

Education Committee of the RTM Minutes of the March 7, 2011 Meeting

Members present: 10 of 14, including Camuti, Cummings, Davis, Ferretti, Harrington, McDermott, McNamara, Savage, Schneider, and Thorne.

The March 7th meeting of the RTM Education committee was called to order at 8:10 pm in room 119B by Chairman Lois Schneider.

Guests included Superintendent Falcone and Board of Education Chairman Westcott and members Bell, Sartori, Shay and Hagerty-Ross.

The first order of business was a discussion of the Middle school gym renovation project.

Mrs. Westcott reviewed the costs for replacing the wood floor, replacing bleachers and basketball backboards, and installing a curtain divider. It is important to order the bleachers early, and use summer time for the renovations.

RTM Resolution 11-3 [after the meeting corrected to 11-4] "Middlesex Middle School Gymnasium" upgrades will be presented at the March 21st RTM meeting. The cost is \$314,000.

Following discussion, Cummings moved to support the resolution in an amount not to exceed \$314,000. McNamara seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

It was announced that the tour of the schools will take place on March 26th and we will meet the new facilities manager Mr. Otto at that time.

The Board of Finance public hearing on the school budget and the shuffle is March 8th.

There was some discussion about the shuffle. The date for the budget review meeting by the Board of Finance with the Board of Ed has not been set yet.

There was a status report on the 2010-2011 budget process.

The school resource officer is not in the Selectmen's budget this year.

The committee discussed agenda items for our May 2nd committee meeting with the Board of Ed. It was suggested to talk about budget items and also look ahead to future initiatives. These included; the world language program, school resource officer, space use, common sense efficiencies, and the legislature's role in school finances.

Kindergarten registration was briefly discussed.

Cummings moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm, seconded by Camuti.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Thorne, Sec pro tem