

Education411 Newsletter

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES 6/14/07

Notes submitted by Carol Lewis

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Audrey Seyferrt will be interim Director of Student Services. She is the transitional replacement for Linda Chase who is taking a position in Lexington. Ms. Seyferrt has over 30 years of experience, including seven years as the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services in the Natick Public Schools.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 19th



Participate in important decisions for our town. Attend the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday June 19th at 7:30 at the High School.

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Hanlon School hosted a retirement party for Principal Jean Papa earlier that day. The open reception for the community was well attended by Hanlon alums as well as current Hanlon parents and children.

A reception for Linda Chase will be held on June 18 from 3-5PM at the High School.

John Antonucci (JA) noted the success of the high school athletics this year: tennis, baseball, softball and lacrosse all participated in state tournaments this year. The girls' lacrosse team played in the state semifinals against Framingham and lost in the final 9 seconds.

The schools received an anonymous gift for two automated external defibrulators.

The high school graduation took place last Sunday.

A school committee member mentioned WHS PTO's Wolverine award for excellence in teaching. The first recipient was Brendan Dillon. There will

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be a perpetual plaque for the award and recipients of the award will also receive \$1,000.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

The Westwood Police Chief announced Westwood's compliance with the Attorney General's memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding student safety. This MOU between the Police Department and the Schools is not mandated, it is recommended. It allows for the sharing of information which may affect the safety and wellbeing of students or administrative personnel.

WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2006-2007 SYSTEM GOALS REPORT

This powerpoint presentation is expected to be available on the system's website.

SUPERINTENDENT'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The School Committee gave JA all high praise and thanks. Brian Kelly noted JA's dedication to getting the override passed, his communication with the community and the fact that JA moved his family to this community, providing him with a vested interest in the schools and community. JA's contract expires next year. JA said that he has no intention of leaving if he is asked to stay.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

1) 2008 salary increases for non-union personnel. This category includes (but is not limited to) occupational physical therapists, substitute teachers, some administrative assistants. The employees received a 3 percent increase. Total cost was \$19,500 and was within the budget.

2) Discussion of state graduation requirements in math and science.

Students at WHS currently far exceed graduation requirements, but this will officially change requirements to require 3 classes in Math and 3 classes in Science and one additional class in either Math or Science.

3)Permission for the high school hockey team to travel to Portland, Maine for hockey invitational in December, 2007.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

Tuesday June 19 7:30PM Special Town Meeting, High School

Thursday June 21 7PM Planning Board (Westwood Station), Middle School

Thursday June 28 7PM Planning Board (Westwood Station), High School

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2007!

Congratulations to members of Westwood High School's Class of 2007, who received their diplomas on June 3rd. Of the 200 graduates, 97% will be continuing their education, with 94% attending four-year colleges and 3% attending two-year colleges.

Westwood High graduates will attend a total of 104 colleges, listed below:
Amherst College, Anna Maria College, Assumption College (2)

Babson College, Bentley College (4), Berklee College of Music, Boston College (6), Boston University (2), Bowdoin College (3), Bridgewater State College, Brown University, Bryant University (7), Bunker Hill Community College

Catholic University of America, Champlain College (2), Clarkson University, Colby College, College of the Holy Cross (3), College of William & Mary, Columbia University, Concordia College, Connecticut College (3), Curry College (4)

Dartmouth College, Drew University (2)

Eastern Nazarene College, Eckerd College, Elmira College, Elon University (2), Emerson College

Fairfield University (2), Fashion Institute of Technology, Florida Institute of Technology, Florida Southern College, Fordham University (3), Furman University

Georgetown University

Hamilton College, Hofstra University

Ithaca College

James Madison University (2), Johnson & Wales

Keene State College (2)

Lake Forest College, Lasell College (2), Lebanese American University (2), Lehigh University (2), Lesley University (2)

M.I.T. (2), Mass College of Pharmacy, Marymount Manhattan College, Mass Bay Community College (3), Mass Maritime Academy, Massasoit Community College, McGill University, Merrimack College (3), Methodist University, Miami University of Ohio, Mitchell College, Mount Holyoke College (3), Mount Ida College

New England Conservatory, Nichols College, Northeastern University (10)

Old Dominion University

Providence College (2)

Quinnipiac University (5)

Regis College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology, Roger Williams University (3)

Salem State College, Savannah College of Art, Skidmore College (2), Southern New Hampshire University, St. Anselm College, St. Francis Xavier University, St. John's University, St. Michael's College, Stonehill College (3), Suffolk University (4), SUNY- Stony Brook University, Syracuse University (2)

Tufts University

U Mass-Amherst (12), U Mass-Boston, U Mass-Dartmouth (4), U Mass-Lowell (2), University Of Cincinnati, University of Connecticut (2), University of Delaware (2), University of Maryland, University of Miami (2), University of Michigan, University of New Hampshire (2), University of Rhode Island (4), University of Richmond (2), University of Tampa (2), University of Virginia

W.P.I. (2) Westfield State College, Wheaton College, Williams College

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