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The Standing Committee on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Life Wednesday, November 1, 2006

Members Present: Dr. Marie Galinski, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Annemarie Cesa; Ms. Maria Decker; Mr. David Manzi; Mr. Joe Clement; Ms. Amy Pasquarello; Ms. Rachel Konaxis; Mr. Aaron Swiniuch; Ms. Samantha Rosenberg

Members Absent: Dr. Beverly Dolinsky

Also in Attendance: Dr. James Hayes, Superintendent; Ms. Nancy Brusil; Mr. Paul Manzo; Mr. James Latter; Dr. Carla Scuzzarella; Ms. Karla Pressman; Ms. Sue Charochak; Mr. William Foley; Dr. Colleen McBride; Ms. Barbara Vienneau

Ms. Cesa called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I Approval of minutes from Thursday, October 5, 2006

Action Item: A copy of the minutes from the Thursday, October 5, 2006 meeting was distributed to the committee.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Clement moved and Ms. Konaxis seconded to approve the minutes from the Thursday, October 5, 2006 meeting.

So Voted

11 Progress Reports for School Improvement Plans - Centerville, Cove, Hannah, McKeown, Beverly High School

Mr. Foley distributed a copy of the School Improvement Plan for Centerville Elementary School. The plan focused on maintaining and improving English Language Arts and math scores on MCAS to achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals. Mr. Foley reported that Centerville School met AYP for 2006.

Ms. Pressman distributed a copy of the School Improvement Plan for Cove Elementary School. The plan focused on maintaining and improving English Language Arts and math scores on MCAS to achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals. Ms. Pressman reported that Cove School met AYP for 2006.

Ms. Snyder distributed a copy of the School Improvement Plan for Hannah Elementary School. The plan focused on maintaining and improving English Language Arts and math

scores on MCAS to achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals. Ms. Snyder reported that Hannah School met AYP for 2006.

Dr. McBride distributed a copy of the School Improvement Plan for McKeown Elementary School. The plan focused on maintaining and improving English Language Arts and math scores on MCAS to achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals. Dr. McBride reported that McKeown School met AYP for 2006.

Dr. Scuzzarella distributed a copy of the School Improvement Plans for Beverly High School. The focus of the plan was is to maintain and improve performance in the math curriculum area, develop curriculum that addresses career pathways for students, and address the environment at Beverly High School. Dr. Scuzzarella reported that Beverly High School met AYP for 2006.

III Report on Optional Schedules for Beverly High School - Dr. Carla Scuzzarella

Dr. Scuzzarella distributed a copy of high school schedule for Beverly High School, North Andover, Danvers, Lincoln-Sudbury and Somerville. When asked why these schools were chosen, Dr. Scuzzarella stated that the schedules best support our curriculum. In order to implement a new schedule, textbooks would need to be purchased as follows:

\$ 3,300	Business
\$ 121,792	Foreign Languages
\$ 9,000	ESL
\$ 62,000	English
\$ 12,800	Math
\$ 23,000	Social Studies
\$ 73,721	Science
<u>\$ 6,000</u>	Wellness
\$ 311,613	TOTAL

IV Foreign Languages Choices for 2007-2008

It was noted that there needs to be a long range plan for Foreign Language curriculum. There is a need to better align the curriculum between middle and high school. The decision for next year was to remain with the current Foreign Language offerings at the middle and high school.

V High School Educational Specifications General Comments

Future Discussion Items

Dr. Hayes would like to place this on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole meeting on November 29, 2006

VI Policy Review

Drug Free Schools

A copy of the policy on Drug Free Schools was distributed to the committee. It was noted that the words alcohol free needed a hyphen in between.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Ms. Pasquarello and seconded by Ms. Konaxis to approve the Drug Free Schools Policy.

So Voted

Student Policies Goals

A copy of the policy on Student Policies Goals was distributed to the committee. It was decided by the committee to omit the second sentence in the first paragraph and to add the word possible after the word best in the second paragraph.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Ms. Decker and seconded by Mr. Clement to approve the Student Policies Goals.

So Voted

Equal Educational Opportunities

A copy of the policy on Equal Educational Opportunities was distributed to the committee. It was decided by the committee to omit the words admission to in paragraph four and replace with the words enrollment in.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Mr. Clement and seconded by Dr. Galinski to approve the Equal Education Opportunities Policy.

So Voted

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

The next meeting for the Standing Committee on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Life is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Annemarie Cesa, M.Ed., Chairperson
Beverly School Committee