

**GATEWAY REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015**

**Room 214/216 Jr. High  
7:30 P.M.**

**(A PORTION OF THIS MEETING MAY BE HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

**I. OPENING OF MEETING**

BLANDFORD  
Michele Crane  
Terri Garfield

CHESTER  
Shirley Winer  
Martha Otterbeck

HUNTINGTON  
Ron Damon  
William Hathaway  
Jeff Wyand

MIDDLEFIELD  
Sarah Foley  
Noreen Suriner

MONTGOMERY  
Anne Marie Buikus  
Sandra Haas

RUSSELL  
Ruth Kennedy  
Tara Balboni

WORTHINGTON  
Sue Levreault

SECRETARY  
Stacy Stewart

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION  
Dr. David B. Hopson, Superintendent  
Stephanie Fisk, Business & Finance

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
Joanne Blocker, Director of Academics  
Megan Coburn, Chs,Lit,Ms Principal  
Amy Fouracre, Chs,Lit, Ms Assistant Principal  
Wendy Long, District Grant Writer  
Alice Taverna, Pupil Services Director

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

OTHERS: \_\_\_\_\_

**7:35 p.m. II. PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA (3 Minute Limit) - None**

- Mrs. Crane opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Mrs. Buikus will be recording the meeting.

**III. STUDENT COUNCIL INPUT**

- Brennan Foley said finals are this week. The senior awards ceremony will be held next Wednesday. Graduation is next Friday, June 5. The band was in Blandford and Russell for their Memorial Day parade's this year. The sports banquet was last night.

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**IV. CONSENT ITEMS** 5/13/15, 11/17/14 (Enc.'s)

*Mr. Damon made a motion seconded by Mrs. Levreault to approve the minutes of 5/13/15.*

*Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 9 Nays Abstain 5 Absent*

- Mrs. Crane said that Mrs. Levreault had asked to have the November 17 minutes included in the packet.
- Mrs. Stewart said there was a vote missing and that she would update the minutes to reflect the vote. She thanked Mrs. Levreault for finding the error.

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**V. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Mass 1 to 1**

- Dr. Hopson gave a PowerPoint presentation.
- Dr. Hopson said Chrome books are so much cheaper than an Apple.
- Mrs. Kennedy read the description of a Class A corporation.
- Dr. Hopson said there can be 1 school committee member on the board of directors.
- Mrs. Kennedy said it should be brought to their attention so they know. The fact that they haven't been told about the meetings is a concern of hers.
- Dr. Hopson that is fine, we should post that more often.
- Mrs. Kennedy said it would have been nice to have been there when you Linda, and Stacy were voted in till 2017.
- Mrs. Winer asked what the money has gone to.
- Dr. Hopson said we have been able to try new things and different types of equipment. Apple was very good for us, with the exception of the last lease; things were about a month late and only 5 computers were for Gateway and 100 students for other schools. The board has voted to fold.
- Mrs. Foley asked what the other school districts going to do.
- Dr. Hopson said Ashburnham, was okay with it. Hampshire is not sure that they are going to do. Form 990 is a lot of work for very little return.
- Mrs. Buikus asked what happens in the final reckoning.
- Dr. Hopson said any retained earnings according to our bylaws have to benefit a public institution.
- Mrs. Buikus asked if we could buy equipment.
- Dr. Hopson said that or donate it to the Education Foundation. It should be about \$30 to \$40,000. Mass 1 to 1 has supported the foundation in the past.
- Plant family request.

**B. Costa Rica Presentation/Request for next trip**

- They moved to a new area every two days. They stayed in poor villages or reservations.
- Mrs. Crane asked about the home stays.
- Caroline Booth said the home stays were great. It is amazing how much you can bond with a family. They become like your own. They wanted to learn as much about our culture as we wanted to learn about theirs.
- Mrs. Rivera said they were scared at first. They held a soccer game to get the families acquainted. The soccer game lasted about three hours. Each family had a translator. In the end the students didn't want to leave their host families. The kids were amazing they couldn't have asked for better kids.
- Mrs. Kennedy asked if you can keep in touch with them.
- Cameron LaBrecque is friends on face book with his translator. Some of the kids have the addresses for the home stay families.
- Mrs. Kennedy asked for a list of the things they need. Maybe school committee can send a box or two.
- Mrs. Rivera went to a three classroom school. The school is in need of simple stuff, paper (colored and white), dry erase markers, etc. They get their money from the Eco Teach programs.
- Mrs. Otterbeck asked what were covered.
- Mrs. Rivera said Kindergarten through 6th grade and then they go to work.
- Mrs. Jensen said most of the students don't make it to grade 6 because of transportation. They do have electricity.
- Mrs. Jensen talked about the turtle project.
- Cameron LaBrecque said that 1 out of 1,000 turtles will survive with their help. Their predators are other animals and poachers.
- Stanley bought the land with his family. He gets paid by the researchers, students from Spain, Eco Teach and the private colleges in Costa Rica.
- Ms. Suriner asked if the families have to pay for the student's education.
- Mrs. Rivera it is like \$27 per year and they have uniforms. She said the guides were with us 24/7. They said our kids were amazing. We were the first kids to help the families with cooking, dishes, and family chores.
- Mrs. Jensen thinks they got to do a lot of extra things because they were so good. They got to swim in a local swimming hole. The two guides paid for their cactus ice cream.
- Mrs. Otterbeck read a statement about the trip written by her daughter who went on the trip and couldn't be here tonight.
- Mrs. Jensen thanked everyone who supported them in their efforts and got them there.
- Caroline Booth said she learned so much and is so thankful for the opportunity to go.

- Cameron LaBrecque said living in the hills he tries not to be close minded. He learned more Spanish in 9 days then he has here in school.
- Mrs. Rivera would like to do the trip again in April 2017. They will use the same company. They felt safe. They are looking to go to Peru and visit Machu Picchu. If the price is too high, they would go back to Costa Rica. They are looking for approval as summer is the best time for them to get a job and start saving money.

## VI. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. School Committee

- Mr. Wyand said his son has been asked to do some part-time work at Gateway and would like to be compensated. He is just bringing it to our attention.
- Attorney Dupere clarified we are talking about school committee member whose son is going to work and receive compensation from the district. The school committee member just needs to announce it. The decision is the superintendents.
- Mrs. Foley asked Mrs. Coburn who organized the student presentations at the last meeting. It was spectacular.
- Mrs. Coburn said she went to the teachers and asked them who stood out who would be willing to come to school committee. Ben Franklin was in Asher Rotenberg's class and the other two were in Laura Fisk's class.
- Mrs. Foley wanted to celebrate the teachers as well for their wonderful work.
- Mrs. Otterbeck chose to write something. She shared her thoughts about the conflict of the committee. School committee will receive a copy of the letter.
- Mrs. Otterbeck said there are a lot of people who have a lot to offer. Conflict is the nature of a committee.
- Mrs. Crane would like to put this on the agenda in June to help us with professional development and maybe get someone in here to help us.
- Mrs. Kennedy appreciates the thoughts that went into that. When she speaks it comes from her heart she has grandchildren here. She believes when this country was formed there was a gentleman who said you like the sausage, but you don't want to see it made. She has no problem coming to a conclusion, taking a vote, and then coming and being congenial with everyone. When she is on this committee she stands up for what she believes in. She bases it on the law. She doesn't know where this discord is coming from. We can't all say the same things.
- Mrs. Winer asked you don't see discord in the committee.
- Mrs. Kennedy said no.
- Ms. Suriner agrees completely, also being it isn't because of lack of caring, it is because she cares more. She has not meant to be hurtful although people may have taken it that way.
- Mrs. Winer asked again for comments from the rest of the committee on Mrs. Otterbeck's letter and there were none.
- Mrs. Otterbeck doesn't want to miss the concept of conflict. She doesn't always believe we will agree. Her concern is she perceives an undertone because this is personal for her. This is more about how to talk about the differences and resolve them. There needs to be follow up and resolution.
- Mrs. Foley agreed with Mrs. Crane's idea regarding professional development and getting someone in here to help us.
- Mrs. Kennedy can go along with that. She has gotten some pretty bad emails from Dr. Hopson, it has to come from the top down. Maybe this will help everyone understand where she is coming from. She stands up for what she believes. Maybe it takes. It would go along way if that sopped.
- Mrs. Winer said it will probably take many discussions. It is not the disagreement, it's that there is an undercurrent or set of agendas, that is causing distrust, or lack of cohesion. This isn't something we made up. A vice principal just left. It is disturbing to people who might want to send their kids here or work here.
- Brennan said people ask him what happens at meetings and he says pretty much nothing. There are a lot of people who have lost confidence in the committee.

**B. Chairperson** - None

**C. Superintendent** - None

**D. Business Manager** - None

**E. Administration** - None

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTING

**A. Superintendent's Evaluation (Enc.)**

- Mrs. Crane handed out a hard copy. The evaluation is due by June 6. An email with the link will go out before we leave tonight. You will have to finish it within one hour or you will be disappointed.

**B. Finance Subcommittee**

- At the last meeting they talked about the transportation budget, purchasing busses, capital fund and what that might mean, and the transportation fund. The next meeting is June 23.

**C. Legislative Liaison – None****D. Policy Subcommittee – None****E. Building Liaisons – None**

- Mrs. Foley said last night was the sports banquet and an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the athletes. Cameron LaBrecque did the video and did a nice job.
- Mrs. Balboni said the middle school and Jr. high had a talent show. Her son played with a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band. It was a great night with some very talented students.
- Mrs. Buikus and Mrs. Crane did some scholarship awards.

**F. Community Curriculum Committee – None****7:45 - VII. OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS****A. Plant Family Kindergarten Waiver Request/Recommendation from Mrs. Coburn**

- Mrs. Crane said the Plant's asked us to waive the kindergarten start date. The screening has been done.
- Ms. Suriner said she will be making a vote on what is best for their child. If he is developmentally ready she will vote to get him in the school. If he is not, then she will vote against it. She said Mrs. Foley had commented that she kept her son back. Ms. Suriner's experience as a teacher has more often than not been that boys are a little slower at that age.
- Mrs. Coburn said on ESI incoming screening 4 years and 8 months he scored very well. General cognitive test and letter id's. He is right up there with kids that were even lower. His speech and language was not as high. There are no language concerns; it is more articulation. There is nothing alarming to say not to allow him in.
- The speech language therapist said his speech go lazy at times. Articulation, it is a developmental. Language would be more of a concern if he was having trouble following directions.
- Mr. Plant they are correcting him and they weren't in the past.
- Mrs. Coburn gave some examples of pronouns.
- Mrs. Crane asked if he was socially ready.
- Mrs. Coburn said he is fine. She last year she had a really young kindergarten class with a lot of August babies. They had to retain a few.
- Her twins were born in September
- Mrs. Foley asked if he was accepted would the parents be okay if he stayed back and didn't go to first grade.
- Mr. Plant said he would be okay if he wasn't developmentally ready.
- Mrs. Plant said he was the youngest now he does everything the older kids do, the plays with the older kids not the younger ones. She is afraid if he stays back it would be a hindrance.
- Mrs. Foley asked if the preschool has made any recommendations; what is their opinion.
- Mr. Plant said when he was tested their report was the same as Mrs. Coburn's
- Mrs. Buikus asked if there is another evaluation after school starts.
- Mrs. Coburn yes, and a couple of the kids popped up as re-screens. The first couple of months are more routine; then they start benchmarking. They use things like DIBLES and letter sound connections.
- Mrs. Buikus asked if there have been cases where children have not stayed in Kindergarten.
- Mrs. Coburn said yes.

*Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to waive the policy for this child.*

- Mrs. Kennedy asked where they live again.
- Dr. Hopson said Westfield and their daughter currently attends Gateway.

- Mrs. Levreault understands where he is coming from this conversation has bothered her because we are making an exception. There will always be people asking for exceptions. August 1 is Westfield's cut off. She knows people who have put their kids in school in Westfield, and then came here. Preschool parents are going to be asking more often for us to make an exception. We have to draw the line somewhere. Now the new line is going to be September 8. The only reason we know is he is ready is because we got testimony from a screening. Other people are going to ask why am I not able to have that test used.
- Mrs. Balboni said if someone is ready for kindergarten it is easy. In 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> when kids hit puberty or they are socially or emotionally behind it is different. It's not like 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders hanging out with older kids. No one wants to send their kids early. The guidelines exist for a reason. Not just for kindergarten. Is he ready to always be the youngest? Her grandfather always felt behind (the cut off was January then). He thought if he hadn't gone early his life would have been different.
- Dr. Hopson said this is school choice.
- Mrs. Foley asked what his home school would be if he didn't go to Gateway
- Mr. Plant said Gateway is a priority. St. Mary's or Chicopee would be options. Geographically Highland school would be his home in Westfield.
- Mrs. Garfield said the dates by boards fluctuate. We shouldn't hold so fast and true to that particular date. It is not like he is 6 months behind. A supportive family helps. Socially cognitive ready doesn't happen on a specific date. 8 days is a short window.
- Mr. Plant said your legal basis is he has two years of preschool, screening, plus it's only a week beyond the cutoff date.
- Attorney Dupere said that wouldn't be a legal basis. If you don't maintain your date, then you have to consider requests on a case by case basis and a method of determining whether or not the child is ready has to be standard. The school system he argued this for never granted waivers. Some school districts do. Every case is going to be different. He and his son Russell both missed the deadline by three days. Now they are lawyers. If you've never granted an exception in the past you are setting a new standard.
- Dr. Hopson said to be honest he doesn't know if they've ever granted a waiver.
- Attorney Dupere one way is you never make exceptions and the other is you make them on criteria and testing and you have the criteria laid out.
- Dr. Hopson said the school committee could use two years of preschool and testing as the criteria.
- Mrs. Winer said after a year in kindergarten he will be reassessed. It doesn't mean he is on an early take off for the rest of his career.
- Mrs. Levreault asked if all kids in Westfield are accepted into preschool. Were there role models? Here in Gateway there are only so many slots. Is the playing field as un-equal?
- Mrs. Foley said in ESI he scored according to his age, his age typically would not be in kindergarten; is it normed by grade level.
- Mrs. Coburn thinks its age normed.
- Mrs. Kennedy would it be better to set up the parameters first.
- Attorney Dupere asked what the current policy is.
- Dr. Hopson said just the age.
- Attorney Dupere said policies and procedures would be better in place ahead of time, but you have a current case, so there is nothing stopping you from doing so in the future.
- Mrs. Long would recommend following the advice of Attorney Dupere if you choose to do this. She does not remember any that we waived although many came requesting the waiver.
- Mrs. Buikus agrees with Mrs. Balboni in her class there was a very young student brought in and it was fine until the upper grades. She was more comfortable with the kids below her and had a hard time.
- Dr. Hopson said he was a young kid, and graduated at 17, but you are the decision making policy board.
- Mrs. Winer asked if it is us or the testing.
- Dr. Hopson said you've been given the information and only you as a board can waive the policy.
- Mrs. Kennedy asked how we are with kindergarten space for upcoming children.
- Mrs. Coburn said we screened fewer kids then we thought. We don't screen students on an IEP. We know of 8 to 10 on IEP's that we didn't screen. We have room

*Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to waive the policy for this child.*

*Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 11 Nays 3 Abstain Absent*

- Dr. Hopson read the seconded part of policy regarding waivers; may want to include something for those who are in district.

- Attorney Dupere suggested the district examine what several other school districts have in place. The administration should examine it and then present the options to the school committee.
- Mrs. Kennedy would like to look into this.

### **B. Solar Energy Vote**

- Dr. Hopson said Mr. Bard was here at the last meeting. He sent a couple of references, he asked that one member call not 15 or 16 members. We are the last school being offered to for this project. We might be able to put it off for another school committee meeting.

*Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Winer to approve net metering with Mr. Bard.*

- Mrs. Kennedy has a problem with the too good to be true. We can't afford anything right now. We are reworking our agreement.
- Mrs. Balboni said they are taking a portion of the solar/they get a percentage every time we get some. They don't get some unless we get some. Someone else is going to buy if we don't.
- Mrs. Foley said they get their tax breaks through the government.
- Dr. Hopson said there are two options, solar company takes your SREX credits, they are looking for someone to use those credits or we can buy our own and we can sell the SREX. If you look at the size they are selling a whole lot. It doesn't cost anything, but we don't owe anything and we get cheaper electricity. He would rather low ball the savings. He is using a low multiplier.
- Mrs. McVeigh said this process would allow us to move forward to enter a contract to review.
- Attorney Dupere said you could talk to Russell, he has done this before or you can split the cost with others and use a different attorney.

*Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Winer to approve net metering with Mr. Bard.*

*Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 13 Nays Abstain Absent*

*Mrs. Kennedy made a motion seconded by Mr. Wyand to send the contract to our attorney for review.*

*Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 12 Nays Abstain 1 Absent 1*

*Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Kennedy as written.*

- Dr. Hopson said they went through Standard and Poors and we are rated A+ Move as written
- Mrs. Foley asked if there is there anything we need to look out for.
- Ms. Fisk said no, Lori Lombard explained everything in the presentation when she came out.

*Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Kennedy as written.*

*Motion Carried Yeas 14 Nays Abstain Absent*

### **C. Taping Meeting/Minutes Discussion**

- Attorney Dupere said the video tape can't be used as the minutes of the meeting and school committee still needs to approve them. Once you begin taping meetings you have to archive them. He doesn't know anyone who video tapes all meetings. They only video tape some meetings. If someone wants a copy you have to locate it and copy it. It is not his recommendation do video tape the meetings. He believes school committees don't for a reason; cost and archiving.
- Mrs. Winer said the town of Sharron records them because they have a cable company, and it requires them to.
- Dr. Hopson said when the cable company records the meeting it isn't a meeting record.
- Do you have to say you are videotaping like you do when audio taping.
- Attorney Dupere said if it is a public meeting anyone can audio or video tape the meeting. You should do it routinely by having the chair ask at the beginning of every meeting.
- Mrs. Kennedy said with audio taping it belongs to the person audio taping is it the same with video.
- Attorney Dupere – if you have a camera on school camera you can have video but not audio. If you are talking to an individual and you are recording it is illegal. As long as it is an open meeting it can happen.
- Mrs. Buikus said don't you have students who can do that.

- Dr. Hopson said we do the news cast. It takes them a lot of time to do the five minutes. You have to have someone here and they have to take it back to archive. You would have to have an administrator to archive it.
- Mrs. Kennedy said if she brings her video camera it belongs to here not the school. It is not an official record of the school.
- Ms. Fisk said if anyone on school committee as a public official recorded it, isn't it public record if it is in an open meeting under the law.
- Attorney Dupere said the individual is not a public body. If a school committee member has a tape recorder on the desk that is not a record.
- Dr. Hopson said so anyone can come and record if they want to and it is not an official record.
- Mrs. Buikus asked if we can we table it till the next meeting she would like to do some more research. She thinks that Westfield's recording was originally started by the university.
- Attorney Dupere said cities and towns are on the cable television. The only one's he sees recording the meetings are the ones with cable. They are not an official record of the meeting. He represents over 60 school systems from Pittsfield to the north shore and is at meetings almost every night.
- Mrs. Otterbeck asked why we want to video or audio tape.
- Mrs. Levreault said one of the calendars proposed for school committee doesn't have us traveling. We started the road show as a means of communication, if you were to stop, having it be taped or available would give people the opportunity to see.

#### **D. Worthington Withdrawal**

- Mrs. Kennedy said Attorney Lampke, Attorney Dupere, herself and Derrick Mason are in the process of answering the amended complaint. They have 25 days. They are looking into an injunction and process of putting it together.
- Dr. Hopson asked what is the vote requirement and is the regional agreement legal.
- Attorney Dupere said the regional agreement is valid for the remaining towns. The lawsuit with Worthington did not negate it. The vote would require 2/3rds as it sits now. Worthington is not part so they are not included. That is his opinion and he checked with Christine Lynch; 4 of the 6 towns need to approve the budget.
- Mrs. Kennedy said if the agreement is not negated for Worthington until on June 30<sup>th</sup> they don't vote on the budget, but two thirds is five.
- It was specifically – if the injunction comes through what would it be. Attorney Dupere,
- Mrs. Foley asked why doesn't Worthington's withdrawal disrupt the agreement.
- Attorney Dupere said it disrupts it, but the entire agreement isn't negated. Have you considered coming up with an amendment to the agreement. It is a process that should be done. It is an amendment to the existing agreement. Only if the district was dissolved entirely would you draw up a new one.
- Mrs. Foley said all of the towns were asked if Worthington could leave and they said no, but somehow they were allowed to leave. The break was irreparable.
- Attorney Dupere said many have had members leave, and some added. Pembroke's split was an amendment.
- Mrs. Foley as the process was not followed, though legislature, the agreement was not followed.
- Attorney Dupere said it was superseded by legislation. It has been about 10 years. They were separate schools and they all wanted it.
- Mrs. Foley said that is the difference they all wanted it.
- Attorney Dupere been associated with Gateway for about 30-35 years. This dysfunctional relationship occurred 15 to 20 years ago. He sat in every one of our school committee meetings. Sometimes you will agree with him sometimes you are not, but he will answer the question. He has no friends. Only three schools has he had to do this. Meetings never took more than an hour and a half. You are not doing business if it goes longer. Business shouldn't be moved to agenda after agenda. He did it here and at Silver Lake. He is currently doing one right now. Mediation doesn't work; the person only gives you a tid bit of information. It is the only thing that works. He has only sat here tonight and he can see you don't have a very good relationship; you do need to work on it.
- Mrs. Crane asked if he thinks we need to do this. Is our size a problem?
- Attorney Dupere said two were this size and one is smaller but had a decade old.
- Mrs. Winer asked what stopped.
- Attorney Dupere said the relationships changed.
- Dr. Hopson said it was a short period of time and he was on the committee then. It was helpful. The functionality was streamlined.

- Attorney Dupere said it streamlined the meetings. If you run your meeting technically by Roberts rules not run you are not running an efficient meeting. The other is not letting go of an issue after a vote.
- Mrs. Winer said meetings in the parking lot go on and it happens a lot, she doesn't stop to find out what is being talked about.

#### **E. Bond Refinancing (Enc.)**

- *Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Kennedy as written.*
- Dr. Hopson said they went through Standard and Poors and we are rated A+.
- Mrs. Foley asked if there is anything we need to look out for.
- Ms. Fisk said no, Lori Lombard explained everything in the presentation when she came out.

*Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Kennedy as written.*

*Motion Carried Yeas 14 Nays Abstain Absent*

#### **F. Recommendation to establish a Regional Transportation Fund.**

- Ms. Fisk said it gives the school district the ability to establish. Excess transportation funds received can go there for a year. The next year you have to use it to offset assessments or it goes to E & D.
- Mrs. Foley said it sounds like a book keeping thing.
- Mrs. McVeigh asked if any of the school committee members have gone to their town fathers to talk about this.

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

- Move A-E to Old Business on next agenda

#### **A. MASC Arbitration Request (Enc. 5/13)**

#### **B. FY '16 School Committee Schedule (Enc. 5/13)**

#### **C. Approval for Superintendent to Attend the ASBO Conference**

#### **D. Wired West (Enc. 5/13)**

**E. Superintendent requests authorization for the District Treasurer or Assistant District Treasurer under provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 71 Section 16 (9) and with the approval of the Chairperson for the Gateway Regional Committee, to incur temporary debt (borrow from time to time) in anticipation of revenue to be received from any source for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. This is for short-term borrowing in case assessments are not received in time, etc.**

### **X. OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

#### **Future Agenda Items**

### **XI. INFORMATION**

#### **Information**

Annual Gateway Sports Banquet  
 GatorRoo Music Festival June 6  
 Chester readers hit milestone, rewarded by staff performance  
 Spring sports Senior Night  
 Awards, scholarships coming for Gateway seniors  
 Space still available in Jr. High 'Adventure Camp'  
 Schools closed for Memorial Day  
 Superintendent's Corner May, 2015  
 Graduation, senior awards coming up  
 All invited to Gateway staff reception  
 Kulik, Humason, visit Gateway School-Based Health Center  
 Superintendent's Corner May 15, 2015  
 Annual concert raises over \$1,000

#### **Warrant**

AP#1084 \$37,886.56

PR# 23 \$392,903.49

AP#1086 \$51.86

AP#1087 \$93,147.16  
AP#1089 \$149,437.10

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**9:00-10 p.m. XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
or earlier**

- A. Union Negotiations
- B. Litigation

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**XIII. ADJOURNMENT** *Mr. Damon made a motion seconded by Mrs. Kennedy to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.*

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**Respectfully Submitted,  
Stacy L Stewart  
School Committee Secretary**