD discusses identifying employee talent within organization at an early stage. When an employee is first hired, perform a job preference type of interview and provide those employees opportunities for professional development and shadowing, mentoring, coaching, creating projects, being on project teams, etc. This will create a pipeline of talent always ready to move into the next level should a change occur in leadership. It also mentioned the importance of being proactive versus reactive very early on and encouraging employees along the way, especially in areas of interest. There was also discussion of the halo effect where some employees may want to be leaders but they're not quite ready and to identify things which employee needs to address prior to moving to next level. In some companies, a manager was not able to promote to another position unless there was someone to take his/her place which helps to avoid 'hoarding' where managers don't allow best employees to move forward which in turn leads to resignation.

Mrs. Archambault stated how unfortunate it was that Scituate didn't have a similar plan in place prior to Dr. Stringfellow's departure. Chair Archambault has spoken to several other school districts that do use this type of planning and here Scituate has a key administrator leaving ranks without a plan in place. The plan now is to place an ad in the paper and it has been known for some time the pool of candidates (for Assistant Superintendent) is not very good. Succession planning is used often in business as it is very costly to businesses each time an employee resigns. This will have a tremendous impact in this district, especially during this budget crisis.

Mrs. Archambault believes Scituate needs to look into a plan before another key administrator leaves. It is critical to the success of this school system.

**MAY 5 SCHOOL
COMMITTEE MEETING**

It may be necessary to reschedule the May 5 school committee meeting. Both the Chair and the Clerk potentially have a conflict for that night.

The Committee discussed possibility of alternate date or to have meeting with three members. The Committee agreed to make decision at the April meeting.

SAFETY ORIENTATION

Committee members received copies of the "Safety Orientation" booklet for use as a training tool with employees developed by Steve Gormley. Dr. Lescault was so impressed with the document that Dr. Lescault wanted to share it with the Committee.

**BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS**

Committee members received copies of memo indicated completed tasks from Steve Gormley, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Chair Marcure asked Dr. Lescault to add commendation to Steve Gormley's file regarding the Safety Orientation Booklet as well as the binder Mr. Gormley produced. Chair Marcure added Mr. Gormley has proven to be a tremendous asset

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL OF THE
YEAR**

on the Building Committee and is able to communicate effectively with everyone from the engineer to electrician to plumber.

Dr. Lescault announced Dr. Larry Filippelli was chosen as Middle School Principal of the Year in RI for 2008.

**45-12
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Janine Grigelevich Woodland Road

Ms. Grigelevich asked the status of the coaches raised discussed last year.

Mr. LaPlante stated that discussion was for the following school year.

Chair Marcure stated all wages are frozen for 2009-2010 school year.

Ms. Grigelevich asked how the monies raised by the Booster Clubs are spent.

Mrs. Umbriano stated the monies go into the General Fund with Jean Angell to purchase things such as varsity jackets, replace equipment, etc. for all of the teams.

Chair Marcure asked if it was audited.

Mr. LaPlante stated the Booster Club is not a school associated group. It is also a minimal amount of money.

Mrs. Umbriano stated the Booster Club reports to the principal.

Ms. Grigelevich attended the North Scituate meeting regarding the food and drink policy and stated regardless of outcome of water testing, Ms. Grigelevich's children will not be drinking the school's water. Is bottled water okay based on the new food and drink policy?

Mrs. Umbriano stated the survey came about due to an incident that happened at the Middle School.

Ms. Grigelevich asked what the new food policy includes.

Mr. LaPlante stated no action has been taken regarding the food and drink policy. It will be on the agenda which is advertised in the paper; it (a motion) is most likely to occur during the summer.

Ms. Grigelevich asked if there was a Middle School homework policy. Ms. Grigelevich's daughter was out ill for two weeks and after calling the school to obtain homework for daughter, Ms. Grigelevich was told by Guidance Counselor that if a child misses school, the child must attend department night as no homework is given. Yet, the Friday prior to vacation, Ms. Grigelevich's daughter received piles of homework.

Dr. Stringfellow stated years ago teachers would give students homework such as Chapters 1-3, Math Problems 1-6, etc. The method of teaching currently is experiential experience for which a teacher cannot send all homework home. During department nights, teachers will help students replicate the classroom experience after which the student can follow up with additional work.

Chair Marcure stated all teachers have been willing to meet with students at different times if a student was unable to meet with them on department night.

Ms. Grigelevich respects all the teachers and is fond of all daughter's teachers and does believe as Mr. Kuzmowycz stated last month, reading begins at home. Ms. Grigelevich's daughter missed one class and read Chapter 4 on own and received a grade of 77 so Ms. Grigelevich believes there are still things which can be done at home.

Dr. Stringfellow suggested Ms. Grigelevich communicate with individual teachers directly beyond Guidance Department. It will vary by each class/teacher on how to assist students in catching up on missed classes. Dr. Stringfellow stated it is unlikely that reading Chapter 4 was the only work completed in the Social Studies classroom that week to prepare for the test. The teacher could explain one of the things your daughter can do is to read Chapter 4 but there needs to be a time for your daughter and the teacher to work together to get her caught up on what was missed in the classroom.

Ms. Grigelevich stated leaving messages for teachers, but teachers work 6.5 hours per day and then have additional work beyond that.

Dr. Stringfellow stated all teachers have Scituate email addresses and are required to check email at least once during the day.

Chair Marcure stated if a teacher receives a message from a parent, the teacher should be following up during a free period or after school.

Dr. Stringfellow stated Ms. Grigelevich did the right thing going to the Guidance Counselor first as often; it is possible to retrieve all of the information directly from Guidance. If you are not happy with that result, go directly to each teacher.

Mrs. Umbriano stated if her son is absent from school, Mrs. Umbriano calls the school and then faxes a letter which is put into each teacher's mailbox requesting homework.

Ms. Grigelevich stated this is a complicated process and some students won't get anything if the parents aren't adamant about making the effort.

Tim McCormick Trim Town Road

Regarding the building renovations, Mr. McCormick asked how summer school and programs will be affected as the building will need to be closed while work is being done.

Dr. Lescault stated classes and programs will move to other locations but will continue uninterrupted.

George Kuzmowycz

Mr. Kuzmowycz congratulated Dr. Stringfellow on her new position.

45-13

NEW BUSINESS

1. **DISPOSITION OF UNUSABLE/OUTDATED EQUIPMENT/BOOKS**

Requests for the disposition of unusable/outdated equipment from Principals Sollitto and DiMicco and Director of Special Education Magner were submitted to Dr. Lescault.

Recommendation: Approve the disposition of the equipment according to school department policy.

Mrs. Archambault moved, seconded by Mrs. Umbriano to dispose of the equipment

according to school department policy. The Committee unanimously agrees.

2. **DECREASE HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVES COURSE ENROLLMENT CAP**
The Assistant Superintendent will review the information provided last month.

Recommendation: Approve the changes as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent.

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mrs. Umbriano to approve the changes as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent. The Committee unanimously agreed.

3. **NEW HIGH SCHOOL COURSE PROPOSALS**

See attached information sheet from Assistant Superintendent's February Report for detail on this item.

Recommendation: Approve the course proposals as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent.

Mrs. Umbriano moved, seconded by Mr. LaPlante to approve the courses as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent.

45-14
RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/TRANSFERS

Dr. Lescault recommended approval of the following appointments:
Gail Castanho, part-time (35%) English/Language Arts Teacher, Scituate High School;
Katie Ferreira, Middle School Girls' Softball Coach; Norman Ramos, Varsity Softball Head Coach, One Year Only; Scott Dinges, Assistant Softball Coach; Stephen McManus, Middle School Baseball Coach.

Mr. LaPlante moved to approve appointments, seconded by Mrs. Archambault. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Lescault recommended approval of the following resignations:
DaeLyn Rego, Bus Monitor, effective February 27, 2009; Janice Spencer, Bus Monitor, effective February 20, 2009; Barbara Thornlimb, Teacher Assistant, North Scituate School, effective March 6, 2009

Mr. LaPlante moved to approve resignations, seconded by Mrs. Umbriano. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Lescault recommended approval of the following non-renewals:
Gail Castanho, part-time (35%) English/Language Arts Teacher, Scituate High School

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Umbriano to approve the non-renewals. The motion was unanimously approved.

45-15
COMMITTEE REMARKS

CHAIR MARCURE

Chair Marcure thanked the administrators for their monthly reports; these administrators have very challenging jobs.

Chair Marcure also stated being honored to work with various groups with whom we work; it's been a positive experience. Chair Marcure stated it's difficult for everyone in these times and the willingness to sacrifice does not happen in most towns. If this is successful with all groups, it just proves how great this town is.

MRS. GUGLIELMI

Mrs. Guglielmi congratulated Dr. Stringfellow and wished her well.

MS. UMBRIANO

Mrs. Umbriano stated nothing to report.

MRS. ARCHAMBAULT

Mrs. Archambault wished Dr. Stringfellow luck and she will be greatly missed. Dr. Stringfellow has done an amazing job and it is South Kingstown's gain.

BRIAN LAPLANTE

Mr. LaPlante stated nothing to report.

45-16

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE BUSINESS

April 7 Regular School Committee Meeting

May 5 Regular School Committee Meeting

45-17

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Umbriano to adjourn meeting at 8:40 PM. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Umbriano, Clerk