

**EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EASTON, MA**

**EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
WORKSHOP MINUTES
Thursday, March 25, 2010**

Minutes of the School Committee Workshop Meeting of March 25, 2010, convened at 4:05 p.m. in the Conference Room at 50 Oliver Street. Present were: Caroline O'Neill, Jane Martin, William Braun, Colleen Less, Rebecca Turley, Joanne Faust, Leslie Fitzgerald, Wes Paul, and Mike Green.

On a motion by Chair O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Braun, and with a 5-0 vote, the Committee moved the Safe Grad Night agenda item up on the agenda.

Leslie Fitzgerald and Joanne Faust were in attendance and gave an overview of the Safe Grad Night process and shared guidelines. There will be uniformed police presence at the event and all students and parents must sign a conduct and contact form before a ticket to the event can be purchased. Joanne and Leslie also described many of the activities that will be available to students at the event.

Under Superintendent Notes, Dr. Green distributed a news release he had received from the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding the Nation's Report Card. The Superintendent shared that the Commonwealth's 4th graders ranked first and 8th graders tied for first on the National Assessment of Educational Progress Reading Exam in 2009, marking the third time in a row that the State's students outscored their peers nationwide.

The Committee and the Superintendent discussed bullying and the bullying prevention programs currently in place in the schools. Vice Chair Martin will meet with the Superintendent to discuss forming a sub-committee to review the school district: Bullying Policy and Anti-Bullying Programs in the schools.

The Superintendent provided the Committee with Draft#1 of the FY2011 Operating Budget for discussion, which is an adjusted level services budget with an increase of 4.86 percent. He explained that this budget includes money needed to maintain the current operation with the addition of an identified number of positions to address transition issues, class size, special education and/or NEAS&C recommendations. The Superintendent reviewed the expense side of the budget, the salary side of the budget and enrollments/sections at the K-5 level.

Under School Committee Issues, Mrs. Less gave an update on the Principal Search process. She shared that the interviews had been completed and site visits to candidates' districts would be conducted next. She informed the Committee that the candidate pool was very strong and that six candidates were moving forward in the process for site visits.

On a motion by Mrs. Less, seconded by Vice Chair Martin, and with a 5-0 vote, Committee members voted unanimously not to enter into Executive Session, and to adjourn the School Committee Workshop Meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Green". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael A. Green, Ed. D.
Secretary