

**SCITUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010
CLAYVILLE SCHOOL**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Present were Marylou Umbriano, Patricia Archambault, Brian LaPlante, June Guglielmi and Scott Klimaj. Also present were Paul Lescault, Superintendent, and Lawrence Filippelli, Assistant Superintendent.

TOUR OF CLAYVILLE SCHOOL

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Principal Cappelli and Steve Gormley, Director of Buildings and Grounds provided tour of Clayville School which included overview of recent improvements as well as deficiencies which should be addressed during the next budget cycle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mrs. Archambault, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of August 3, 2010. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mrs. Archambault, to approve the minutes of the Regular School Committee Meeting of August 3, 2010. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

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Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mrs. Archambault, to approve the Capital Reserve Funds- Middle School/High School for the month of September in the amount of \$17,955.63. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Mrs. Archambault asked why invoices were separated by schools.

Dr. Lescault replied each school is budgeted as a separate account.

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mrs. Archambault, to approve the Capital Reserve –Hope Elementary School for the month of September in the amount of \$13,282.40. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mrs. Archambault, to approve the Capital Reserve -North Scituate School for the month of September in the amount of \$4,453.82. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mr. LaPlante, to approve the Capital Reserve- All Schools for the month of September in the amount of \$29,080.28. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Mrs. Archambault inquired about the \$22,239.00 bill.

Mr. LaPlante replied the cost was for repair and maintenance for well tank (all schools).

NEW BUDGET BILLS

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Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mrs. Archambault, to approve the New Budget Bills for the month of September in the amount of \$433,368.26. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

GRANT BILLS

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Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mrs. Archambault, to approve the Grant Bills for the month of September in the amount of \$21,203.23. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

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1. A letter to the Assistant Superintendent from Ivette R. Fantasia informing him of her intent to home school her children for the 2010-2011 school year.
2. A letter to the Superintendent from Jayne Lear informing him of her intent to home school her children.
3. A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Steven Kudzma informing the school department of their intent to home school their children for the 2010-2011 school year.
4. A letter to Superintendent from Nicole Mancini requesting use of two personal days with reason and an unpaid parental leave in conjunction with her adoption of a child in China.
 1. Recommendation for Correspondence 1-3: Approve the requests according to RIDE regulations and established school department guidelines.

Mrs. Archambault moved, seconded by Mr. LaPlante, to approve the requests according to RIDE regulations and established school department guidelines. The committee unanimously agreed.

2. Recommendation: Approve the request.

Chair Umbriano asked if it was known when Ms. Mancini would be taking leave.

Dr. Lescault believes it will be in October. Dr. Lescault added Ms. Mancini is due unpaid leave through FMLA and highly recommends the committee approve request.

Mrs. Archambault moved, seconded by Mr. LaPlante to approve the request. The committee unanimously approved request.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE LIAISONS

BUDGET

Mr. LaPlante has reviewed expenditures with Dr. Lescault and Mr. Gormley and is comfortable with what was approved this month.

CURRICULUM

Mrs. Guglielmi stated nothing to report on curriculum but Mrs. Guglielmi attended the freshman orientation which was led by the Spartan Leadership Academy. One of the team building exercises was pulling a fire truck which the students completed. Mrs. Guglielmi noted there was a conflict for those students on the soccer team and perhaps this can be considered when scheduling next year.

Chair Umbriano added 100 of 120 freshman students attended the orientation.

Mr. LaPlante asked about transition from elementary school to middle school.

Dr. Filippelli stated there is a 5th grade event held at Hope Pond each year. Dr. Filippelli also indicated that there is a 5th grade 'Move Up Night' held at the middle school yearly and that the principal, current 6th grade students and guidance counselor visit each 5th grade class.

**FOOD SERVICES AND
HEALTH/WELNNESS**

Chair Umbriano and Mrs. Cappelli agreed to hold monthly Food Service meetings at Clayville School.

Chair Umbriano added a commercial grill was purchased for school events with monies raised from the student/faculty dodge ball game held last year.

NEGOTIATIONS

Chair Umbriano stated nothing to report.

POLICY

Mrs. Guglielmi stated nothing to report.

RIASC

Mrs. Archambault stated an email was distributed to school committee members regarding class 'School Committee 101.' This class qualifies for hours toward mandatory RIASC credits.

Mrs. Archambault added this is also a great opportunity to meet other school committee members.

SAFETY AND
TRANSPORTATION

Chair Umbriano stated nothing to report.

Dr. Lescault stated this may have been the smoothest transition into a new school year regarding bus transportation. Dr. Lescault added an analysis reviewing how long students are on bus, number of stops, etc. will begin soon.

Mrs. Archambault asked what was happening with state contract.

Dr. Lescault stated the state has taken over the entire out of district transportation at this point including special education. Dr. Lescault added many calls have been received about those buses and those calls are transferred to the state contact coordinating the program. The transition with the state has not run as smoothly as Dr. Lescault had hoped. Unfortunately, Scituate has limited control on this issue.

Mr. LaPlante stated everyone states how wonderful the bus drivers and monitors are here in Scituate but you don't realize it until you have a child riding the bus. The drivers take the time to introduce themselves to the students and parents on first day and make the students feel comfortable. That is something on which you cannot put a price.

Mrs. Archambault stated these drivers go beyond just safety.

Chair Umbriano stated that will change when Scituate moves to the state program. How much money will be saved?

Dr. Lescault stated it is costing more for Scituate than what would have been paid had Scituate retained own buses. There is no opt-out with this plan. Dr. Lescault stated the state will bill Scituate based on a formula (unknown at this time); however Dr. Lescault does not believe this will create savings for Scituate.

Chair Umbriano stated the state will reimburse Scituate if it does cost additional than what Scituate would have paid.

Mrs. Archambault asked about the Scituate bus owners, drivers and monitors who will be out of jobs.

Dr. Lescault stated they are able to submit application with the state for jobs.

Chair Umbriano received numerous phone calls regarding the AlertNow sent by First Student regarding bussing during the hurricane. It was communicated students would not be picked up if there was no school at one of the drop off schools. Many students are picked up in Scituate but attend school in Warwick or Cranston so families were confused if transportation would be provided if Scituate did not have school or if the school at which their child attended did not have school. It has been resolved going forward.

Mrs. Archambault asked if bus stops are listed in the ProJo still.

Dr. Lescault stated the cost for listing the stops in the ProJo would cost thousands of dollars. The bus routes are posted online at the School Department web site as well as published in The Valley Breeze/Observer. Dr. Lescault stated hard copies will also be sent to those parents

without access to a computer who request a copy.

Mrs. Archambault asked if there was a target date for the full transition of bus transportation.

Dr. Lescault replied Fall 2011.

**SCITUATE ADVOCATES
FOR EVERYONE (SAFE)**

Chair Umbriano stated nothing to report.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Guglielmi stated the new back parking lot has been completed. The field still needs to be completed; however project is moving along.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mrs. Guglielmi stated nothing to report.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

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There is no unfinished business for the month of September.

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**ADMINISTRATIVE
INTERNSHIP UPDATE**

Dr. Filippelli informed the committee that Scituate has applied to RIDE to have an administrative internship program accepted and approved. (Committee members received copies of the proposals that were sent to RIDE.) Once Scituate is approved, any teacher interested in becoming an administrator may do so as long as they have the required coursework/degrees. Dr. Filippelli wished to highlight the extensive amount of work that Dr. Donna Pennacchia did to prepare these documents for RIDE. Once RIDE approves the proposal, Dr. Pennacchia will be completing an administrative internship with Principal Sollitto this year.

Dr. Filippelli asked RIDE if hours Dr. Pennacchia work starting program could be counted retroactive and RIDE's reply was no. The hours must be from the time program is approved going forward. Dr. Filippelli stated if Scituate were to go through Providence College, you don't have to do as a district. However, if you obtain doctorate and wish to do internship, it must be through a RIDE approved program.

**BCI CHECK
PROCEDURE FOR THE
DISTRICT AND
SCHOOLS**

Dr. Filippelli consulted with the Attorney General's office and all the schools in Scituate will be adhering to the following procedure regarding BCI checks September 1, 2010. All volunteers (parental or otherwise) must have a BCI check for every event they attend (i.e. field trips, dances, after school activities etc.) For example, if a principal or a teacher has a parent who only wants to go on one field trip for one day, then they must have a BCI completed. If the district pays a person for a continued service (i.e., teacher, afterschool program, coach, etc.) then that person must be fingerprinted and obtain a background check. The contact at the Attorney General's office faxed sample disclaimer forms sent to other districts around the state. (Committee members received copies.) Additionally, the statute according to the Attorney General's office is that any volunteer must have a BCI and anyone paid by the district must have a BCI and fingerprints. Dr. Filippelli is in the process of investigating which other districts around Scituate have administrative procedures for BCI checks.

Dr. Klimaj asked how long the BCI check is valid.

Dr. Filippelli replied it left to the district to determine; it could be one year, two years, etc. There will be further discussion on how Scituate wants to proceed. Also, any BCI checks performed within the last 6 months will be accepted.

Dr. Lescault stated the Attorney General's office must have a system with capacity to process that many requests.

Dr. Klimaj stated the process only takes approximately five minutes at the Attorney General's

office.

**CHANGES TO
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

In Dr. Filippelli's report last month, Dr. Filippelli indicated that he wanted to include training on the new Common Core State Standards for professional development days. After attending two meetings this month where RIDE representatives presented, Scituate will not be going in that direction. The reason is because RIDE has contracted with the DANA center to run the professional development and is going to run training at their level for teachers and administrators. Instead, Dr. Filippelli will be bringing in consultants from the Highlander DUNN Institute to complete a gap analysis in math, introduce AIMSWEB progress monitoring in math, and plan out extended, imbedded professional development for the rest of the year.

**SENATE COMMITTEE
ON CYBERBULLYING,
CYBERSTALKING
AND SEXTING**

Dr. Filippelli informed the committee that Senate President Paiva-Weed has officially named Dr. Filippelli to the Senate Commission on Cyberbullying, Cyberstalking and Sexting. This commission will be charged with making state law on the aforementioned issues that are affecting all students. Dr. Filippelli is honored to be on this committee and will represent Scituate well.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**ADMINISTRATORS'
MEETING**

On August 31, Drs. Lescault and Filippelli met with the entire administrative team for the first meeting of 2010-2011 school year. Dr. Lescault noted and Dr. Myers concurred that the upcoming school year and the years that follow it are potentially the most exciting ones in their entire careers. Both believe that for the first time in their careers there exists a very real possibility of fundamental change in K-12 education in RI. Despite limited resources, there is an opportunity to participate in a historic sea change that will present enormous challenges, but that will transform a good school system into a great one.

**UNIFORM CHART OF
ACCOUNTS**

Two documents were mailed to the committee on August 27 providing a brief explanation/primer on how to read the two major school department expenditure reports. As the committee knows, the intent of the new Uniform Chart of Accounts is to standardize how districts budget and track expenditures. Consequently, the structure and format of reports and the definition of line items is mandated by RIDE.

Dr. Lescault stated there are two reports: the full general fund and the restricted funds (such as grants, etc.). Dr. Lescault reviewed the general operating fund report first: the date the balance is run appear on top along with the balance (at the time report was run). The columns are as follows: Adjusted budget; month to date debits (spent during the month); month to date credits (credits to account for month); year to date debits (debits for full year); year to date credits (credits for full year); encumbrance (setting aside money to pay for known items ex. contract salary); balance (amount left in account at time or run); % (percentage of money remaining in budget at time of run). A narrative description is included on left side (along with account number).

Mrs. Archambault asked if Carol Geary and Dr. Filippelli are responsible for the restricted fund report and if Dr. Lescault is responsible for the general fund.

Dr. Lescault replies yes; however there is some cross over.

Dr. Lescault stated most state funding operates on reimbursement basis. Account numbers are established by UCOA so that everyone in the state uses the same account numbers to allow for direct comparison within the state to determine spending. This detail is why the report appears to be much larger than in previous years.

Mrs. Archambault asked for clarification on summary page and detail on pages which followed which Dr. Lescault provided.

Dr. Lescault added Medicaid, for example, is one anomaly as it is strictly on a reimbursement basis so it is not always known how much will be spent which is why adjusted budget is 0. However, there are items which are charged against this account. Medicaid is somewhat of bonus money; it is money received by submitting timesheets to federal government. Not every

district does this but Scituate tries to recoup every dollar possible; it is not a substantial amount of money but it is a credit to Scituate employees who take the time to document all of their hours and details. There is a small fee Scituate pays to a company who handles this but the money received more than offsets the cost.

Mrs. Archambault stated Scituate also acts as fiscal agent for the Northwest Region. How does that fit into UCOA?

Dr. Lescault stated there is the local component which appears in general fund which is less than \$50,000 which is Scituate's portion of supporting NWR office. The majority of the NWR office is supported with IDEA which is restricted grant account (which shows up in the second report).

Mrs. Archambault asked about the accounts which indicate a high percentage of money spent specifically 100% by the month of March.

Dr. Lescault stated the percentage indicates remaining balance, not amount spent.

Mrs. Archambault asked about accounts in the negative.

Dr. Lescault stated it indicates funds in that account have already been overspent.

Dr. Lescault stated the columns are very similar in the second report (restricted funds) however there are many more accounts and a brief explanation is included as well. The numbers match up to one of many codes detailed in complete chart of accounts document so that all employees enter matching codes across state for analysis purposes.

Dr. Filippelli stated any federal or grant money such as CRP, ARRA, need to follow same code across for all reports for example.

Chair Umbriano stated what is sometimes confusing is that when the state funds are received for school lunches, for example, the money does not always appear each month. It takes some time to catch up so sometimes it appears as though the School Department is behind.

Dr. Lescault stated many operate on a reimbursement basis so money is spent and then there is lag time until funds are received.

Chair Umbriano thanked Dr. Lescault for taking the time to review with the committee.

ENROLLMENT

Dr. Lescault stated enrollment on the first day of school was 1,631 down from 1,660 at close of school year last year however NESDEC projected enrollment was 1,607. Scituate School Department was easily able to accommodate the increase from projected enrollment.

BUS OWNERS AGREEMENT

Due to scheduling conflicts, Drs. Lescault and Myers and Chair Umbriano have not met with bus owners to discuss a one-year extension to the existing transportation contract. Scituate is, therefore, beginning the new school year under the expired agreement.

HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT

Also due to a scheduling conflict, Drs. Lescault and Myers and Chair Umbriano have not met with the STA to discuss the implementation date of the Blue Cross age 26 Health Care Reform Act requirement.

ADMINISTRATOR GOALS

At the August meeting, the committee noted that they wished to discuss the structure of goals for administrators at the September meeting as part of the Superintendent's Report.

Mr. LaPlante suggested the committee communicate ideas and how committee views goals to Dr. Lescault and then Dr. Lescault disseminates information downstream rather than committee scrutinizing each administrator's goal.

Chair Umbriano asked if the evaluation currently being revised will include the administrators.

Dr. Lescault replied yes. Race to the Top mandates new evaluation system be adapted for all

teachers which is something Scituate has until December on which to work if chose to complete own evaluation system. Scituate chose to follow RIDE's evaluation system.

Mr. LaPlante asked if that will include goals.

Dr. Lescault believes that will be one component which is included. This is accountability for not only teachers but for all administrators including principals, etc.

Mr. LaPlante stated this will be very comprehensive.

Dr. Lescault stated this will be a very comprehensive change in the way that everyone is evaluated within the state.

SCHOOL VISITS

Drs. Lescault and Filippelli visited all of the schools and welcomed faculty and staff back on September 1. Dr. Lescault is pleased to report that the schools were in excellent condition and everyone is ready and excited to begin the new school year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Racine Nipmuc Road

Ms. Racine stated this is third year living in Scituate and oldest daughter just began Kindergarten. Ms. Racine stated there has been a great deal of communication between Ms. Racine and Drs. Lescault and Myers since last Spring when Ms. Racine was informed daughter was redistricted from Clayville to Hope School. Ms. Racine stated the Racine's chose this specific area when moving to Scituate because Mr. and Mrs. Racine really wanted daughter to go to Clayville School. Ms. Racine stated after polling neighbors prior to moving in, Ms. Racine was assured her children would be attending Clayville.

Ms. Racine stated Dr. Lescault informed her last Spring that the numbers at Clayville were high (20 or 21 at time) and according to a friend there are 21 children in the Clayville class. Ms. Racine wishes to plead to committee for the spot being held for an "imaginary person" who may move into the district be given to her daughter. The situation is that Miss Racine eats lunch at 10:45 a.m., boards bus (from Scituate Early Learning Center) at 11:15 a.m. and it is 12:30 p.m. when she arrives at school. After school, Miss Racine boards bus and returns to Scituate Early Learning Center. Miss Racine is the first student picked up and the last student dropped off. As a teacher, Ms. Racine said there are issues with bussing which need to be ironed out. Ms. Racine stated since the start of school, her daughter has been on the bus anywhere from 45 minutes at one time to one and one half hours another time. According to the bus driver, Ms. Racine indicated her daughter would not be dropped off until approximately 4:00 p.m. When Miss Racine returns to Scituate Early Learning Center at 4:00 p.m. all of her friends are gone. Most of her friends also have morning Kindergarten at North Scituate. Ms. Racine stated her daughter loves taking the bus but doesn't like being the only 'little person' on the bus.

Chair Umbriano asked if Miss Racine arrives at Scituate Early Learning Center at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Racine replied yes.

Mr. LaPlante asked if Ms. Racine had other children and their ages.

Ms. Racine stated her second child is now 2.5 years old.

Mr. LaPlante asked if this issue came before the committee at an earlier date.

Dr. Lescault replied the list of redistricted students was brought before the committee and stated Mr. LaPlante may be referring to a very similar case with another family which was addressed last month with one sibling entering first grade and one entering Kindergarten. Dr. Lescault stated if this was the only redistricting case, he would apt to recommend the committee approve the request; however there are several requests from other families in the

exact situation and School Department simply cannot accommodate everyone.

Mr. LaPlante understands disappointment in moving to an area after selecting a specific district and finding out children will be placed in another school. In speaking with Principal Cappelli, Mr. LaPlante stated it is a difficult situation as only one class is being offered in Clayville and Clayville is a great school.

Ms. Racine understands that and did speak with Dr. Myers about that as well. Ms. Racine stated as Clayville is not available to her daughter, Ms. Racine asks that her daughter be transferred to the morning Kindergarten class at North Scituate instead. Looking at NECAP scores as well as each of the schools, Ms. Racine wants her daughter to be in the best school. Miss Racine speaks another language and is doing Kindergarten curriculum each night. In addition, Ms. Racine is a teacher and has been teaching her daughter daily as well. Yet Ms. Racine also wants her daughter to be with her peers and with the current situation Miss Racine is not with any of her friends and it breaks her heart. Ms. Racine asked to have her daughter transferred to the morning Kindergarten class but was told no. If she were in the morning Kindergarten class, at least when she returns to Scituate Early Learning Center in the afternoon, she will see her friends.

Ms. Racine understands if an exception is made for one, an exception must be made for others but this is unique. Ms. Racine stated she has no family here after relocating from Maine. Ms. Racine pleaded to committee to place her daughter in morning Kindergarten class to allow her daughter to be with her peers. Ms. Racine's schedule requires her to drop off her daughter at pre-school at 7:00 a.m. and eat lunch at 10:45 a.m.

Dr. Lescault stated transportation is what drives session selection.

Ms. Racine understands transportation needs; however, the bus already comes to Scituate Early Learning Center for pick-up in the morning and returns to Scituate Early Learning in the afternoon for drop-off so an additional trip or rescheduling is not required.

Dr. Lescault stated Dr. Myers is a father, grandfather, educator and former Superintendent so he is very knowledgeable and has done everything to make this fair and to provide a reasonable solution.

Ms. Racine stated if necessary, she will keep reapplying for her daughter to attend Clayville as Ms. Racine understands the class size increases in higher grades. Ms. Racine wants her to be with her peers and to not have her cry each day.

Chair Umbriano confirmed Miss Racine is currently in the afternoon Kindergarten program at Hope School and her friends are at North Scituate and Clayville and she attends Scituate Early Learning Center before and after school.

Ms. Racine replied yes.

Chair Umbriano stated the issue right now is that if the committee approved transfer to North Scituate morning Kindergarten, the issue would be bus transportation.

Ms. Racine stated Hope is the only school which does not drop off and pick up at Scituate Early Learning; the only reason they do now is because her daughter is there. Both Clayville and North Scituate pick up and drop off at Scituate Early Learning Center so there shouldn't be an issue with placing her daughter on bus with the other students already going to North Scituate.

Dr. Lescault would be happy to speak further with Dr. Myers to make transfer to North Scituate morning Kindergarten class as long as transportation can be resolved but if student cannot be driven home, it will not happen.

Ms. Racine stated her daughter is not being dropped off at home rather back at Scituate Early

Learning Center. Ms. Racine understands it's all about the numbers. Ms. Racine believes the class size in North Scituate morning Kindergarten class is currently 20. So the School Department wishes to keep the extra spot open for the 'imaginary person' who may move into the district.

Chair Umbriano stated the issue is how the committee would accommodate the other seven students with same request.

Mr. LaPlante stated if there are 16 students at one school and almost maximum class size at another, the committee also wants to ensure not to tax the teacher either.

Ms. Racine understands and appreciates that and is very happy her daughter is in a class of only 16 children.

With respect to the education, Mr. LaPlante attended Hope and his daughter is now attending Hope as well. It is a very good school. With the respect to the emotional issue and also being in a new system Mr. LaPlante respects that as well. The committee will try to do the best that can be done in light of the situation.

Ms. Racine appreciates the committee listening to request and hopes to resolve this before the school year gets too far along.

Dr. Lescault stated will confirm Wednesday morning that transfer will work in North Scituate and bus transportation is not an issue. Dr. Lescault will authorize request and confirm with Ms. Racine.

Dr. Klimaj asked if a motion was required.

Chair Umbriano stated Dr. Lescault is going to review information tomorrow but Dr. Lescault has the authority to make such a change.

Mrs. Archambault stated one thing to keep in mind is when the bus system changes next year. Dr. Myers currently maps out bus routes to ensure each student requiring transportation is covered.

Ms. Racine stated the transportation provided to students to Nipmuc Road currently is almost every other house is a Clayville pickup and every other house is a Hope pickup.

Chair Umbriano stated in this case, children have the best of both worlds; they can see their school friends and also see their neighborhood friends at home and see both in community activities, etc.

George Kuzmowycz Esek Hopkins Road

Mr. Kuzmowycz asked the School Committee Secretary to include RIGL provisional code when adjourning and/or reconvening in public minutes going forward.

School Committee Secretary agreed to do so.

Kristen Polseno

Ms. Polseno stated her son is now attending St. Philip's pre-K and she is still deciding whether to continue with private school or transfer to public school. Ms. Polseno, a former teacher in Cumberland, has been home the past four years with her children. While in the English Department at Cumberland High School, Ms. Polseno stated a small group was formed called 'Save Our School' which sometimes joined forces with a parent group called 'GotBond?' regarding needs for the high school such as a language lab, etc.

Chair Umbriano asked if Ms. Polseno would like to do the same in Scituate.

Ms. Polseno would love to do similar in Scituate and has many materials to assist in process.

Ms. Polseno loves Clayville and has no hesitation at the elementary level but does have concerns at the middle school and high school level. Ms. Polseno is concerned that 5th graders would be in same building with senior high school students.

Chair Umbriano stated 6th graders have own wing within middle school and although they must pass for music and chorus classes, that is the only time the students need to pass through high school. Chair Umbriano was also hesitant with her oldest but the staff and faculty are great and are also present when students are passing through high school.

Dr. Lescault stated a major renovation at the middle school and high school is being completed.

Mrs. Guglielmi stated prior to becoming a school committee member, Mrs. Guglielmi was a teacher. The first year Mrs. Guglielmi sat on the school committee board was the year the decision was being made about moving the 6th grade class to the middle school. Many felt similarly to Ms. Polseno and the committee even saw groups of people coming to petition to not integrate the 6th grade into the middle school. The committee tried to make as many accommodations as possible for the 6th grade class to remain separate from the middle school such as different lunch periods, etc. However, during the middle of the year, parents started to communicate how much they liked the transition.

Ms. Polseno received a Teacher of the Year Award at RI College and would love to volunteer.

Mrs. Gulgielmi encouraged Ms. Polseno to contact Principal Zajac to tour the middle school.

Ms. Polseno asked if there was no longer a plan to separate the two schools.

Dr. Lescault replied no.

Mr. LaPlante noted the distinction between class sizes (Cumberland and Scituate). Mr. LaPlante stated this community is so small; it is less overwhelming for middle school students entering the school than in other communities.

Dr. Filippelli began teaching at the middle school prior to becoming Assistant Principal and later Principal and Dr. Filippelli stated the 6th grade students are met by teachers coming off the bus, etc. Many students have older siblings attending the middle school already or even the high school so there is a protective culture. Dr. Filippelli does not recall having to discipline students involving bothering 6th graders more than twice in his tenure as principal of the middle school. There are a total of 411 students within the middle school; it is a great atmosphere.

Mrs. Archambault was a teacher aide when her children were younger. Mrs. Archambault stated of all the classes with which she worked, the class she had to keep busy, especially during recess, was the 6th grade class. They like to be doing things, to keep moving. Making the decision to move the 6th grade to the middle school was one of the most difficult decisions the school committee made, but one of the best.

Mr. Kuzmowycz stated his son was one of the first 6th grade classes which moved to the middle school and does not recall the transition being an issue at the time.

Ms. Polseno stated it is somewhat of a non-issue now; it is much different than when she graduated.

Mrs. Archambault stated not every student takes the bus; most seniors have their own transportation.

Chair Umbriano stated there are also bus monitors riding the buses as well and the younger

children are placed in the front section of the bus. The 6th grade class also gets out earlier than the rest of the school. Although the 6th grade does not have recess, they do have snack twice per day.

Ms. Racine asked where information for the BCI could be found; to date nothing has been sent home.

Dr. Filippelli stated parents should receive information in the newsletter next week.

Ms. Racine asked if a letter is completed and then the parent is responsible for following up on own.

Dr. Filippelli replied yes, parents will complete document and submit for BCI check.

Mrs. Archambault added there is a \$5 fee.

Ms. Polseno asked if the numbers provided in RI Monthly were incorrect.

Drs. Filippelli and Lescault replied yes; a reprint will be published next month.

Dr. Lescault stated one of the criteria being used for the results was diversity and Scituate, at this time, does not have a high level of diversity within the district. Scituate is the second least diverse school in state.

NEW BUSINESS

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There is no new business for the month of September.

RESIGNATIONS/

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Dr. Lescault recommended the following resignations for approval:

Susan Jutras, Teacher Assistant, North Scituate School; Patricia Carlton, Bus Monitor; Gail Castanho, 35% English Language Arts Teacher, Scituate High School; Lisa J. Flaherty, 45% Math Teacher, Scituate Middle/High School

APPOINTMENTS/

REAPPOINTMENTS/

TRANSFERS/NON-RENEWALS/LAYOFFS

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mrs. Archambault to approve the resignations. The committee unanimously agreed.

Dr. Lescault recommended the following appointments for approval:
Rachel Roberge, 25% Science Teacher, Scituate Middle School (one year only – in addition to current 80% Science Teacher, Scituate High School); Christopher Kelley, 10% Art Teacher, Scituate Middle School (in addition to current 40% Art Teacher, Scituate Middle School); Frances Cripps, 40% Family Consumer Science Teacher, Scituate High School; Jamie Rodriguez, 20% Music Teacher, Scituate Middle School; Jennifer Shaker, 70% Library/Media Specialist, Clayville School and North Scituate School; Justine Durvin, Assistant Girl's Volleyball Coach; Deborah Marie Capotosto, Bus Monitor; Rhonda L. Cucino, Bus Monitor; Jeannine Luther, 45% Math Teacher, (20% Scituate High School, 25% Scituate Middle School); Kristin Russo, 35% English Language Arts Teacher, Scituate High School; Lori A. Eminger, Bus Monitor; Tara Marchant, Volunteer Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach; Brittany Emin, Volunteer Assistant Girls' Middle School Soccer Coach.

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mr. LaPlante to approve the appointments. The committee unanimously agreed.

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COMMITTEE REMARKS

MRS. GUGLIELMI

Mrs. Guglielmi stated nothing to report

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CHAIR UMBRIANO Chair Umbriano stated open houses are scheduled for the month of September.

MRS. ARCHAMBAULT Mrs. Archambault thanked Principal Cappelli for hosting the committee meeting.

BRIAN LAPLANTE Mr. LaPlante stated nothing to report.

SCOTT KILMAJ Dr. Klimaj thanked Principal Cappelli and looks forward to an exciting school year.

**DISCUSSION OF
FUTURE BUSINESS**

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October 5 School Committee Meeting at Middle School/High School
November 9 School Committee Meeting at Hope School
December 7 School Committee Meeting at North Scituate School

ADJOURNMENT

71-18
Mrs. Archambault moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj to adjourn meeting at 8:35. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.
Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Guglielmi, Clerk