

HADLEY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

June 1, 2011

7:30 AM Regular Meeting

Elementary Conference Room

PRESENT: Chair: Ms. Robie Grant, Vice Chair: Mr. James Michalak Members: Mr. Tom Waskiewicz, Ms. Linda Dunlavy, and Ms. Molly Keegan.

Dr. Nicholas Young, Superintendent of Schools, Carol Trane, Administrative Assistant, HEA President, Jack Horrigan and Terri Earle.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Robie Grant called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mrs. Earle asked the Committee for help getting information in enough time to post on the PTO website in a timely manner, noting that this early morning meeting was only posted on their website the night before, adding the timeframe is too short. Mrs. Earle also noted that parents expressed concern that a 7:30AM meeting is not conducive to getting children off to school, nor can teachers attend. Ms. Grant said this will be discussed at the next meeting

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. Academic Presentations- Ms. Grant said she was in contact with MASC regarding academic presentations affecting the collective bargaining agreement and they were quite surprised. MASC said it was up to the administration to do the presentation, but most often teachers like to present but are not required. Ms. Grant said the Committee should ask for presentations on specific programs that the Committee wants information on or the Committee feels would be helpful for people in the community to know. Mr. Michalak said he is weighing the pros and cons. If a teacher is going to present, they will be spending extra time to present; then they might get critiqued on what they present and then have comments on ways they should be doing something or not doing something and try to change the direction of what they are doing. Ms. Grant said she is not talking about teachers presenting, she is talking about principals/administration doing the presentations.

Ms. Dunlavy asked the Committee to postpone further discussion since the purpose of this early morning meeting was to go into executive session. It was also agreed to postpone discussion on agenda item School Committee Self-evaluation.

V. ADDENDUM

Ms. Grant reported to the Committee that she received an Open Meeting Law Complaint filed against the School Committee, specifically named Robie Grant and Molly Keegan for an alleged violation on May 5, 2011. A copy of which is filed with and made a part of these minutes.

Ms. Grant said the complaint must be answered in fourteen (14) business days and is included in today's discussion in order to prevent having to call a special meeting to meet the timeline. Ms. Grant said the complaint asserts that she and Ms. Keegan had a conversation about a school committee issue before town meeting after the posted meeting was cancelled. Ms. Grant has a letter from Attorney Dupere saying they did not violate the open meeting law. Ms. Grant will respond within the allotted time to Mrs. Tracy Kelley. Mrs. Kelley will then have a number of days to send it to the Attorney General's office for a ruling that will decide if the complaint has merit.

VI. CHANGE IN NEXT MEETING DATE

The Committee will change their June 20th meeting date to June 23, 2011 at 6:30 PM in the Music Room at Hopkins Academy to accommodate the Committee's attendance at the 6th Grade Celebration on June 20th.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: (Michalak/Keegan) move to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of strategy planning with respect to collective bargaining with Unit A and Unit C; and further state, that conducting the aforementioned business in open session will have a detrimental

effect on the public body's negotiating position. The committee will not reconvene in Regular Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Waskiewicz, Michalak, Dunlavy, Keegan and Grant.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Waskiewicz/Michalak) move to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 AM. VOTE: Unanimous.