

**Monday, April 22, 2002 – Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole Meeting**

April 22, 2002

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Finance and Facilities Chairperson, Mary Jo Rossetti, called a Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole Meeting of the School Committee to order in the Aldermanic Chambers at city hall at 6:40 p.m., to vote on accepting a grant, a building use request and, to discuss the FY03 budget.

**II. ROLL CALL**

School Committee Members Present: Ms. Cardoso, Ms. Murray, Ms. Bauer, Ms. Harris, Ms. Taylor, Alderman White, Mr. Rossetti and Mr. Sullivan.

Mayor Gay was absent.

Dr. Albert F. Argenziano, Superintendent of Schools, Marie B. Ferrari, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Administration, Mr. Anthony C. Caliri, Human Resources Manager and Dr. Steven F. Jenkins, District Administrator for Student Services were also present along with approximately four members of the audience.

**III. GRANT FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR**

MOTION: Chairman Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cardoso, to accept a check in the amount of \$1,000 to be used exclusively for the Somerville Public Schools Parent-Child Home Program from JP Morgan Private Bank and the motion was approved by voice vote.

**IV. BUILDING USE REQUEST**

School Committee Members Mary Jo Rossetti and Charlene Harris left the meeting before discussion began on this item, did not vote, and returned after discussion ended.

Gym Time for Somerville Pride Girls' Basketball:

MOTION: Ms. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cardoso, to approve the use of the Powder House community School Gym (6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays beginning April 23<sup>rd</sup>) and waive all fees. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**V. FY03 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

A. Discussion centered around a Capital Improvement Plan Calendar for fiscal years 2003-2007 submitted by Mr. Thomas F. Hedderick, Chief Financial Officer for the city. Bondable items were specifically discussed and Alderman White advised that the Chief Financial Officer has put in place a *policy* that certain items are bondable. Discussion took place around the use of the word *policy* and bondable items.

Ms. Rossetti requested that members prioritize #1 through #4 of what they would like to see included in a Capital Improvement Plan that will be presented to Mr. Hedderick on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole meeting beginning at 7 p.m., at 181 Washington Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room.

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**V. FY03 BUDGET DISCUSSION (cont.)**

MOTION: Ms. Bauer made a motion, seconded by Alderman White, that the school committee send a letter to the Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Thomas F. Hedderick, requesting a statement of city policy, in writing, on what items will be bonded and whether the reason is for legal reasons, sound fiscal management reasons or other reasons and have an answer before the next school committee meeting on Monday, April 29, 2002 and, to also invite Mr. Tim Egan, Information Systems & Database Administrator, Mr. Bron Abucewicz, Network Manager, Mr. Joseph A. Mastrocola, Coordinator of Instructional Technology and Mr. Patrick J. McCormick, Chief Technology Information Officer to the meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**B. 2002-2003 Budget Analyses Page:**

Discussion took place regarding the following analyses the committee received in February and also the possibility of having to cut 10%, which would mean an additional \$1.4 million dollars.

FY02

City Budget for Schools	\$	50,500,000.
School Budget Spending Plan	\$	51,800,000.
Difference	\$	1,300,000.
(Medicaid Rollover Covered This Difference)		

FY03

Teacher Salaries – Local 02 -	\$	28,500,000.
Teacher Salaries (3% increase)	\$	29,355,000.
Step Increases	\$	600,000.
Teacher Salaries (03)	\$	29,955,000.
Salaries (03) Other		13,534,300.
Salaries 03 -	\$	43,489,300.
Operations 03 -	\$	10,801,250.
TOTAL:	\$	54,290,550.

FY03 Budget Request -	\$	54,290,550.
FY02 Budget Received -	\$	50,500,000.
Difference:	\$	3,790,550. (7.5%)

Option I: \$	3,790,550.	Needed Funds
\$	1,515,000.	3% From City
\$	2,275,550.	Deficit
\$	1,400,000.	Medicaid Rollover
\$	875,550.	Needed Funds

Option II: \$	3,790,550.	Needed Funds
\$	1,767,500.	3.5% From City
\$	2,023,050.	Deficit
\$	1,400,000.	Medicaid Rollover
\$	623,050.	Needed Funds

Option I and II have no new staff, no additional programs, and reduction in staff as per pending retirements. Thank you.

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**V. FY03 BUDGET DISCUSSION (cont.)**

- C. 2002-2003 Projected Enrollment Using Enrollment Figures and Non-Promotees Reported By Principals as of March 4, 2002 and, B/L Exits as of February 26, 2002.

Mr. Anthony C. Caliri, Human Resources Manager, went over the figures, school-by-school, with school committee members.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., by voice vote.

Dr. Albert F. Argenziano  
Secretary

April 22, 2002

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dennis M. Sullivan called a Regular Meeting of the School Committee to order in the aldermanic chambers at 8:10 p.m., with a moment of silence and a salute to the flag of the United States of America.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present were Ms. Cardoso, Ms. Murray, Mayor Gay, Ms. Bauer, Ms. Harris, Ms. Taylor, Alderman White, Ms. Rossetti, and Chairman Sullivan.

No one was absent.

**III. AWARDS AND CITATIONS**

- ✓ **Science Olympiad Participants** were presented by Ms. Mary Jo Rossetti and they are as follows: John Dres, Chris Hickey, Dante Quinn, Kieran White, Tim Cronin, Matt Jergens, Caroline Thompson, Danielle Benoit, Sonia Booth, Juna Jovani, Nicole Mari, Megan Connolly, Kathryn Bossi, Megan Yau, Skye Grams, Nicholas Moreira, Elsi Ramizi, Neline Clergeau, Matthew Vargas, Peter Leotsakos, Tim Florentino, Bethany Riminiscenza, Alex Lorenti, Giancarlo Cucurullo, Connor Hughes, Michael Desmond, Jessica Trane, Kelly Mahoney, Danny O'Donnell, Amanda Cremone, Amanpreet Singh, Costas Hatzis, Frank Bramante, David Gale, Quentin Magnell, Joseph Moreira, Taylor Haynes, Charlie Aliano, Mr. William Hickey, Coach/Parent, Mr. Robert Trane, Coach/Parent, Ms. Katie Luz, Coach/Parent, Ms. Lisa Mari, Coach/Parent, Ms. Diane Riminiscenza, Coach/Parent, Mr. Tom Calderwood, Coach, Ms. Krista Ernewein, Coach, Skye Grams, WSNS Alumni, Amanda Bossi, WSNS Alumni, Mr. Albert V. Pellicchia, Jr., Vice Principal/Coach, Mr. Thomas DeMarco, Teacher/Coach, Mr. Kenneth Bruno, Teacher/Coach, Mr. Frank Beebe, Teacher/Coach and Ms. Kimberly Murphy, Teacher/Coordinator.
  
- ✓ **SHS Science Fair Winners** were presented by Ms. Mary Jo Rossetti and they are as follows: Paul Mitrano, Jens Stevens, Antonio Martin, Adrian Danemayer, Lia Costiner, Daipan Lee, Praagyan Pokharel, Fedor Labounko, Steven Favaloro, Harkirat Kaur, Alison Dichino, Blake Evitt, Jillian Foley, Elizabeth Kennedy, Ulyana Sorokopoud, Nathan Fu, Dipali Mistri, Kara Rossetti, Sammy Li, Maura Canavan, Tri Vu, Elodi Barbosa, Lana Luo, Susie Li, Brenda Gonzales, Sally Reardon, Arshan Gailus, Hannah Zipple, Mark McCorkle, Cathy Le, Dae Kim, Catia Martins, Janielly Dias, Ruby Thorkelson, Jennifer Sherman, Kathleen Bohan, Amy Darr, Ryan Brown, Tsepa Bayul, Minhua Lee, Amanda Bossi, Shirley Cho, Chang Zou, Samuel Barros, Danny Tse and Lisa Davis.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved for printing by voice vote as follows:

March 25, 2002:

- Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole
- Regular School Committee Meeting

April 1, 2002:

- Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole
- Regular School Committee Meeting

**V. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Student representative for the 2001-2002 school year, Kerri Connolly, was not present this evening and no report was given.

**VI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Argenziano reported on the following issues:

1. Expressed appreciation to the Mayor, David Dow, DPW Commissioner, and the DPW department for the number of school projects undertaken and completed during the April vacation.
2. Advised that school committee members will be receiving the following invitations: 1) the WSNS playground will be dedicated in memory of Vice Principal Jean L. Foley on Sunday, May 5, 2002 at 2 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at 1:30 p.m., a plaque will be dedicated, temporarily in the library, to teacher Mary E. Moitoza at the LPCS with the understanding that when the new LPCS is completed a room will be named after Mary.
3. Announced that Teacher Recognition Week will take place May 5 through 11.
4. Thanked Bob Ciampi, Facilities, Personnel & Property Services Director, for his new *School Building Newsletter*.
5. Information regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> Leadership Institute that will be conducted at the end of June was enclosed in packets.
6. The information relative to the CTBS Survey was also provided and which will probably be discussed at a future Ed. Programs and Instruction Subcommittee.
7. A copy of the *No Child Left Behind Act*, in summation, from produced by the Department of Education office was provided.
8. Relative to the *Technology Action Plan*, Dr. Argenziano publicly expressed appreciation to Tim Egan, Information Systems & Database Administrator, Joseph A. Mastrocola, Coordinator of Instructional Technology and Bron Abucewicz, Network Manager for putting this excellent plan together. The *Plan* will be discussed at the Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, April 29, 2002 at 7 p.m.
9. A draft copy of school committee meetings through June 30, 2002 was provided.
10. The *Community Based Justice Program* that meets every Thursday at the Somerville Police Department have reported some serious problems at the end of the school day and on weekends at the ESCS. The police department thought it would be helpful for the school committee to go on record to post "no trespassing, Monday through Friday, 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., Except Holidays", signs at the front and rear of the school, which would allow them to arrest people for trespassing after being warned.

**VI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT (cont.)**

Dr. Argenziano reported on the following issues (cont.)

10. MOTION: Ms. Bauer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Taylor, to support the recommendations of the *Community Based Justice Program* to post signs on the ESCS property in the front and the rear. The motion was approved by voice vote.
11. Dr. Argenziano advised that he would be recommending, under New Business, that Assistant Superintendent, Marie B. Ferrari, be allowed to attend the Oxford Round Table to be held at Oxford University July 14-19, 2002, with the cost being covered by his contract allowances for the AASA Convention for 2002 and 2003.
12. Advised that Senator Charles E. Shannon did respond to the school committee's request for assistance and support of the following two Bills that affect the Somerville Public Schools – to oppose passage of Hbuse Bill 4873 and to support the Antonioni/Larkin Bill on Bilingual Education. Dr. Argenziano advised that he has received no other responses to date.
13. A copy of the Metro West Massachusetts Regional Library System communication was provided to members.
14. School Council Minutes from the Powder House Community, Kennedy and Cummings Schools were also provided.
15. Dr. Argenziano advised that a moment of silence would be observed at the end of this meeting in memory of all those who passed away during the school vacation period.
16. Reminded members that this Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Board of Aldermen meeting. Ms. Taylor will be representing the school committee on the Unz Petition, Luigi Palazzo, Coordinator of Bilingual Education, and himself will be in the audience to provide support, if needed, for her.

**VII. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

**A. *Personnel Committee of the Whole:* Ms. Harris (April 8)**

Interview of finalists for the PHCS Principal Position:

- ✓ Mr. Ned Pratt
- ✓ Ms. Susan J. Collins
- ✓ Mr. Stephen M. Tuccelli

Ms. Harris announced that Ms. Susan J. Collins, current Vice Principal of the Lincoln Park Community School, was selected as the new Principal of the Powder House Community School.

**VII. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES (cont.)**

**B. *Ed. Programs and Instruction Subcommittee:* Ms. Murray (April 10)**

Subjects discussed:

1. Prevention Works – Mayor’s Office
2. Drug Task Force – Needs Assessment (C. Gilberti)
3. K-8 Reading: Y. Gunzburger – New Series, Required Reading, Summer Reading; Standardized Testing
4. Approval of In-Service Courses

Approved motion from subcommittee:

To approve the In-Service course, *Basic Sign Language* for the Early Childhood and Special Needs Program.

**C. *Long Range Planning Committee of the Whole:* Chairman Sullivan (April 11)**

Subject discussed:

- ✓ Goals & Objectives for 2002
- ✓ Future Space Considerations

Motion from Committee of the Whole:

That the Two-Way Bilingual Program, presently housed at St. Polycarp’s, be moved to the Ederly Education Center effective for the 2003-2004 school year.

**D. *Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole:* Ms. Rossetti (April 22)**

Subjects discussed:

- a) Grant from an anonymous donor
- b) Building Use Request
- c) FY03 Budget Discussion – Capital Improvement Plan Calendar

Approved motions from Committee of the Whole:

- a) To accept a check in the amount of \$1,000 to be used exclusively for the Somerville Public Schools Parent-Child Home Program from JP Morgan Private Bank.

**VII. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES (cont.)**

**D. Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole (cont.)**

Approved motions from Committee of the Whole (cont.)

b) Gym Time for Somerville Pride Girls' Basketball:

To approve the use of the Powder House community School Gym (6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays beginning April 23<sup>rd</sup>) and waive all fees. (Ms. Rossetti and Ms. Harris did not vote on this item.)

c) FY03 Budget Discussion/Capital Improvement Plan Calendar

That the school committee send a letter to the Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Thomas F. Hedderick, requesting a statement of city policy, in writing, on what items will be bonded and whether the reason is for legal reasons, sound fiscal management reasons or other reasons and have an answer before the next school committee meeting on Monday, April 29, 2002 and, to also invite Mr. Tim Egan, Information Systems & Database Administrator, Mr. Bron Abucewicz, Network Manager, Mr. Joseph A. Mastrocola, Coordinator of Instructional Technology and Mr. Patrick J. McCormick, Chief Technology Information Officer to the meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

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Ms. Rossetti requested that members prioritize #1 through #4 of what they would like to see included in a Capital Improvement Plan that will be presented to Mr. Hedderick on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole meeting beginning at 7 p.m., at 181 Washington Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room.

Ms. Rossetti also advised that the Technology Action Plan would also be discussed at the above meeting. She congratulated Bron Abucewicz, Network Manager, Tim Egan, Information Systems and Database Administrator and Joe Mastrocola, Coordinator of Instructional Technology for their preparation and presentation of this document.

Ms. Rossetti advised that the school department's budget currently reflects a \$1 million dollar cut in light of the state's fiscal crisis. In light of a possible 10% (\$4 million dollars) cut in the state's budget, the school department would have to then look at cutting another million dollars. Dr. Argenziano advised that this would mean an additional \$1.2-1.3 million cut on top of the current \$1 million cut already reflected in the budget.

On a lighter note, In discussing the enrollment figures earlier, Ms. Rossetti advised that as it stands now, the class projected enrollment is 17.9 students per class and Somerville can be proud of this projection.



**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Update re the Kennedy and Healey Schools Closeout Status**

Ms. Rossetti asked if any response has been received from the DPW Department regarding the Granger Corporation in response to the school committee's letter of March 26, 2002, regarding their concerns? Dr. Argenziano advised that they are still working on the school committee's request.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Oxford Round Table Symposium**

The superintendent recommended that Marie B. Ferrari, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Administration, accept the invitation to attend the Oxford Round Table to be held at Oxford University, St. Antony's College, United Kingdom from July 14-19, 2002. Ms. Ferrari was chosen as a representative of the Somerville Public Schools, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States of America as one of forty worldwide invitees for the symposium on Public Education: Finance and Administration. Approved by a roll call vote of: Yes—8—Cardoso, Murray, Bauer, Harris, Taylor, White, Rossetti and Sullivan; No—1—Gay.

B. **Field Trips** – Approved by voice vote.

**May 3, 2002:** **Somerville High School**, Grade 10, to New York City, the Museum of Jewish Heritage, Platform @ Ground Zero and, Engine Co. #39 Tour. Transportation by bus at no cost to students.

**May 9, 2002:** **Ms. Rita Ranucci and Ms. Kristina Beachell**, district-wide music teachers, for SHS students, to Performance for Sr. Housing Complex in preparation for 150<sup>th</sup> SHS Anniversary Concert at the Somerville Museum. Transportation by bus at no cost to students.

**May 21, 2002:** **Unidos Program** to Roger Williams Park Zoo in Rhode Island. Transportation by bus at a cost of \$4.00 to students.

**X. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**Ms. Cardoso**

1. Announced that the SHS Art Fair will open tomorrow, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5 to 7:30 p.m., and the Gallery hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 8 to 2:30 p.m.
2. On Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> the Title I *Books for Bingo* program will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the WHCS.
3. On Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the LPCS will conduct their PTA meeting.

**X. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (cont.)**

**Ms. Cardoso** (cont.)

4. On Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, the SHS Scholarship Foundation Raffle will take place at 8 p.m., in the Ray Izzo Highlander Café at SHS. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased that evening.
5. Advised that the SHS 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Dinner tickets (Friday, October 11, 2002) are on sale at \$50 per person and you can send your check, made payable to the *SHS Student Activities Account*, to Ms. Marie B. Ferrari, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, 181 Washington Street, Somerville 02143.
6. Regarding Ward II and III, on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a public meeting to discuss the Union Square transportation plan from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the Properzi Manor on Warren Street.
7. Reported that on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a citywide clean up and LPCS students will be meeting at 9:15 to clean the schoolyard, park and square.
8. Advised that any Ward II residents with serious issues contact Alderman at Large, William A. White, Jr., or one of the other three Aldermen at Large, Joseph A. Curtatone, Bruce M. Desmond and Denise Provost. Ms. Cardoso reported that several weeks ago a bus at the intersection of Concord Avenue and Springfield Streets hit a young Charter School student. She publicly thanked Alderman White who directed her to Todd Blake of the Traffic & Parking office. Todd quickly responded in having signs put up immediately and is presently waiting for a neighborhood petition to see what long term items can be done i.e., a speed bump or traffic light.

**Ms. Murray**

1. Advised that the WHCS will conduct their PTA meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> between 6:30 and 9 p.m.
2. Kennedy School teacher, Kristin Fudge, will be conducting fundraiser to send kids to summer camp and this year they will have both a road race and a clambake auction on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., and on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a road race. Raffle tickets are being sold at the Kennedy School.
3. The Drug Task Force Steering Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at 5:30 p.m., at the SHS Library (before the school committee executive session meeting).
4. Publicly thanked everyone involved in getting the Brown School work accomplished during the April vacation.

**Mayor Gay**

1. Also spoke on all the work accomplished over the April school vacation with a savings of about \$30,000, which will be used, for interim repair for the computer labs at Somerville High School.
2. Reported that she appeared before the Recreation Commission earlier this evening and received their unanimous vote so that she could move ahead with the surplus disposal of parkland versus school land for the LPCS. The effort will now move on to the Conservation Commission Wednesday evening. There is still a lot of work to be done in order to meet the deadline.

**X. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (cont.)**

**Mayor Gay** (cont.)

3. Reported that during the week of April 9<sup>th</sup> the celebration of *The Young Child* took place and Mayor Gay thanked Bonnie Carroll, Human Services and Pamela Holmes, Supervisor of Early Childhood Education and Title I.
4. As a reminder, Mayor Gay mentioned that Wednesday, April 24, 2002, is Administrative Assistants Day and thanked all the school secretaries for the jobs that they do every day.
5. Also thanked Brandon Wilson and Fred Lund for their efforts and hard work regarding Patriot's Day celebrations in the city.
6. Also congratulated all the retirees listed on this evening's Personnel Report and noted a combined 176 years of service! Mayor Gay wished them well and said they will be missed.
7. Mentioned that she looked forward to attending functions at the Cummings, Healey and East Somerville Community Schools.
8. Encouraged all the members of the School Committee, the Board of Aldermen and the community-at-large to come out and help with the 3<sup>d</sup> Annual Summer's Day Clean Up around the city.

**Ms. Taylor**

1. Announced that a workshop entitled *The Massachusetts Budget Crisis: Who Hurts? Who Pays?* produced for the *Stop the Cuts Campaign* by United for a Fair Economy and the TEAM Education Fund will take place on Wednesday, April 24, 2002, from 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at the Community Action Agency in Somerville. Ms. Taylor spoke briefly on this item.
2. Also mentioned that she received an invitation to the National Honor Society's Induction Ceremonies on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Taylor congratulated all the students involved and wished them well.

**Ms. Rossetti**

1. Congratulated Ms. Susan Collins, as the new Principal of the Powder House Community School. Ms. Rossetti attended a breakfast hosted by the staff last week welcoming Ms. Collins.
2. Congratulated the staff of the PHCS for an outstanding evening entitled *Poetry Paradise*, held April 3<sup>d</sup>. The students and their parents should be proud...public speaking was not a problem for these children and the musical revue was as always, a pleasure under the direction of Ruth Daigle.
3. Announced the Dee Zuccaro Road Race to benefit Somerville's youth Swim Safety Programs will be held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Kids one-mile race will begin at 11 a.m., and adults 5K at 12 noon. Notices will be sent home with children in the upcoming week. A discount fee will be provided with early registration and any high school student interested in assisting Ms. Rossetti with the kid's race is encouraged to contact her at 617-623-2631. A letter of community service will be presented following the day of the race.
4. Advised there will be a Unity Awards Breakfast next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m., at Good Times Emporium and urged people to come and applaud this year's nominees for their extended community service and commitment to our country's democratic process.

**X. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (cont.)**

**Ms. Rossetti** (cont.)

5. Ms. Rossetti said that after having breakfast at Good Times; join the many students, parents, friends and staff at the WSNS as they celebrate the dedication of the school's playground area to Ms. Jean Foley, past Vce Principal on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. After over 40 years of service to the Somerville Public School System, Ms. Foley passed away very suddenly last year.
6. As stated earlier, there will be a Finance and Facilities Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., in the central office conference room at 181 Washington Street. The agenda will include discussion of the Technical Action Plan and prioritization of the Capital Improvement Plan by members.

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

**XII. PERSONNEL**

School Committee members were notified and accepted the following personnel actions of April 22, 2002 as follows.

Dr. Argenziano suggested that possibly next year having one large retirement function for all retirees.

**A. Retirements**

1. Ms. Theresa Ewald, 21 Durham Drive, Lynnfield, MA 01940 (ESL Teacher @ ESCS) effective June 30, 2002. (21 yrs.)
2. Mr. Robert Bigley, 36 Sewell St., Somerville, MA 02145, (Custodian @ Healey School) effective March 21, 2002. (13 yrs.)
3. Mr. Edward Roberts, 65 Cardinal Court, Braintree, MA 02184 (Math Teacher @ SHS) effective June 30, 2002. (35 yrs.)
4. Ms. Sandra Nazzaro, 66 Burget Ave., Medford, MA 02155 (2<sup>nd</sup> grade Teacher @ PHCS) as of June 30, 2002. (33 yrs.)
5. Ms. Nancy Doherty, 1 Charles St., Townhouse W, Reading, MA 01867 (Library Media Specialist @ WHCS) effective June 30, 2002. (27 yrs.)
6. Mr. Robert Keough, 8 Brookdale Circle, Billerica, MA 01821 (7<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher @ LPCS) effective June 30, 2002. (31 yrs.)
7. Ms. Marion Keough, 8 Brookdale Circle, Billerica, MA 01821 (4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher @ LPCS) effective June 30, 2002. (16 yrs.)

**B. Retirement Rescinded**

1. Ms. Mary B. Sullivan, 24 Illinois Ave., Somerville, MA 02145 (Reading Teacher @ PHCS) at the end of the school year.

**C. Resignation**

1. Ms. Gelma Coelho, 24 Corey St., Everett, MA 02149 (School Adjustment Counselor @ Butler Drive) effective June 30, 2002.

**XII. PERSONNEL (cont.)**

**D. Unpaid leaves of Absence**

1. Ms. Maria Carvalho, 89 Albion St., Medford, MA 02155 (Utility Aide @ Edgerly) from April 22 to May 2, 2002.
2. Ms. Maureen Bastardi, 14 Virginia St., Somerville, MA 02145 (Paraprofessional @ ESCS) from April 5 to May 13, 2002.

**E. Career Exploration Leave**

1. Ms. Deidre Moore, 25 Lexington Ave., #2, Somerville, MA 02144 (Grade 5 Teacher @ Brown School) for the 2002-2003 school year.

**F. Authorizations**

**Healey School**

Grade 3 Teacher  
Effective 4/1/02  
Vice: Paula Lynch (MLOA)

Emily Fortin  
239 Powder House Blvd.  
Somerville, MA 02144  
Salary: B, Step A = \$30,986  
Cert. # 362667 Elem 1-6

School Wide Paraprofessional  
Effective 3/11/02  
Vice: M. Giannino (LOA)

Katie L. Judd  
140 Robbins Rd.  
Arlington, MA 02474  
Salary: \$12,293

**St. Benedict's**

Computer Aide  
Effective 4/8/02  
Vice: J. Anderson (resigned)

Gail Halloran  
152 Powder House Blvd.  
Somerville, MA 02144  
Salary: \$12,382

**Evaluation Center**

SPED Paraprofessional  
Effective 3/19/02  
Vice: Quinn (Resigned)

Carole Scrima  
5 Indian Hill Lane  
Salem, MA 01970  
Salary: \$12,293

**Community Schools**

Open Doors Coordinator  
Effective 3/26/02  
Funding Source: 2631

David M. Allen  
57 Columbus Ave.  
Somerville, MA 02143  
Salary: \$12.25 per hour

**XII. DEATHS**

The superintendent reported on the following deaths during the April school vacation. A moment of silence was observed.

- Ms. Kerry Powers
- Mr. Patrick Sullivan
- Mr. John Marks
- Ms. Doris Fennessey, mother of the Edgerly School custodian, Bill Fennessey
- Ms. Virginia McKenzie, wife of former Ward I Aldermen and Ward I school committee member
- Mr. Thomas Talmo (Apr. 20), brother of Paul Talmo and Evelyn Battinelli

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m., by voice vote.

Dr. Albert F. Argenziano  
Secretary