

**ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Library
R.J. Grey Junior High School

March 29, 2007
11:05 p.m.

Members Present: John Ryder, Jonathan Chinitz, Michael Coppelino, Terry Lindgren,
Sharon Smith McManus
Also Present: William Ryan, George Frost, Susan Horn, Elizabeth Huber,
Sharon Summers, citizens and press

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 p.m. by the Chairperson.

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

STATEMENT OF WARRANT

Warrant #2007- 20 in the amount of \$203,461.97 was signed by the chairperson and circulated to the rest of the Committee for signatures.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 15, 2007 were approved as written.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. FY'08 Budget

- Bill Ryan referred to the FY'08 budget booklet in the packet for Town Meeting.
- Jonathan Chinitz reported on his meeting with two BOS members last weekend before the Joint SC/BOS meeting. It was a productive meeting, to avoid theatrics that could have happened at the Selectmen's' meeting. The Joint Meeting was held so that ALG did not have to reconvene. Jonathan Chinitz attended and made short presentation on behalf of the School Committee. He assured the BOS that there is no attempt to change the revenue sharing percentage (31.25%) by the School Committee. The schools will lower their budget increases if state aid actually comes in at less than the level of aid in the Governor;s budget. Also, he reported that Bill Mullin petitioned the BOS to use more funds to lower the 2 1/2% component.
- Sharon McManus moved, it was seconded and

VOTED: That additional appropriation approved by the School Committee on March 15, 2007 is subject to the 31.25% allocation to the Town of Acton, keeping in mind that the regional spending number is Acton's share.
(Vote: 4 - 1 [Lindgren])

2. Health Insurance Trust Report

- Tess Summers reported. (See ABRSD minutes, 3/29/07)
- It was moved, seconded and unanimously

VOTED: That John Ryder serve as the AB/APS School Committee representative to the Health Insurance Trust.

3. Douglas School Modular Update

- Bill Ryan recommended that there be a separate warrant article for the Douglas Modulars, so that funds would be available for three years to complete the 'tear down' process. There was discussion about funding the Douglas Modulars. They will be a separate warrant article, and could be funded from free cash or Chapter 70 money. Jonathan Chinitz recommended that the Committee not take any action now, and talk to the FinCom and BOS to decide how we want to phrase the article. The Committee agreed.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Recommendation to Accept Two Gifts from the Douglas PTO**

- It was moved (McManus), seconded (Coppolino) and unanimously

VOTED: To accept, with gratitude, the generous gift of \$1,000 from the Douglas School PTO.

These funds will be used towards the new Japanese Language Program.

- It was moved (McManus), seconded (Coppolino) and unanimously

VOTED: To accept, with gratitude, the generous gift of \$1,600 from the Douglas School PTO.

These funds will be used towards the Librarian's additional hours.

**NEXT MEETINGS: April 9, 6 pm, ABRHS Conference Room
May 17, 7:30 pm, Merriam School**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah T. Lawton, Secretary