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## **School Committee Minutes 06-26-2000**

**Special Meeting**  
**Monday, June 26, 2000**  
**Whittemore-Robbins House**  
**6:30 PM**

**Present:**     **Joani LaMachia, Vice-Chair**                     **Martin J. Thrope**  
                  **Michael T. Healy, Secretary**                     **Denis J. Sullivan**  
                  **David W. McKenna**                                 **Barbara C. Goodman**

**Kay Donovan, John Britt, Joanne Gurry**

**Absent: Wm. A. Carey, Jr.**

Joani LaMachia called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. She stated that the purpose of the meeting is to vote on the three agenda items: MASC Resolution, Memorandum of Understanding, and the 2001-2002 School Calendar.

### **MASC Resolution**

Ms. Goodman suggested that we leave our resolution as is since many other communities have their own resolutions and MASC will be addressing the MCAS in some type of resolution at their annual meeting in November.

### **Memorandum of Understanding**

Superintendent Donovan reported that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Arlington Public Schools and Arlington Police Department was presented to the administrative cabinet. The Principals voiced concerns on the degree of reporting that would be expected of them. After discussing the issue with Chief Ryan the consensus was that they could come to an agreement on what would be reported.

Motion             by Mr. Healy seconded by Ms. LaMachia  
Voted the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Arlington Public Schools and the Arlington Police Department. Unanimous.

### **2001-2002 School Calendar**

Mr. Thrope noted that the first school committee meeting in October conflicted with a religious observance. Supt. Donovan noted that it would be highlighted at the bottom of the calendar.

Motion             by Mr. Sullivan second by Ms. Goodman  
Voted to accept the 2001-2002 school calendar. Unanimous

### **Other Business**

Mrs. Donovan asked to speak on two items that are not on the agenda

Mrs. Donovan met with Bill Armstrong of Armstrong Ambulance; also in attendance were School Committee Chair, Bill Care, and Bob Geribo of AYD (Arlington Youth Development). The purpose of the meeting was to sign a contract of agreement on the receipt of a \$50,000.00 donation from Armstrong Ambulance. The agreement states that the money can be used for a variety of improvements for Peirce Field. The check will be handed over to Mrs. Donovan on September 1, 2000.

### **Reading/Language Arts Literacy Model**

Kay presented to the committee the proposed reading/language arts literacy program for grades k-5. Joanne Gurry, Mary Fischer, reading specialists and teachers from each school worked on the proposal. It will be a phased in approach starting with grades k-2. The cost of the new materials will be approximately \$100,000.00. The 1st \$33,000 for the materials will be funded through grants and the remainder will come from the curriculum budget.

On a motion by Mr. Sullivan and seconded it was  
Voted to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the Reading/Language Arts Literacy Model K-5. Unanimous

On a motion by Mr. Healy and seconded was voted to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Tassone