

BEVERLY SCHOOL COMMITTEE BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS

REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING BEVERLY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ BEVERLY CITY HALL WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M.

Agenda Items

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. *Discussion of Education Topic*

Universal preschool – Recently there has been an advertising campaign on the radio from a group interested in promoting universal pre-school for all children in Massachusetts. The Beverly School Committee has never discussed such a program for our school system. Because this is apparently a timely issue, school committee members will provide some of their initial thoughts on universal pre-school. Official information from the Universal Preschool group can be found at http://www.strategiesforchildren.org/eea/eea_home.htm. In addition, googling <universal preschool> provides many links addressing this issue. Please note that this is not an initiative the School Committee is currently contemplating for inclusion into our educational program.
4. *Recognition of Students, Employees and Community Members*
 - Interested students from Beverly High School and Briscoe Middle School have completed Peer Leadership training, and the program is being implemented by these students in their schools. We recognize these student volunteers for the important work that they are doing in their schools. Emily Rockwell, who coordinates the program at the district level, will be present to assist in the recognitions.
 - We recognize two Beverly teams who recently won at the state level for high schools in the Destination Imagination competition. Both teams plan to attend the World DI tournament in Tennessee in late May.
5. *Open Forum for Citizen Concerns*

The President will consider requests to address the School Committee on items not included as part of the agenda at this time. Any person wishing to make such a request should check in with the School Committee Secretary prior to addressing the Committee.
6. *Opportunity for Citizen Input into Agenda-Related Items*

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7. *Approval of Meeting Records*
8. *Report from Student Representative to the School Committee*
9. *Communication from School Committee Members*
10. *Report from Superintendent Hayes*
 - Action Items:
 - A. Overnight Field Trip Proposal – Senior Class Trip to Maine
 - B. Overnight Field Trip Proposal – S.A.D.D. Convention
 - C. Fall 2007 School Committee Meeting Schedule
 - Informational Items:
 - D. Hannah Accreditation – Special Progress Report
 - E. Beverly Education Foundation – Teacher Grant Awards
 - F. BHS Construction Project Update
 - G. MASC Day on the Hill
 - H. Stand for Children Rally

11. *Committee Reports*

A. Standing Committee on Finance & Facilities

Paul Manzo, Chairperson

1. The Standing Committee on Finance & Facilities recommends the approval of a new Special Education Home/School Trainer (.4) at an estimated cost of \$7,171.

B. Standing Committee on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Life

Annemarie Cesa, Chairperson

1. The Standing Committee on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Life recommends approval of the Beverly High School Summer School proposal, a copy of which was provided to School Committee members in the recent Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee packet.
2. The Standing Committee on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Life recommends approval of the Beverly High School Student Handbook, a copy of which was provided to School Committee members in the recent Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee packet.
3. The Standing Committee on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Life recommends approval of the Briscoe Middle School Student Handbook, a copy of which was provided to School Committee members in the recent Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee packet.
4. The Standing Committee on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Life recommends approval of the Elementary School Student Handbook, a copy of which was provided to School Committee members in the recent Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee packet.
5. The Standing Committee on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Life recommends the attached policy regarding "Elementary Redistricting" (Section F: Facilities Development) for a second reading, which will require a formal (2/3) vote of approval by the School Committee.
6. The Standing Committee on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Life recommends the attached policy regarding "Student Eligibility for participation in Athletics and Cocurricular Activities" (Section J: Students) for a second reading, which will require a formal (2/3) vote of approval by the School Committee. Information provided in the third bullet was not part of the policy recommended by the subcommittee. It was added to the policy later by the administration when it was recognized that the language was contained in our student handbook, which had received previous School Committee approval.
7. The Standing Committee on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Life recommends the attached policy regarding "Acceptable Use of Technology" (Section J: Students) for a first reading. The second reading, which will take place at our May meeting, will require a formal (2/3) vote of approval by the School Committee.
8. The Standing Committee on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Life recommends the attached policy regarding "Pediculosis" (Section J: Students) for a first reading. The second reading, which will take place at our May meeting, will require a formal (2/3) vote of approval by the School Committee.
9. The Standing Committee on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Life recommends the attached policy regarding "Administering Medication to Students" (Section J: Students) for a first reading. The second reading, which will take place at our May meeting, will require a formal majority vote of approval by the School Committee.

12. *New Business*

13. *Opportunity for Questions from the Press*

Nancy R. Brusil, President
Beverly School Committee

James J. Hayes, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools