

Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School Committee

January 23, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson

L. Beaton

K Glenny

L. Weiderman

E. Holmes

J. Rheault

G. Farley

Members absent: J. Boudreau, J. Tata, C. Scarpino

Also present: M. Zapantis

II. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC—None

III. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- A. M. Zapantis told Tori Ryan that the Director of Food Service, Vic Pulnik, would like to set up a meeting with the Oakmont Student council

IV. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Chairman's Report—None
- B. School Committee Comments—None
- C. Correspondence—None

V. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—None

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. **Motion** by J. Rheault that the School Committee accept the J. R. Briggs Building Committee minutes of 12-13-06, seconded by G. Farley Accepted Unanimously
- B. Personnel Report—None

VII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Report of the Superintendent
 - 1. Reminder of the four vacancies on the School Committee—two Ashburnham, two Westminster. Starting January 24th anyone interested in running can pick up the necessary paperwork from the Superintendent's office. Current members must submit a letter of interest to the Superintendent.
 - 2. There will be a visit from the DOE the week of February 12th to review the Coordinated Program Review.
 - 3. The district received a letter from the Ashburnham Highway, Water-Sewer Departments explaining that the district will not have to pay the \$35,712 sewer use charge. A special thanks goes to Charlie Packard for the research he did on the district's behalf.
 - 4. The Superintendent's organization supports an increase in Special Education funding.
 - 5. Dave Uminski has been appointed principal of Oakmont Regional High School. He will take over July 1st.

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6. There will be a budget presentation in the Von Deck Hall on February 12th for representatives from the School Councils, Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the PTO's, and OOMPA.
7. Worcester County Superintendent's Independent Student Scholar luncheon was held at WPI. Lauren Mitzler was invited to attend.

B. Educational Plan FY08

1. Dave Marble presented for WES/MHS
2. Candace Wright, Andrea McGrath and Donna Michel presented for JRB
3. Alan Chates presented for Special Education
4. Kris DeMoura and Bob Ryan presented by the ORHS marching band

E. Holmes left at 8:56 p.m.

C. Food Service Update

1. Vic Pulnik reported on ways to save money, keep expenses down, and increase profits

D. Educational Plan FY08 Discussion—None

E. Acceptance of Gifts

1. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee accept the donations made to Westminster Elementary School to be used toward the Joseph Aveni Memorial Library Fund, seconded by G. Farley
Accepted Unanimously

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

IX. NEW BUSINESS—None

X. AGENDA SETTING

A. Upcoming meetings

1. 2-6-07, TriBoard Meeting / 2-13-07, Public Hearing / 2-27-07 Public Hearing all at the OMS Library.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee to into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of litigation and negotiations update and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of adjournment, seconded by G. Farley at 9:24 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
L. Beaton	Y	G. Farley	Y
K Glenny	Y	J. Rheault	Y

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by K. Glenny to adjourn, seconded by G. Farley at 10:19 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

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February 6, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson

L. Beaton

K Glenny

L. Weiderman

E. Holmes

J. Rheault

C. Scarpino

Members absent: J. Boudreau, G. Farley, J. Tata

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

II. TRI-BOARD MEETING

A. Presentation by M. Zapantis with discussion on the following topics:

G. Farley in at 7:05 p.m.

1. Funding Assumptions
2. Capital Plan
3. Questions and Answers

Tri-board meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

School committee meeting continues at 8:06 p.m.

III. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC—None

IV. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE—None

V. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Chairman's Report—None

B. School Committee Comments

1. E. Holmes reminded every one to contact legislators to support regional school reimbursement before the upcoming budget deadline

C. Correspondence—None

VI. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

A. Approval of Minutes—carried over to 2-13-07 meeting

B. Personnel Report

1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the personnel report as presented, seconded by C. Scarpino Accepted Unanimously

VIII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

A. Report of the Superintendent

1. Reminder of openings on School Committee—paperwork is available at the Superintendent's office.

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2. Coordinated Program Review will take place the next week with interviews at the different schools.
 3. Booster club helping to raise money for the new bleachers.
 4. February 12th will be an open meeting to discuss school budget for all interested parties at the Von Deck Hall at Oakmont.
 5. The district will be placing ads for an Assistant Principal and a Technology Coordinator.
- B. Educational Plan FY08 Presentation:
1. Overlook Middle School—Brenda Houle and Jason Young
 2. Athletics—Dave LaRoche
 3. Oakmont Regional High School—Jeff Lawrence, Dave Uminski, R. Mohnk
- C. Survey Results Discussion—carried over to 2-13-07 meeting
- D. Financial Update ~ December—carried over to 2-13-07 meeting
- E. Educational Plan FY08 Discussion
1. Committee discussion

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

X. NEW BUSINESS—None

XI. AGENDA SETTING

- A. Upcoming meetings: 2-13-07, 2-27-07 starting at 6:30 p.m. and 3-13-07 at 7p.m.
- B. Legal service
- C. Trimester vs. semester at the elementary levels

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing litigation and negotiations and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of adjournment, seconded by C. Scarpino

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y
K. Glenny	Y	J. Rheault	Y
G. Farley	Y	C. Scarpino	Y

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes to adjourn, seconded by K. Glenny at 10:44 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School Committee

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m.

Members present

D. Christianson	J. Boudreau	L. Weiderman
L. Beaton	C. Scarpino	E. Holmes

Members absent: S. Kersey, K. Glenn, J. Tata, J. Rheault, G. Farley

Also present: M. Zapantis

II. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Mr. Ruland from Westminster asked question concerning teacher's salary, A.Y.P., transportation contract.

G. Farley and S. Kersey in at 7:15 p.m.

Public Hearing closed at 7:33 p.m.

Regular meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

III. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC—None

IV. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE—None

D. Christianson requested that a motion taken in Executive Session be read in open session and invited questions and concerns;

Motion by E. Holmes that the School Committee authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a rental agreement and security plan with the Town of Ashburnham for the temporary use of two rooms at Oakmont Regional High School for business offices, seconded by G. Farley

- Mr. and Mrs. Clabaugh expressed concerns about moving the current ACE classrooms.
- For clarification, final decisions have not been made. No changes will take place during the current school year.

Motion was Approved Unanimously with one abstention—J. Boudreau

V. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Chairman's Report—None
- B. School Committee Comments
1. E. Holmes working with school and district schools as the MASC liaison
 2. Regional school caucus on 2/27/07
 3. State wide program on 2/28/07 concerning a flu pandemic outbreak
- C. Correspondence
1. L. Beaton received a letter from B. Houle, principal at OMS, outlining the Bullying Prevention Plan and discussion that the staff that will be attending a conference on 2/28/07.

VI. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Legal Sub
1. Met to discuss status and remaining budget.
- B. Briggs Building
1. Will meet later this month. M. Zapantis is in contact with schools in Vermont and New Hampshire using wood chip furnace heating systems.

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VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 12/19/06, seconded by C. Scarpino Approved Unanimously 1A-E. Holmes
 - 2. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 1/2/07, seconded by C. Scarpino Approved Unanimously 1A-E. Holmes
 - 3. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee accept the Budget Subcommittee minutes of 12/19/06, 1/2/07, 1/4/07, 1/17/07, seconded by C. Scarpino Accepted Unanimously
- B. Personnel Report—None

VIII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Report of the Superintendent
 - 1. Reminder that nomination papers are available at the Superintendent's office until 3-2-07.
 - 2. Coordinated Program Review (DOE) committee will visit with staff this week.
 - 3. G. Barry announced that a number of students have won awards from the Boston Globe for art.
 - 4. Snow Days—decisions are not made easily—stay tuned for a Connect Ed call.
- B. Survey Results Discussion
 - 1. Presented by M. Zapantis—over all results were positive. Information will be used a tool in decision making.
- C. Financial Update ~ December/January
 - 1. Presentation by S. Kersey.

J. Rheault in at 8:40 p.m.

- D. Educational Plan FY08 Discussion
 - 1. Open discussion by School Committee members.

S. Kersey out at 9:28 p.m.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

X. NEW BUSINESS—None

XI. AGENDA SETTING

- A. School Calendar
- B. Upcoming meetings; 2/27/07 at 6:30 p.m., 3/13/07 at 7 p.m., Representatives, Senators and Tri-board members will be invited to the 3/27/07 and/or 4/10/07

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by G. Farley that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing litigation and negotiations and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of adjournment, seconded by C. Scarpino at 9:59 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weideman	Y	G. Farley	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y	J. Rheault	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	C. Scarpino	Y		

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes to adjourn, seconded by J. Rheault at 11:29 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson	E. Holmes
K Glenny	J. Rheault
J. Boudreau	G. Farley
C. Scarpino	

Members absent: L. Weiderman, J. Tata, L. Beaton

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Closed at 7:10 p.m.

III. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC—None

*Agenda taken out of order

V. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Chairman's Report

1. L. Weiderman has information concerning trimester vs. semester following a meeting M. Zapantis had with principals and assistant principals

B. School Committee Comments

1. Regional School Committee caucus met today – update by E. Holmes
2. J. Rheault—pros/cons of opening up access to Maple Ave.
3. G. Farley—OMS will hold the Broadway dinner theater at Oakmont

C. Correspondence

1. D. Christianson mentioned email from Jen Law enclosed in the packet
2. Note from Debbie Perrett with questions about girls ice hockey
3. Note from Maggie Porporra concerning problems with magazine fundraiser
 - a. In the effort to curb incentives—what impact does it have on school programs. No decisions have been made about incentives. Administration has talked about cutting incentives

L. Weiderman in at 7:48 p.m.

VI. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Minutes—None
- B. Personnel Report—None

***IV. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A. Report by Amanda Rigley and Tori Ryan

1. Preliminary results of cafeteria survey; Boys and Girls basketball teams made districts; parent/teacher conferences 3-8-07; dance 3-12-07; student forum 3-19-07 2-3 p.m.

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VIII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Report of the Superintendent
 - 1. Nomination papers for school committee opening deadline 3-2-07 at 4 p.m.
 - 2. 2007 Overlook Middle School Review with dinner 6:30 p.m. Friday 3-2-07 at Oakmont
 - 3. Briggs Building Committee will meet at Oakmont in room 401
 - 4. Duval Patrick presenting budget tonight
- B. Acceptance of Gifts
 - 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the donations made to Meetinghouse School and the DVD players donated to John R. Briggs Elementary School by Briggs PTO, seconded by G. Farley Accepted Unanimously
- C. Educational Plan FY08 Discussion
 - 1. Open discussion concerning state budget numbers availability, town meetings, certification numbers

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

X. NEW BUSINESS—None

XI. AGENDA SETTING

- A. Upcoming meetings: 3-13-07, 3-27-07, 4-10-07, (Monday) 4-23-07 at 7 p.m.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing litigation and negotiations and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of adjournment, seconded by C. Scarpino

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	E. Holmes	Y
K. Glenny	Y	J. Rheault	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	G. Farley	Y
C. Scarpino	Y	L. Weiderman	Y

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by K. Glenny to adjourn, seconded by J. Boudreau at 9:37 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson

K Glenny

J. Boudreau

J. Tata

L. Weiderman

E. Holmes

J. Rheault

C. Scarpino

Members absent: G. Farley, L. Beaton

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey, K. Caron

II. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

- A. Questions by Mr. & Mrs. Rios concerning kindergarten

G. Farley in at 7:04 p.m.

III. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- A. Amanda Ridley

- 1. Update on sports activities and café survey

IV. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Chairman's Report

- 1. Welcome back to J. Tata

- B. School Committee Comments

- 1. E. Holmes reported on the DPH warrant for school closing update, presentation 3-24 for the Over coming the Barriers for Educating forum, and Day on the Hill on 5-1-07
 - 2. L. Weiderman congratulated the children who performed in the district band night
 - 3. D. Christiansen received an email from J. Clabaugh inquiring about fundraiser

- C. Correspondence—None

V. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—None

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Minutes

- 1. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 1-23-07 with the following corrections, seconded by L. Weiderman Approved.
Unanimously

- a. Add E. Holmes out between IV.B and C. and in after VII.

- 2. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 2-6-07 with the following corrections, seconded by L. Weiderman Approved
Unanimously

- 3. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 2-13-07, seconded by L. Weiderman Approved Unanimously

- 4. **Motion** by J. Tata that the School Committee accept the Budget Subcommittee minutes of 1-23-07, 2-6-07, 2-13-07 and 2-27-07, seconded by J. Boudreau Accepted Unanimously

- B. Personnel Report

- 1. **Motion** E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the personnel report as presented, seconded by C. Scarpino Accepted Unanimously

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VII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Report of the Superintendent
 - 1. First annual Rotary Award to Rose Lawrence
 - 2. Overlook Middle School Broadway dinner theater will take place March 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
 - 3. Next budget forum meeting will be March 14th at Oakmont in the Von Deck room
 - 4. Congratulations to E. Holmes for being appointed to the DOE's stake holders working group
 - 5. Westminster Advisory Committee meeting this Monday at 7 p.m.
 - 6. Congratulations to S. Kersey for completing her last class in the Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official program
 - 7. Congratulations to Jeff Lawrence for being named Administrator of the Year by the Massachusetts Student Council Association
 - 8. Memo from Kevin Paicos outlining the operating budget for the town of Ashburnham
 - 9. We have confirmed L. Evangelidis and R. Rice for a visit with the School Committee on March 23rd and S. Brewer and R. Antonioni for April 10th
- B. Interest Income ~ Presentation by Treasurer Ken Caron
 - 1. Update
- C. Acceptance of Gifts
 - 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the donations made to Meetinghouse School and Westminster Elementary, seconded by J. Boudreau Accepted Unanimously
- D. Educational Plan FY08
 - 1. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee certify the FY08 (2007-2008) operating budget in the amount of \$28,197,668, seconded by L. Weiderman
 - 2. Discussion follows concerning adding personnel to the budget amount
 - 3. **Motion** by J. Rheault that the School Committee amend previous motion by adding \$55,500 plus 33% for a total of \$73,800.00, with the \$55,500.00 broken down as follows: \$10,500 for kindergarten aide at JRB, \$20,000 .4 Adjustment Counselor at OMS, \$25,000 .5 Adjustment Counselor at ORHS—and certify the FY08 operating budget in the amount of \$28,271,483, seconded by J. Boudreau Accepted Unanimously

Roll Call Vote:

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
K Glenny	Y	E. Holmes	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	J. Rheault	Y
J. Tata	Y	C. Scarpino	Y
G. Farley	Y		

- E. Apportionment of Expenses
 - 1. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the members of the regional school district elect to reallocate the sum of their required local contributions to the district in accordance with the regional agreement; provided, however, that the total sum of their required contributions shall not be decreased. Election shall be by approval of all members of the district. Approval of each member be given by majority vote at an annual or special town meeting. The commissioner of education shall be notified upon the adoption of this section by the district. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the calculation of the members' required local contributions for any succeeding year as provided by Chapter 70 of the General Law, seconded by L. Weiderman
Approved Unanimously

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- F. Ashburnham Warrant Articles
 - 1. Information only

J. Boudreau out at 9:13 p.m.

- G. Capital Plan
 - 1. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee request \$150,000 from each town to fund the five year capital plan, seconded by K. Glenny Approved Unanimously

J. Boudreau in at 9:17 p.m.

- H. Financial Update ~ Food Service
 - 1. Program running in crisis mode financially-report by Vic Pulnik
 - 2. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the food service financial report as presented, seconded by C. Scarpino Accepted Unanimously

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

IX. NEW BUSINESS—None

X. AGENDA SETTING

- A. Upcoming meetings—3-27-07, 4-10-07, and 4-23-07 (a Monday) at 7 p.m.

E. Holmes out at 9:33 p.m.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing negotiations and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of adjournment, seconded by J. Tata at 9:35 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
K Glenny	Y	G. Farley	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	J. Rheault	Y
J. Tata	Y	C. Scarpino	Y

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by K. Glenny to adjourn, seconded by J. Boudreau at 10:56 p.m. Approved Unanimously

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School Committee

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School

Members present

L. Beaton	C. Scarpino	L. Weiderman
J. Boudreau	G. Farley	J. Rheault

Members absent: D. Christianson, J. Tata, E. Holmes, K Glenny

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing negotiations and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of continuing regularly scheduled School Committee meeting, seconded by L. Weiderman

Roll Call vote:

L. Beaton	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	J. Rheault	Y
G. Farley	Y	C. Scarpino	Y

D. Christianson in at 6:48 p.m.

E. Holmes in at 7:04 p.m.

Reopen regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

III. GUEST SPEAKERS – REP. RICE & REP. EVANGELIDIS

- A. Budget discussion at the state level

IV. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC—None

V. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- A. Tori Ryan and Amanda Rigley gave update on café survey, MCAS, Spirit Week

VI. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Chairman's Report—None
- B. School Committee Comments
1. G. Farley—the Community Partnership received a grant that will be used for a parent training on 4-25-07.
 2. J. Boudreau—reminder of Broadway dinner theater of OMS to be held at Oakmont on 4-16-07
 3. E. Holmes—Day on the Hill 5-1-07
- C. Correspondence
1. A letter from Jim Kane is enclosed in the packets

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—None

VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Minutes—None
- B. Personnel Report
1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee accept the personnel report as presented, seconded by C. Scarpino
Accepted Unanimous

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IX. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Report of the Superintendent
 - 1. Slide show on the budget at MHS, JRB, OMS, and ORHS
 - 2. Bunny Breakfast and Children's Festival on 3-31-07
 - 3. Wednesday's Ed Talk features Briggs Musical Theater and Jazz Band
 - 4. There will be a meeting of the Briggs Building Committee on Thursday
 - 5. Bookmark design by Emma Wang
 - 6. Teen dating violence program at OMS on 4-12-07 and 4-13-07
- B. Kindergarten Presentation/Discussion
 - 1. Presentation by C. Wright and D. Marble
 - 2. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee continue with the tuition based, full day kindergarten program and set tuition for \$2700 per year for FY2007-08, seconded by G. Farley
Approved Unanimously
- C. Food Service Presentation/Discussion
 - 1. To abide by Ethics rules for School Committee members, D. Christianson stated the Rule of Necessity for votes, as a number of committee members have children in the school who may use the lunch program.
 - 2. **Motion** by L. Beaton that the School Committee increase the lunch program by the following effects, seconded by G. Farley
Approved Unanimously
Student Lunch Program - \$.25 (\$2.25)
Adult Lunch Program \$.50 (\$3.75)
A-la-carte -- \$.10
 - 3. School Committee will reevaluate Food Service in September
- D. Financial Update—Held over for April 10th meeting

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

XI. NEW BUSINESS—None

XII. AGENDA SETTING

- A. Upcoming meetings—Tuesday 4-10-07 at 7 p.m.; Monday 4-23-07 at 7 p.m.; 5-8-07, 5-22-07, 6-12-07, and 6-26-07 at 7 p.m.

E. Holmes out at 10:49 p.m.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by G. Farley that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing negotiations and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of adjournment, seconded by L. Beaton at 10:50 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
L. Beaton	Y	J. Rheault	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	C. Scarpino	Y
G. Farley	Y		

XII. ADJOURNMENT - Quorum lost at 11:30 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School Committee

April 10, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson	J. Boudreau	L. Weiderman	G. Farley
L. Beaton	J. Tata	E. Holmes	C. Scarpino
K Glenny			

Members absent: J. Rheault

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

II. CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN ~ SCOTT McINTIRE

- A. FY 06-07 Audit report
 - 1. **Motion** by G. Farley that the School Committee accept the corrective action plan as presented, seconded by E. Holmes Accepted Unanimously

III. GUEST SPEAKERS – SEN. BREWER AND SEN. ANTONIONI

- A. Discussion concerning Senate budget, programs and local funding

Break at 8:25 p.m.

Back to order at 8:30 p.m.

IV. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC—None

V. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- A. Report by Amanda Rigley
 - 1. Upcoming trip to London and Paris, results of Oakmont cafeteria survey, possibility of adding 5 minutes per lunch after senior graduation, breakfast program at Oakmont and Overlook,
 - 2. E. Holmes mentioned inviting students to Day on the Hill

VI. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Chairman's Report
 - 1. Forwarded email to committee members from Bill Johnson concerning monies from Prop 2 ½ for schools vs. public safety building
- B. School Committee Comments
 - 1. E. Holmes mentioned two bills in legislature concerning open meeting law. MASC expressed concerns about bill based on finances
 - 2. G. Farley –grant funded presentation by Jeanine Fitzgerald on parenting
- C. Correspondence—None

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—None

VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Minutes—None
- B. Personnel Report
 - 1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee accept the personnel report as presented, seconded by C. Scarpino Accepted Unanimously

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IX. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Report of the Superintendent
 - 1. Meeting with school counsels, booster club, PTOs concerning budget
 - 2. Program open to public on 4-12-07 at 7:30 p.m. around internet safety sponsored by Simplex/Grinnell
 - 3. Shirley Griffin received recognition from Environmental Affairs
 - 4. Theresa Barry one of 15 being considered as Teacher of the Year
 - 5. Day on the Hill 5-1-07
 - 6. Invitation extended to local realtors on 5-3-07 to learn about schools
 - 7. Newspaper in Education winners—Maria Brooks 1st place—from JRB and Jacob Boudrey
Honorable Mention—from WES
- B. Financial Update
 - 1. Presentation of February report by S. Kersey
 - 2. **Motion** by C. Scarpino that the School Committee accept the financial report as presented,
seconded J. Boudreau Accepted Unanimously
- C. Transportation Contract
 - 1. **Motion** by L. Weideman that the School Committee allow the Chair to sign the transportation
contract as presented, seconded by J. Boudreau Approved Unanimously
- D. Out-Of-State/Overnight Field Trip
 - 1. **Motion** E. Holmes that the School Committee approve the field trip to Franklin Pierce College,
seconded by J. Boudreau Approved Unanimously
- E. FY08 Budget Discussion/Update
 - 1. Update by M. Zapantis—reductions made to both towns for budget due to state funding—new
number \$28,271,483

L. Beaton out at 10:30 p.m.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

XI. NEW BUSINESS—None

XII. AGENDA SETTING

- A. Upcoming meetings—Special additional meeting Tuesday 4-17-07 at 7 p.m., Monday 4-23-07 at
7p.m., Tuesday 5-8-07 at 7p.m.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION—None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes to adjourn, seconded by J. Boudreau at 10:35 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

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April 17, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson

L. Beaton

K Glenny

J. Boudreau

L. Weiderman

J. Rheault

C. Scarpino

Members absent: G. Farley, J. Tata, E. Holmes

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

II. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

A. FY08 Budget Discussion

1. M. Zapantis presented four budget scenarios

G. Farley in at 7:15 p.m.

2. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee recertify a lower budget number in the amount of \$27,988,017, seconded by L. Beaton
3. Following discussion the roll call vote:

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
L. Beaton	Y	J. Rheault	Y
K Glenny	Y	C. Scarpino	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	G. Farley	Y

III. ADJENDA SETTING

- A. Next meeting: Monday 4-23-07 at 7 p.m.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23 for the purpose of discussing negotiations and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of adjournment, seconded by L. Weiderman at 8:04 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
L. Beaton	Y	J. Rheault	Y
K Glenny	Y	C. Scarpino	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	G. Farley	Y

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by L. Weiderman to adjourn, seconded by J. Rheault at 8:57 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

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April 23, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson

L. Beaton

K. Glenny

J. Boudreau

L. Weiderman

E. Holmes

J. Rheault

G. Farley

C. Scarpino

Members absent: J. Tata

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

II. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC—None

III. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE—None

IV. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Chairman's Report

1. Thank you to Christie Scarpino for being on the School Committee. Presentation of a plaque for her last meeting

B. School Committee Comments—None

C. Correspondence—None

V. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—None

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

A. Approval of Minutes

1. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 1-17-07, seconded by L. Weiderman Approved Unanimously 1-A—E. Holmes
2. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 3-13-07, seconded by C. Scarpino Approved Unanimously
3. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee accept the Budget Subcommittee minutes of 3-13-07 & 3-27-07, seconded by K. Glenny Accepted Unanimously
4. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee accept the Transportation Subcommittee minutes of 10-12-06 and 12-11-06, seconded by C. Scarpino Accepted Unanimously

B. Personnel Report

1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee accept the personnel report as presented, seconded by K. Glenny Accepted Unanimously

VII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

A. Report of the Superintendent

1. There are two forums this week on the 07-08 budget—Tuesday 4-24-07 at 7 p.m. in WES and Thursday 4-26-07 at 6 p.m. at JRB

B. Summer School Academy Program ~ Andrea McGrath

1. Presentation by A. McGrath discussing summer school, how children are chosen to attend, starting and ending and times

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- C. Ashburnham Town Hall—held for Executive Session
- D. School Calendar 2007-2008
 - 1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee adopt the 2007-2008 school calendar as presented, seconded by C. Scarpino Adopted Unanimously
- E. School Committee Calendar 2007-2008
 - 1. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee adopt the 2007-2008 school committee calendar as presented, seconded by C. Scarpino Adopted Unanimously
- F. Food Service Program—S. Kersey
 - 1. **Motion** by C. Scarpino that the School Committee accept the food service program as presented, seconded by J. Boudreau Accept Unanimously
- G. Acceptance of Gifts
 - 1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee accept the donations made to John R. Briggs Elementary School, seconded by C. Scarpino Accepted Unanimously
- H. School Committee Retreat/Self-Evaluation
 - 1. Presentation and discussion by D. Christianson—recommend that the School Committee meet 6-5-07 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wachusett Village Inn. Return the surveys by 5-22-07

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

IX. NEW BUSINESS—None

X. AGENDA SETTING

- A. Upcoming meetings: May 8th, May 22nd, June 12th, June 26th at 7 p.m.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing negotiations, seconded by C. Scarpino at 8:04 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weideman	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y
K Glenny	Y	J. Rheault	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	G. Farley	Y
		C. Scarpino	Y

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by K. Glenny to adjourn, seconded by L. Beaton at 9:34 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

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May 8, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by M. Zapantis and a moment of silence for Ryan Patrick Jones who was killed in Iraq

Members present

D. Christianson	L. Weiderman
L. Beaton	E. Holmes
K Glenny	J. Rheault
J. Boudreau	M. Gianino
J. Tata	

Members absent: G. Farley

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

II. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- A. K. Glenny swears in Michele Gianino, Laura Weiderman and Jamie Rheault
- B. D. Christianson passes chair to M. Zapantis as Chairman pro tem

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Michelle Gianino newly elected member from Ashburnham replacing Christiane Scarpino
- B. Open nominations for Chairman
 1. **Motion** by L. Weiderman to nominate D. Christianson as Chairman, seconded by L. Beaton
 2. **Motion** by E. Holmes to close nominations, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous Vote

Roll call vote:

D. Christianson	A	J. Boudreau	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y
K Glenny	Y	J. Rheault	Y
M. Gianino	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
J. Tata	Y		

M. Zapantis turns meeting over to D. Christianson

- B. Open nominations for Vice Chairman
 1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau to nominate L. Beaton as Vice Chairman, seconded by E. Holmes
 2. **Motion** by E. Holmes to close nominations, seconded by L. Weiderman Unanimous Vote

Roll call vote;

D. Christianson	Y	J. Boudreau	Y	M. Gianino	Y
L. Beaton	A	E. Holmes	Y	J. Tata	Y
K Glenny	Y	J. Rheault	Y	L. Weiderman	Y

- C. Open nominations for Secretary
 1. **Motion** L. Weiderman to nominate K. Glenny as Secretary, seconded by L. Beaton
 2. **Motion** by E. Holmes to close nominations, seconded by L. Weiderman Unanimous Vote

Roll call Vote:

D. Christianson	Y	J. Boudreau	Y	M. Gianino	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y	J. Tata	Y
K Glenny	A	J. Rheault	Y	L. Weiderman	Y

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D. Open nominations for Treasurer

1. **Motion** by E. Holmes to nominate K. Caron as Treasurer, seconded by J. Boudreau
2. **Motion** by E. Holmes to close nominations, seconded by J. Boudreau

Roll call vote:

D. Christianson	A	J. Boudreau	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y
K. Glenn	Y	J. Rheault	Y
M. Gianino	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
J. Tata	Y		

IV. ADOPT RULES OF ORDER

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee adopt rules of order for the current term as described in the Bylaws, Section 2.1.2, seconded by L. Weiderman Unanimous Vote

V. REVIEW OF BYLAWS—No Change

VI. APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

- A. Reminder to committee members to contact D. Christianson concerning subcommittee choices—minimum of three subcommittees, maximum of five (for quorum)

VII. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC—None

VIII. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE—None

- A. Amanda Wrigley distributed the food service survey results. This is Service Community Awareness week. Teen Dating Violence Assembly on Thursday 5-10-07 sponsored by Simplex/Grinnell

IX. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Chairman's Report

1. Welcome to Michelle Gianino
2. Westminster & Ashburnham Town Meeting – successful support for override and capital plan warrant articles—ballot questions on Tuesday 6-12-07 for both communities
3. Override vote is for level services—Capital plan is in the second year of two year plan

B. School Committee Comments—None

C. Correspondence—None

X. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Superintendent Evaluation Committee has been meeting. Should have draft copy to all members within a week

XI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

A. Approval of Minutes

1. **Motion** by K. Glenn that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 2-27-07, seconded by L. Weiderman Approved Unanimously
2. **Motion** by K. Glenn that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 3-27-07, seconded by L. Weiderman with the following changes Approved Unanimously
 - 1 A—M. Gianino
 - a. Change Amanda Ridley to Amanda Wrigley

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3. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 4-10-, seconded by M. Gianino with the following changes Approved Unanimously
 1 A—M. Gianino
 - a. Change Amanda Ridley to Amanda Wrigley
4. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 4-17-07, seconded by L. Weiderman with the following changes Approved Unanimously
 1 A—M. Gianino
 - a. Change Amanda Ridley to Amanda Wrigley
5. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 4-23-07, seconded by L. Weiderman with the following changes Approved Unanimously
 1 A—M. Gianino
 - a. VII.E.1.—change “eh” to “the” to readK. Glenny that the School...

B. Personnel Report—None

XII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

A. Report of the Superintendent

1. Two budget update forums—Wednesday 5/16/07 at 7 p.m. in the Von Deck room at ORHS sponsored by the Booster Club and Thursday 5/17/07 at 7:30 p.m. in the Von Deck room sponsored by OOMPA
2. May 1st “Day on the Hill”
3. May 3rd heal first Real Estate Broker Open House with approximately 20 brokers.
4. Greg Smith will be offered the job of Vice Principal of Oakmont. He is a resident of Ashburnham and he will start in July. D. Uminski offered some background information. Thanks to Andrea McGrath who chaired the committee and to all those who served on the committee
5. Friday June 1st the Remax balloon will be on display at Overlook Middle School
6. The School Committee retreat will be June 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Wachusett Village Inn. Self evaluation was sent to every one
7. The Ashburnham Town Hall was closed Friday May 11th-May 21st will reopen Tuesday May 22nd at 15 Oakmont Drive. Ribbon cutting ceremony – will invite Advisory, selectman and the press.
8. M. Zapantis distributed handouts of his testimony.
9. E. Holmes-Chair of Reg. School Committee—trying to get bill pushed up the formal process. Bob Rice got it on the schedule for today—moved it quickly

B. Financial Update ~ March

1. S. Kersey to into where to charge interest for school choice
2. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the financial report as presented, seconded by J. Boudreau Accepted Unanimously

C. Approval of Field Trips

1. Passed over—not a school sponsored event

D. Discussion ~ House #3171 and #3217

1. D. Christianson and K. Glenny express concerns with supporting these two bills because of potential penalties for volunteers and no level of intent

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2. Decision to send a written response to each committee as submitted testimony. D. Christianson will develop a short response
3. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee submit written testimony to express opposition to House Bills #3171 and #3217 for the reasons outlined during discussion, seconded by K. Glenny Unanimous vote

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. AGENDA SETTING

1. Upcoming meetings 5-22-07 & 6-12-07 at 7 p.m. in the OMS Library

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing litigations, negotiations, approval/release of executive session minutes and to reconvene into open session for a potential vote and adjournment, seconded by J. Boudreau at 8:16 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	J. Boudreau	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y
K. Glenny	Y	J. Rheault	Y
M. Gianino	Y	L. Weideman	Y
J. Tata	Y		

Return to open session at 10:04 p.m.

***Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee approve the rental agreement and authorize the chair to sign document, seconded by E. Holmes

- a. Discussion concerning rental agreement

Approved Unanimously

Motion by J. Boudreau that the School Committee approve the Superintendent's security plan as proposed with #4 changed to "Town Hall" visitors, seconded by K. Glenny Approved Unanimously

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes to adjourn, seconded by J. Boudreau at 10:08 p.m. Unanimous Vote

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault & Sherry Kersey

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

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May 22, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson	J. Boudreau	L. Weiderman	J. Rheault
L. Beaton	J. Tata	E. Holmes	G. Farley
			M. Gianino

Members absent: K. Glenny

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey, K. Caron

II. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- A. **Motion** by J. Rheault to nominate L. Weiderman as acting secretary, seconded by J. Boudreau
Unanimous
- B. L. Weiderman as acting secretary swears in Gwen Farley

III. APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

- A. Subcommittee roster handed to members

IV. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC—None

V. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- A. Amanda Wrigley gave update on Oakmont student activities—MCAS, AP testing, 5/29-NHS induction, 5/30-senior class trip, 5/31-Bacalarette, 6/1-upper classman awards, 6/3-graduation at 1p.m.

VI. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Chairman's Report
 1. Everyone should have seen the letter concerning open meeting law
- B. School Committee Comments
 1. J. Rheault expressed concerns over access by emergency vehicles during school sponsored athletic events
- C. Correspondence—None

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—None

VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Minutes
 1. **Motion** by J. Tata that the School Committee accept the Budget Subcommittee minutes of 4/10/07 and 4/23/07, seconded by J. Boudreau Accepted Unanimously
- B. Personnel Report
 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the personnel report as presented, seconded by J. Boudreau Accepted Unanimously

IX. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Report of the Superintendent
 1. Multi purpose field-turf should be finished in about 10 days. If it is ready for graduation-more chairs will be rented, if it is not ready or if it is raining, graduation will take place inside
 2. The ReMax balloon will be at OMS this Friday (6/1/07)
 3. School Committee retreat dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Wachusett Village Inn

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4. Town Hall ribbon cutting and lunch went well. Thanks to J. Rheault
 5. Graduation on 6/1.07 at 1 p.m. with students and guests arriving at 11:30 p.m.
 6. Legislative action-Senate added 6.9 million dollars to kindergarten grant
- B. Financial Update ~ April
1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the financial report as presented, seconded by J. Boudreau Accepted Unanimously
- C. Approval of Field Trips
1. School Committee should approve all out of state field trips before parents and children are notified
 2. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee approve the field trip to Providence, RI, seconded by G. Farley Approved Unanimously
- D. Acceptance of Gifts
1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the LCD projector donated to John R. Briggs, seconded by G. Farley Accepted Unanimously
- E. Discussion of Rental Agreement / Assessment to Towns
1. Discussion concerning rental about \$8.00 per square foot--\$1500 per month
- F. Transportation Contract
1. Discussion
- G. Superintendent's Evaluation
1. **Motion** by J. Rheault that the School Committee accept the Superintendent's evaluation as presented, seconded by G. Farley Accepted Unanimously
 2. **Motion** by L. Weideman that the School Committee approve an increase in M. Zapantis' salary by the contractual maximum of 5% for the fiscal year '08 based on performance, seconded by G. Farley Approved Unanimously

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Members are reminded to call representatives and senators in support of amending bill #499

XII. AGENDA SETTING

- A. Due to the town vote, the meeting for 6/12 has been moved to 6/13 at 7 p.m. -budget sub at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Legal subcommittee with meet 6/26

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by L. Weideman that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing litigation and negotiations and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of adjournment, seconded by J. Boudreau at 8:26 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weideman	Y	G. Farley	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y	M. Gianino	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	J. Rheault	Y	J. Tata	Y

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by L. Weideman to adjourn, seconded by M. Gianino at 10:32 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

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June 13, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson	L. Weiderman
L. Beaton	J. Tata
K Glenny	J. Rheault
J. Boudreau	M. Gianino

Members absent: G. Farley, E. Holmes

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

G. Farley in at 7:04 p.m.

III. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- A. Amanda Wrigley and Tori Ryan gave an update of Oakmont activities and a statement concerning possible cuts to teachers and staff due to failed override

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing negotiations and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of continuing regular meeting, seconded by J. Tata at 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
L. Beaton	Y	J. Tata	Y
K Glenny	Y	J. Rheault	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	M. Gianino	Y
G. Farley	Y		

Reconvene in open session at 7:34 p.m.

IV. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—None

V. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—None

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS—None

VII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

H. Discussion of Rental Agreement Regarding Town of Ashburnham

1. **Motion** by J. Rheault that the School Committee agree to reduce the assessment by the amount of the rent paid by the Town of Ashburnham to both towns proportionally, seconded by L. Weiderman
2. Discussion follows concerning the information that was available to all parties involved
3. **Motion** by G. Farley that the School Committee table motion, seconded by L. Beaton
Unanimous Vote

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VIII. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC ~ time allowed 10-15 minutes

* Open discussion concerning budget and the failed override

- A. J. Tata reported that the Westminster PTO will continue to support the teachers and staff, K. Glenny disappointed, J. Boudreau—thanks to those who supported, angry about the misinformation that many have, L. Beaton—capital plans are lost-what to do about building repairs, D. Christianson—thanks to Mike Sunderland for chairing “Save Our Children”, the booster clubs, OOMPA, Teacher’s Association, youth sport organizers, PTO’s and school councils, girl and boy scouts for all their support and work prior to override vote

E. Holmes in at 8:47 p.m.

Discussion continued with options for a lower budget figure, class sizes inhibiting learning, supplies not as important as teachers, number of students involved with extra curricular activities

D. Christianson declared a 5 minute recess

Resume regular meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Further discussion concerning the legal obligation to notify staff and teacher about layoffs by June 15th and whether to recertify a lower budget number so that a vote can take place in early August

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget

1. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee recertify the budget to \$27,555,571, seconded by L. Weiderman
2. Discussion concerning cuts, loss of capital plan, meeting with chairs of town boards
3. Vote-- Unanimous

XI. AGENDA SETTING

- A. Upcoming meetings—6/26/07 at 7 p.m. and 7/17/07 at 7 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by K. Glenny to adjourn, seconded by J. Tata at 10:09 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School Committee

June 26, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson	M. Gianino	J. Rheault
L. Beaton	K. Glenny	E. Holmes

Members absent: J. Boudreau, L. Weiderman, J. Tata, G. Farley

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION (6:30-7:00 P.M.)

- A. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing negotiation and to reconvene in open session for the purpose on continuing the regular meeting, seconded by E. Holmes at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

D. Christianson	Y	J. Rheault	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y
K. Glenny	Y	M. Gianino	Y

G. Farley in at 6:36 p.m.

Reconvene at 7:20 p.m.

III. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC—None

IV. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- A. Tori Ryan reported that the AP scores should be out soon, and that the impact of the failed override has already been felt because a favorite teacher was laid off plus several new teachers

V. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Chairman's Report—None
- B. School Committee Comments
1. E. Holmes explained to School Committee the Everett School Committee's Resolution
 2. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee support the resolution of the Everett School Committee regarding charter school student information with the caveat that the notification be made to the sending district's Superintendent of Schools, seconded by L. Beaton
Unanimous support
- C. Correspondence
1. Note from Brian Pettit to G. Farley
 2. J. Boudreau responded to Ashburnham Selectmen

VI. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—None

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Minutes
1. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee approve the minutes of May 8, 2007, seconded by L. Beaton
Approved Unanimously 1-A-G. Farley
- B. Personnel Report
1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee accept the personnel report as presented, seconded by E. Holmes
Accepted Unanimously

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VIII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Report of the Superintendent
 - 1. Due to the failed override, the district had to notify 32 people of reduction of work force. Many people will be out looking for new jobs and the district may be scrambling to fill positions in August to fill these positions if the second override passes
- M. Trip to Spain
 - 1. Audrey Phelps presented information about the trip to Spain that will take place during April vacation 2008
- N. Elementary Curriculum Coordinators (Math/ELA/Science)
 - 1. Presentation by Andrea McGrath and Patty Marquis
- I. Ramification of Staff Reduction
 - 1. Discussions, questions, and concerns regarding the ramifications of the loss of staff, faculty, and programs in the district
 - 2. D. Christianson—thanks to all Administration for all the work done to lessen the impact on the children in the district
- D. Appointment of Legal Counsel
 - 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee retain the law firm of Murphy, Hess, Toomey and Lehane legal counsel for the 2007-08 school year as recommended by Legal Subcommittee commencing July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, seconded by J. Rheault
Unanimous
- E. Acceptance of Gifts
 - 1. **Motion** by G. Farley that the School Committee accept the computer monitor donations made to John R. Briggs Elementary School, seconded by J. Rheault
Unanimously Accepted
- G. Superintendent's Individual Professional Development
 - 1. **Motion** G. Farley that the School Committee have the Chair sign the Superintendent's Individual Professional Development Plan as proposed, seconded by E. Holmes
Unanimous Vote
- J. Food Service Providers
 - 1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee award the management and operations of the food service program RFP to Chartwells/Compass Group and enter into a one year contract with a two year option to renew beginning July 1, 2007, seconded by G. Farley

J. Boudreau out at 10:25 P.M.

- 2. Discussion follows Unanimous Vote

J. Boudreau in at 19:28 p.m.

- K. Release of Summer Checks
 - 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee allow the Business Administrator to release payroll and pay bills through the summer, seconded by J. Boudreau
Unanimous
- L. Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips
 - 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee approve the field trip to Freedom, NH, seconded by J. Boudreau
Unanimous

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

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X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bleachers

1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee award the bid for bleacher system to O'Brien and Sons, seconded by J. Boudreau
2. Discussion follows—all monies raised by private donation Approved Unanimously

VIII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

H. Discussion of Rental Agreement Regarding Town of Ashburnham

1. **Motion** J. Rheault that the School Committee take from the table the motion to lower the assessment by the amount of the rent paid by the Town of Ashburnham to both towns proportionally, seconded by E. Holmes
2. Discussion follows concerning the pros and cons of whether to reduce the assessments to both town by rent excluding utilities
3. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee table the issue until next meeting, seconded by E. Holmes Tabled by majority

XI. AGENDA SETTING

- A. Upcoming meetings 7-17-07 and 8-21-07 at 7 p.m. in the Overlook library

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION—None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by J. Boudreau to adjourn, seconded by J. Rheault at 11:19 p.m. Unanimous

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

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July 17, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson

L. Beaton

J. Boudreau

J. Tata

L. Weiderman

E. Holmes

M. Gianino

Members absent: K Glenny, J. Rheault, G. Farley

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey, K. Caron

II. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC—None

III. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Amanda Wrigley and Tori Ryan

1. Fall athletics start August 23 and 24, car wash for the class of 2008

IV. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Chairman's Report

1. June 26 was chairman's meeting—Selectmen, Advisory Board, School Committee—Selectmen support override on August 14th
2. Ashburnham Advisory Board—support override 4-1—attended by D. Christianson and L. Weiderman
3. For a copy of results of Coordinated Review see D. Christianson or M. Zapantis

B. School Committee Comments

1. E. Holmes—update on GIC

C. Correspondence—None

V. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Legal Sub

1. Update by E. Holmes

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

A. Approval of Minutes

1. **Motion** by J. Tata that the School Committee accept the Budget Subcommittee minutes of 5/8/07, 5/22/07, and 6/13/07, seconded by E. Holmes Accepted Unanimously

B. Personnel Report

1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the personnel report as presented, seconded by J. Boudreau Accepted Unanimously

VII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

A. Report of the Superintendent

1. Presented document prepared by D. Marble for one of his goals—full communication information to be used by teachers and staff
2. Draft of contract with new food service – Chartwells

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3. Override Forum in response to request from Selectmen: Thursday 7-26-07 Oakmont Cable Studio, Tuesday 7-31-07 Ashburnham Council on Aging, Tuesday 8-7-07 Westminster Town Hall, Wednesday 8-8-07 Stevens Public Library, Thursday 8-9-07 Oakmont Cable Studio
4. State Budget – Governor signed Chapter 70, SBA increased dollars for improvement projects—we will be notified if Briggs qualifies, other increases include—Kindergarten Expansion Grant, Extended Learning Grant, SPED Circuit Breaker, Transportation, After School Grant, Early Education and Care and EQA which will allow committee to finish audits. GIC still in discussion mode
5. Reminder that the field at Oakmont was funded by money recovered from the Overlook project and that the previous failed override was for level services. With upcoming override will mean restoration of staff, co-curricular, and the technology contract
6. Handout available explaining answers to often asked questions on the budget
- B. Meetinghouse School/Westminster Elementary & John R. Briggs Elementary School Improvement Plans – Non-Financial/Handbooks
 1. Presentations by Dave Marble and Candy Wright
 2. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the non-financial School Improvement Plans as presented, seconded by J. Tata Accepted Unanimously

E. Holmes out at 8:20 p.m.

3. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee approve the Student handbooks as proposed, seconded by L. Beaton
4. Suggestion by Committee: Define extended absences, add ConnectEd name, add radio and TV for cancellations, add extended absences Approved Unanimously

J. Rheault in at 8:29 p.m.

- A. Report of the Superintendent
 7. Introduction of Sandy Rehler new assistant principal at Overlook Middle School and Craig Smith new assistant principal at Oakmont
- C. Discussion: Co-Curricular Program – Viability/Fees ~ Dave LaRoche
 1. D. LaRoche presented information concerning the increase in co-curricular participation when 100% funded by the district

E. Holmes in at 8:34 p.m.

2. Discussion follows with questions by Keith Harding

L. Weideman out at 9:58 p.m.

Recess at 9:58 p.m.

Resume at 10:15 p.m.

- D. Treasurer's Quarterly Cash Report
 1. Presentation by Ken Caron
- E. Financial Update ~ May/June
 1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee accept the May Financial Report and the June General Fund Report as presented, seconded by E. Holmes Accepted Unanimously
- F. Food Service Revolving Account

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1. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee authorize the Superintendent of Schools to transfer \$39, 951 from the School Choice Funds to balance the FY07 food service account, seconded by L. Beaton Unanimous
- G. Corrective Action ~ Department of Education End of Year Audit
 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the Department of Education End of Year Audit corrective action plan as proposed, seconded by J. Boudreau
Accepted Unanimously
- H. Budget Discussion
 1. Discussion concerning upcoming override
- I. Discussion of Rental Agreement regarding Town of Ashburnham
 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee take from the table the motion form 6-13-07 “**Motion** by J. Rheault that the School Committee agree to reduce the assessment by the amount of the rent paid by the Town of Ashburnham to both towns proportionally, seconded by L. Weiderman”, seconded by J. Boudreau Vote by show of hands Y – 3 N – 4

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Resolution notification- Charter School reporting attending students to sending district
 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee co-sponsor the resolution of the Everett School Committee regarding charter school student information with the caveat that the notification be made to the sending district’s Superintendent of Schools, seconded by L. Beaton Unanimous

E. Holmes out at 11:10 p.m.

2. **Motion** by J. Tata that the School Committee approve the out of state field trip request submitted by Extended Day, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous

E. Holmes in at 11:11 p.m.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A Specially scheduled meeting on 8-15-07 in the event of a failed override at 7 p.m. at OMS

X. AGENDA SETTING

- A. Upcoming meetings—8-21-07 at 7 p.m., and 9-11-07 at 7 p.m.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing negotiations and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of adjournment, seconded by L. Beaton at 11:12 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	M. Gianino	Y
J. Tata	Y	J. Rheault	Y

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes to adjourn, seconded by J. Boudreau at 11:23 p.m. Unanimous

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School Committee

August 8, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. in the Library at Oakmont High School

Members present

D. Christianson

L. Beaton

K. Glenn

J. Boudreau

L. Weiderman

E. Holmes

J. Rheault

M. Gianino

Members absent: J. Tata, G. Farley

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

G. Farley in at 7:12 p.m.

II. BUDGET

A. Update by M. Zapantis

1. Discussion concerning revenue sources and late Oakmont busses

B. Resolution

1. **Motion** by K. Glenn that the Ashburnham-Westminster **Regional** School Committee resolves that any funds received by the school district for FY2008 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in excess of the school district's currently certified FY2008 budget, will be returned to the towns according to the proportions mandated by the Regional Agreement, seconded by L. Beaton Adopted Unanimously

It is expected that the return of such funds to the towns would be used by each town to reduce the property tax rate. However, the School Committee recognizes that it is within the sole authority of the Boards of Selectmen of each town to determine the disposition of such funds for their respective town.

For the purposes of the resolution, funding from the Commonwealth will include Chapter 70 aid, regional school transportation reimbursements, and special education "circuit breaker" funds.

C. Line items

1. Discussion concerning line items, co-curriculars—cuts and partial funding

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by K. Glenn to adjourn, seconded by L. Weiderman at 9:43 p.m.

K. Glenn withdraws motion to adjourn so Chairman D. Christianson can recognize Brian Ruland from Westminster.

Motion by L. Weiderman to adjourn, seconded by J. Boudreau at 9:47 p.m.

Unanimous

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenn

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August 15, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson	K Glenny	L. Weiderman	G. Farley
L. Beaton	J. Tata	J. Rheault	M. Gianino

Members absent: E. Holmes, J. Boudreau

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

II. DISTRICT WIDE MEETING

- A. Discussion by committee members concerning a joint town meeting
 - 1. Consensus of committee was no joint town meeting

III. BUDGET

- A. Recertify budget number
 - 1. **Motion** by J. Rheault that the School Committee recertify the Ashburnham-Westminster budget for the pre over ride number of \$26,656,430, seconded by L. Weiderman

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y	G. Farley	Y
L. Beaton	Y	J. Rheault	Y	M. Gianino	Y
K Glenny	Y	J. Tata	Y		

IV. CUTS

- A. Staff and 50% of co-curriculars
 - 1. 15 teachers, 9 paras, 4 secretaries, 4 custodians
 - 2. Discussion concerning schools being closed due to reduced number of custodians

V. CO-CURRICULARS

- A. Athletics and marching band
 - 1. Decision to poll students after school starts to determine level of involvement in all clubs
 - 2. Proposed \$100 fee to participate in athletics and marching band per person per activity
 - 3. **Motion** by J. Rheault that the School Committee accept the proposal of the Superintendent concerning the funding that is outlined in the document dated 8-15-07 which includes the fee of \$100 per activity per sport/marching band per participant, seconded by G. Farley
 - 4. **Motion** by L. Weiderman to amend J. Rheault's motion to include co-ed cross country at \$4998, seconded M. Gianino Accepted by majority 1-N K. Glenny
 - 5. J. Rheault's motion: Accepted by majority 1-N K. Glenny
 - 6. M. Gianino noted that she is not in favor of one town paying user fees while one town does not

VI. AGENDA

- A. Next meeting—8-21-07 at 7 p.m. in the Overlook Library

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by L. Weiderman to adjourn, seconded by J.Tata at 9:00 p.m. Unanimous

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

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August 21, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson	L. Weiderman
L. Beaton	M. Gianino
K Glenny	J. Rheault
J. Tata	

Members absent: S. Kersey, G. Farley, E. Holmes, J. Boudreau

Also present: M. Zapantis

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing negotiations and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of continuing in open session, seconded by J. Tata at 7:08 p.m.

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
L. Beaton	Y	M. Gianino	Y
K Glenny	Y	J. Rheault	Y
J. Tata	Y		

Open session resumes at 7:26 p.m.

II. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

- A. Varsity golf questions
1. N. and R. Knittula, D. St Jean, R. LeBlanc, members of the golf team, N. Bakanowsky, H. Billing questioned varsity golf being cut and asked if funding was found could golf run
 2. H. Hertel-Therrien questioned closing of OMS bookstore that is self sufficient
 3. E. Sheehan had questions concerning the Math Team and Art Club

III. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- A. A. Ridley report on registration of transfer students on 8/23/07 and incoming freshman orientation on 8/27/07

IV. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Chairman's Report
1. L. Weiderman and J. Rheault have been appointed to the Negotiation Subcommittee
- B. School Committee Comments—None
- C. Correspondence—None

V. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—None

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Minutes—None
- B. Personnel Report
1. **Motion** by L. Beaton that the School Committee accept the personnel report as presented, seconded by K. Glenny Accepted Unanimously

VII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

- B. Overlook Middle School Improvement Plan—Non-Financial/Handbooks
1. B. Houle made presentation

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2. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee accept the non-financial School Improvement Plan as proposed, seconded by L. Weiderman Accepted Unanimously
 3. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee approve the student handbook as proposed with the addition of CORI information add to parent visits, seconded by J. Boudreau Approved Unanimously
- C. Oakmont Regional High School Improvement Plan – Non-Financial/Handbooks
1. D. Uminski made presentation
 2. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee accept the non-financial School Improvement Plan as proposed, seconded by J. Boudreau Accepted Unanimously
 3. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee approve the student handbook as proposed with the addition of “eligible drivers and permission from both sets of parents before seniors will be allowed to offer rides to school to friends”, seconded by J. Tata Approved Unanimously
- D. Building Use Update
- A. Discussion
- A. Report of the Superintendent
1. Administration met for a retreat led by T. Gundlach 8/20/07 to discuss the following topics: EQA Report, Personnel evaluations, PD, DECAP, Administration certification, Student Handbooks, District Policy, Evaluation Process, Curriculum Alignment, Education Technology, District Improvement Plan
 2. Letter to Community Journal concerning moving forward
 3. Welcome back letter to staff has been sent
 4. Thursday administration will meet with police and fire personnel
- E. Acceptance of Gifts
1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee accept the \$500 donation made to John R. Briggs Elementary School from the Ashburnham Mary Proctor Fund and the curriculum materials donated to Oakmont Regional High School to be used in the ACE program, seconded by J. Tata Accepted Unanimously

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

IX. NEW BUSINESS—None

X. AGENDA SETTING

- A. Upcoming meetings—9/11/07 and 9/25/07 at 7 p.m. at OMS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by J. Boudreau to adjourn, seconded by J. Tata at 10:17 p.m. Unanimous

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School Committee

August 28, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson

L. Beaton

J. Boudreau

L. Weiderman

E. Holmes

J. Rheault

Members absent: K Glenny , J. Tata, M. Gianino, G. Farley

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

G. Farley in at 7:10 p.m.

II. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

A. Booster Club Presentation

1. Discussion concerning monies donated by the Booster Club to support the golf program
2. Discussion concerning funds and future requests and Booster may not have enough funds – other sports have time to fundraise
3. Consensus of committee is to refer issue to policy
4. Tracking participation fee
5. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee accept the donation from the Oakmont Booster Club to offset the total cost of the Varsity Golf Program of \$5,379 LESS student participation fees collected by the district, seconded by E. Holmes Accepted Unanimous

III. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes to adjourn, seconded by G. Farley at 7:58 p.m. Unanimous

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School Committee

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson	J. Boudreau	L. Weiderman	J. Rheault
L. Beaton	M. Gianino	E. Holmes	G. Farley
J. Tata			

Members absent: K Glenny

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey, K. Caron

K. Glenny in at 7:10 p.m.

II. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC—None

III. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Tori Ryan

1. Good start to school year, every student spoken to enjoys new lunch program

IV. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Chairman's Report—None

B. School Committee Comments

1. J. Boudreau relayed questioned ask to him as to why drama was kept over health or technology? Drama is children's favorite class and offers interpersonal skill development

C. Correspondence—None

V. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. E. Holmes—Legal service met

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

A. Approval of Minutes

1. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 5-22-07, seconded by L. Beaton Approved Unanimous
2. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 6-13-07, seconded by L. Beaton Approved Unanimous
3. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 6-26-07, seconded by L. Beaton Approved Unanimous
4. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the Legal Subcommittee minutes of 8-30-07, seconded by J. Rheault Accept Unanimous
5. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee accept the Policy Subcommittee minutes of 9-21-06—with the following corrections-- and 11-14-07, seconded by L. Beaton
 - a. IV.II. Change "ring" to "bring" in J. Rheault's motion Accept Unanimous

B. Personnel Report

1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the personnel report as presented, seconded by L. Weiderman Accepted Unanimous

VII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

A. Report of the Superintendent

1. Principals and Assistant Principals attended a two day Understanding by Design training to become trainer for teachers who have signed up for the course

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2. Several people, current administrators and teachers within the district, have been selected to receive training as future superintendents and principals for our school district
3. An anonymous donor put to rest fears of not being able to attend NAWGG day, November 5th
4. Our pre-school will soon be certified and accredited by NECYC
5. Reminder that there is a link to our school lunch program on the district web site
6. D. Uminski had to write a letter informing NEASC about the cuts the district recently experience

E. Presentation: Pop Warner ~ Overlook Middle School Light Posts

1. **Motion** by J. Tata that the School Committee authorize the Superintendent to negotiate an agreement with Oakmont Pop Warner to proceed with the construction of light towers to be used during practices and bring back to the committee for final approval, seconded by L. Beaton
2. **Motion** by J. Rheault to amend motion that the School Committee approve the agreement between Oakmont Pop Warner and the AWRSD before operation of the lights, seconded by E. Holmes
Majority Accepted 1N—L. Weiderman
3. Vote on motion: Majority Accepted 1N—L. Weiderman

B. School Physician Contract

1. **Motion** by G. Farley that the School Committee appoint Dr. Lisa Rembetsy-Brown the school physician for the 2007-2008 school year and authorize the Chair and Superintendent of Schools to sign her contract and for the Superintendent to negotiate a stipend, not to exceed \$5,000, seconded by J. Tata
Unanimous

C. Co-Curricular Club Fees

1. Discussion of flat fee from middle school to high school, fee for elementary, fee for each activity, fixed list of activities--\$50 at the middle school level, \$60 at the high school level
2. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee approve the operation of the enclosed co-curricular clubs at a fee of \$50 at the middle school level and \$60 at the high school level as recommended by the Superintendent, seconded by M. Giannino
Approved by Majority 2N—G. Farley, K. Glenny

E. Holmes out at 9 p.m.

D. Approval of Extended Day Handbook

1. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee approve the Extended Day Handbook as proposed, seconded by J. Boudreau
2. Discussion concerning training programs, fee separate from handbook, annual fee schedule should be included in the elementary handbooks
3. Approval: Unanimous

E. Holmes in at 9:10 p.m.

K. Financial Update ~ Ken Caron

G. Discussion ~ Fall Warrant Articles / Town Meeting

1. School District has until mid October to present warrants to fall town meeting in Ashburnham and possibly Westminster. School Committee will try to par down list to top three needs. M. Zapantis will present information at the tri-board meeting on October 9th

H. MASC Delegate Appointment

1. L. Beaton nominates E. Holmes
2. **Motion** by L. Beaton to make E. Holmes the district's MASC delegate to the 2007 joint MASC/MASS Conference, seconded by G. Farley
Approve by majority, 1 A—E. Holmes

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- I. Policies: First Reading
 - 1. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee accept the Charter for Policy Subcommittee 2007-2008 as a first reading as presented, seconded by J. Rheault
Unanimous
 - 2. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee accept the Food Service Policy/Regulations as a first reading as presented with the following corrections, seconded by J. Rheault
Unanimous
- J. Policies: Amended
 - 1. Discussion concerning amended building use—adding field use subject to scheduling availability
 - 2. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee approve the amended Building Use and Fees form, seconded by J. Tata
Approved Unanimously
- F. Fall Sports Update
 - 1. **Motion** by K. Glenny the School Committee approve reinstating the Freshmen football program pending verification by the Superintendent of funding from non district sources are in place, seconded by J. Rheault
Unanimous

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Donations
 - 1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee accept the gift of \$100 to be used for the transportation fee, seconded by E. Holmes
Accepted Unanimously
 - 2. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee accept the gift from Sherry LeBlanc raised by the golf tournament, seconded by E. Holmes
Accepted Unanimously

X. AGENDA SETTING

- 1. Upcoming meetings
 - 1. 9-25-07 at OMS in the library with the capital improvement recommendations and Tri Board meeting on 10-9-07 at OMS in the library at 7:30 p.m.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39 Section 23B for the purpose of discussing negotiation updates and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of adjourning, seconded by J. Tata at 9:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	No vote
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y
J. Tata	Y	J. Rheault	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	G. Farley	Y
M. Gianino	Y		

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes to adjourn, seconded by K. Glenny at 10:55 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School Committee

September 25, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson	J. Boudreau	L. Weiderman
L. Beaton	J. Tata	E. Holmes
K. Glenny	M. Gianino	G. Farley

Members absent: J. Rheault

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

II. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

A. Basketball

1. Question asked concerning freshman girls and boys basketball. Information to be brought before School Committee at next meeting

IV. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Chairman's Report—None

B. School Committee Comments

1. J. Tata reports receiving an email from Julie Gagnon concerning Anti Bullying program to be presented October 9th

C. Correspondence—None

III. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Tori Ryan

1. New student advisors in place, 9/27/07 is Leadership day, grades close this Friday, Livingston Taylor will be performing this coming Friday. October 4,5,6, is Homecoming weekend. Student advisors met with Dennis Meuller to discuss the new food service. There has been an increase in participation in the lunch program

V. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. D. Christianson suggested that Policy sub meet soon to discuss policies for activities, clubs, fundraisers

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

A. Approval of Minutes—None

B. Personnel Report

1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the personnel report as presented, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous

VII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

A. Report of the Superintendent

1. M. Zapantis read the statement concerning activity fee at Overlook and Oakmont for the record, stating that a student not participating in a sport, marching band, clubs or other co-curricular program do not have to pay a fee
2. Principals importance around leadership—should encourage those staff members to become leaders through Instructional Leadership
3. Congratulations to Ellen Holmes for being selected as a member of MASC's All-State 2007 School Committee
4. Congratulations to Marcia Sharkey for being named School Nurse of the Year. The award will be presented October 13, 2007

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E. Holmes out at 7:31 p.m.

M. Gianino out at 7:35 p.m.

B. Follow-Up: Dorene Francis ~ Extended Day Fee Schedule Update

1. **Motion** by G. Farley that the School Committee approve the Extended Day fee schedule as presented, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous

M. Gianino in at 7:37 p.m.

E. Holmes in at 7:38 p.m.

C. Presentation: Pop Warner ~ Overlook Middle School Light Posts Agreement

1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee allow Pop Warner to install practice lights at Overlook Middle School field as recommended in the agreement prepared by the Superintendent and authorize the Chair sign the agreement after Pop Warner approves, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous

D. Presentation: Dave LaRoche/Denise Noseworthy ~ Freshmen Football

1. **Motion** by M. Gianino that the School Committee accept the gift from the Booster Club and an anonymous donor to be used towards the freshman football team, seconded by G. Farley Unanimous

E. Presentation: Dave LaRoche ~ Fall Athletic Update

1. Athletic field finished and the gates are in place, track finished, current opinion is that the district has the best facility in the state

F. Close Out Building Funds

1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee approve to close Funds 06, 38, and 39 to the general fund effective for fiscal year 2007, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous
2. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee approve the distribution of excess building funds from the Westminster Elementary Building project and the Oakmont renovation project proportionately to the towns of Ashburnham and Westminster via reduced assessment in the fiscal year 2008, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous

J. Rheault in at 8:38 p.m.

G. Discussion ~ Capital Plan

1. Discussion concerning emergency Capital Improvement. Research being done on dollar amount needed for replacing lease computers
2. **Motion** by J. Tata that the School Committee notify the Town of Ashburnham and the Town of Westminster of the School District's intent to bring forward a list of specific capital improvement items for the Fall Town Meeting warrants to be funded by each town's proportionate share, seconded by J. Boudreau

Roll Call Vote:

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y	J. Boudreau	Y	J. Rheault	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Out of the room	J. Tata	Y		
K Glenny	Y	G. Farley	Y	M. Gianino	Y		

3. **Motion** by J. Tata that the School Committee notify the Town of Ashburnham and the Town of Westminster of the School District's intent to bring forward a request to fund the implementation of the third year of the technology/computer leasing program for the Fall Town Meeting warrants to be funded by each town's proportionate share, seconded by J. Boudreau

Roll Call Vote:

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y	J. Boudreau	Y	J. Rheault	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y	J. Tata	Y		
K Glenny	Y	G. Farley	Y	M. Gianino	Y		

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- H. Upton Building
 - 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee affirm vote taken on April 9, 2002 to determine that the building known as the Upton School, Academy Hill Road, is no longer needed for school purposes, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous
 - 2. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee approve the transfer of approximately 11,745 s.f. of property surrounding the building, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous
 - 3. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee determine that the transfer of the property will not result in alterations to the educational plan for the Westminster Elementary School that was submitted to and approved by the Department of Education, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous
- I. Policies ~ Second Reading – Food Service Policy
 - 1. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee accept the Food Service Policy/Regulations as a second reading, seconded by J. Rheault Accepted Unanimous
- J. FY08 Co-Ed Cross County and Tennis
 - 1. **Motion** by G. Farley that the School Committee have the Chair sign an agreement with the AWTA to combine the coaching positions for girls and boys cross-country and girls and boys tennis for the 2007-2008 school year, seconded by L. Beaton Unanimous
- K. Approval of Field Trips
 - 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trip to New Britain, CT and Freedom, NH and Mt. Monadnock, NH, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous
- L. Acceptance of Gifts
 - 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the donation by Nancy Fellows to be used towards user fees and the school supplies donation made by Dean and Christine Carter, seconded by G. Farley Accepted Unanimous

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Upcoming meetings: October 9, 2007 7:30 p.m. Tri-board meeting, October 23, 7 p.m.

X. AGENDA SETTING

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION—None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes to adjourn, seconded by J. Boudreau at 9:55 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Quorum not met

Members present

D. Christianson

J. Boudreau

M. Gianino

L. Weiderman

E. Holmes

Members absent: K Glenny, L. Beaton, G. Farley, J. Rheault, J. Tata

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

II. TRI-BOARD MEETING

- A. Discussion starts at 7:34 with Ashburnham Selectmen leading meeting
 - 1. M. Zapantis presented Capital Plan for discussion with Tri-board members
 - 2. Discussions included: Maintenance plan, busses, E & D,

G. Farley in at 8 p.m.

- B. Regular School Committee called to order at 8 p.m.
- C. Tri board meeting closed at 9:08 p.m.
- E. Regular School Committee resumes at 9:15 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

III. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

- A. L. Stiles read statement concerning bargaining, mediation and negotiation

IV. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- A. Tori Ryan and Amanda Wrigley gave update on fall activities, cafeteria, homecoming, and new rules for school dances

V. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Chairman's Report—None
- B. School Committee Comments—None
- C. Correspondence—None

VI. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Transportation Sub
 - 1. L. Weiderman reported the merger of First Student and Laidlaw
- B. Legal Sub
 - 1. E. Holmes reported that Legal sub will begin formal review of current legal council
- C. Policy Sub
 - 1. D. Christianson reported that Policy sub met tonight and will present information later in meeting

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee approve the School Committee minutes of 8/21/07, seconded by J. Boudreau Approved Unanimously
 - 2. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the Legal Subcommittee minutes of 10/21/07, seconded by G. Farley Accepted Unanimously
- B. Personnel Report--None

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VIII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Report of the Superintendent
 - 1. Thanks to J. Rheault who was supervisor and help with engineering side of athletic field project. Thanks also to D. Christianson and C. Barnard for their help and advice during the work
 - 2. M. Zapantis and S. Kersey will be visiting each school during a lunch
- B. Opening of Business Checking Account
 - 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee authorize the Treasurer to open a business checking account at Athol Savings and to close the savings account, seconded by G. Farley
Unanimously
- C. Approval of Field Trips
 - 1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trips to Providence, RI and Freedom, NH, seconded E. Holmes
 - 2. Committee would like to see the ratio of chaperones to children listed on field trip form
 - 3. Approved Unanimously
- D. Acceptance of Gifts
 - 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the supplies donated to Meetinghouse School, the supplies and furniture donated to John R. Briggs Elementary School and the donation made to offset athletic fees, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimously
- E. Policies ~ Adoption ~ Food Service Policy
 - 1. **Motion** by G. Farley that the School Committee adopt the Food Service Policy as presented, seconded by E. Holmes
Adopted Unanimously

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. E. Holmes mentioned the open hearing for the new commissioner of the DOE

XI. AGENDA SETTING

- A. Upcoming meetings 10/23/07 and 11/6 at 7 p.m. with 10/23 as a Tri-board meeting

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing negotiations and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of adjournment, seconded by J. Boudreau at 9:51 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	E. Holmes	Y
M. Gianino	Y	G. Farley	Y

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes to adjourn, seconded by J. Boudreau at 10:13 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

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October 23, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson

L. Beaton

K Glenny

J. Boudreau

J. Tata

E. Holmes

J. Rheault

M. Gianino

Members absent: L. Weiderman, G. Farley

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

II. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

- A. Heather Billings presented a plan to fundraise to support wrestling explaining that they will try to have a firm number of participants after a sign at Oakmont

L. Weiderman in at 7:09 a.m.

G. Farley in at 7:10 a.m.

III. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE—None

- A. Nathaniel Gracie, Amanda Wrigley, Tori Ryan
 - 1. Updates: fall sports, bridge, grades closed 11/2/07, request that the baseball field be named after Dennis Driscoll, ID's for those who paid activity fee, freshman sponsored "Are You Smarted that a Fifth Grader?"

IV. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Chairman's Report—None
- B. School Committee Comments
 - 1. E. Holmes reported on the MASC Regional School Committee information on transportation
- C. Correspondence—None

V. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Negotiation sub will report during executive session

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Personnel Report

VII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Report of the Superintendent
 - 1. Informational letter explaining Latin trip during April vacation 2008 from Jocelyn Demuth included in the School Committees packets
 - 2. S. Kersey and M. Zapantis continue to visit all district schools during lunches
 - 3. Letter of reply to Dave Uminski from NEASC concerning cuts due to budget cuts as a result of the failed override
 - 4. Update on full day kindergarten grant
 - 5. Congratulations to the golf team on receiving the Division C Sportsmanship Award

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B. Review of Emergency Capital/Operating Plan Request

1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee, at the Superintendent's recommendation, notify the Town of Ashburnham and the Town of Westminster of the School District's intent to revise the emergency capital plan improvement items for the Fall Town Meeting warrants to be funded by each town's proportionate share to include following items:
 1. Replacement of exit doors and frame in the gym entrance – JRB-\$5,000
 2. Repair HVAC and ventilation – JRB-\$10,000
 3. Replacement of hot water heater – MHS-\$20,000
 4. Upgrade of telephone system – OMS-\$\$5,000

Seconded by J. Boudreau

- a. K. Burstall asked about donations of phone system for OMS-discussion follows

Roll call vote:

D. Christianson	Y	J. Tata	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y
K. Glenn	Y	J. Rheault	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	M. Gianino	Y
L. Weideman	Y	G. Farley	Y

2. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee, at the Superintendent's recommendation, rescind the original motion made on 9/25/07 to notify the Town of Ashburnham and the Town of Westminster of the School District's intent to bring forward a request to fund the implementation of the third year of the technology/computer leasing program for the Fall Town Meeting warrants to be funded by each town's proportionate share, seconded by J. Boudreau

Roll call vote:

D. Christianson	Y	J. Tata	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y
K. Glenn	Y	J. Rheault	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	M. Gianino	Y
L. Weideman	Y	G. Farley	Y

J. Rheault out at 8:19 p.m.

C. Policies ~ First ~ Fund-Raising Policy ~ New Sports Policy

1. **Motion** by K. Glenn that the School Committee accept the Fund-Raising Policy and New Sports Policy as presented as a first reading, seconded by J. Boudreau
 - a. Interested parties are invited to present ideas before final approval
Accepted Unanimously

D. Food Service Update

1. Presentation by Chris Callahan, District Manager and Dennis Mueller, Food Service Director

E. Financial Update

1. Presented by S. Kersey
2. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the financial update as presented, seconded by J. Boudreau
Accepted Unanimously

F. Transfer of Funds

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1. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee transfer \$2,915 from Function 9000 (tuition and other costs) to Function 2000 (instruction), seconded by J. Boudreau
Unanimous

G. Approval of Field Trips
1. Update and information

H. Naming of the Baseball Field
1. **Motion** by G. Farley that the School Committee have the chairperson appoint an ad-hoc sub-subcommittee to consider the proposed naming/dedication of the baseball field and that the ad-hoc sub-committee give a recommendation to the school committee as to the appropriateness of the proposal, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. M. Zapantis reminds listening audience to read the memo sent home with children concerning information on staph bacterial infections

X. AGENDA SETTING

A. Upcoming meetings; 11/6/07 and 11/20/07 at 7 p.m. at OMS

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing negotiations and the approval/release of executive session minutes and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of adjournment, seconded by J. Tata at 9:48 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	J. Tata	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y
K. Glenny	Y	M. Gianino	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	G. Farley	Y
L. Weiderman	Y		

K. Glenny out at 10:35 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A. **Motion** by L. Weiderman to adjourn, seconded by J. Boudreau at 10:51 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson	J. Boudreau	L. Weiderman
L. Beaton	M. Gianino	J. Rheault

Members absent: K Glenny, G. Farley, J. Tata, E. Holmes

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION ~ MGL 39, SECTION 23B

- A. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing negotiations and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of continuing regular business meeting, second by M. Gianino

Roll call vote:

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
L. Beaton	Y	J. Rheault	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	M. Gianino	Y

III. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC—None

IV. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- A. Jackie Bresnahan and Amanda Wrigley
1. Update on Oakmont student activities: Juniors won the Powder Puff football game, Freshman sponsored “Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader”, a breakfast sponsored by the Rotary Club will take place before the Thanksgiving Day game, the football game will be at 10 a.m., last Friday was safety day, and there was a Veteran’s Day presentation

V. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Chairman’s Report—None
B. School Committee Comments—None
C. Correspondence—None

VI. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—None

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Minutes
1. **Motion** by J. Rheault that the School committee approve the School Committee minutes of 8/8/07, 8/15/07, 8/28/07, and 9/25/07, seconded by L. Weiderman Approved Unanimously
- B. Personnel Report
1. **Motion** by J. Rheault that the School Committee accept the personnel report as reported, seconded by J. Boudreau Accepted Unanimously

VIII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Report of the Superintendent
1. Mass Association of School Committees and Superintendents are preparing for the Division 4 Leadership award
 2. Happy Thanksgiving to every one
- B. Interest Income – Treasurer Ken Caron
1. Presentation b S. Kersey in K. Caron’s absence
- C. Restoration of:
Indoor Track – Dan Dufour & Sandra LaSerte

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1. **Motion** by M. Gianino that the School Committee accept the donation to fund indoor track, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous
 2. **Motion** by M. Gianino that the School Committee reinstate the indoor track as a winter sport, seconded by L. Weiderman Unanimous
- Wrestling – Heather Billings
3. **Motion** by M. Gianino that the School Committee accept the donation to fund wrestling, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous

K. Glenny in at 7:51 p.m.

4. **Motion** by M. Gianino that the School Committee reinstate the wrestling as a winter sport, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous
- Lacrosse – Joe Biggs
5. **Motion** by J. Rheault that the School Committee refer this items to the Interscholastic Athletics Subcommittee, seconded by M. Gianino Unanimous
- D. Junior/Senior Parking Guidelines
1. **Motion** by M. Gianino that the School Committee approve the Junior/Senior Parking Guidelines and fees for the current 07-08 Handbook, seconded by L. Weiderman Unanimous

L. Weiderman out at 8:28 p.m.

- E. Acceptance of Gifts
1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee accept the donation of the hot top at JRB and walkie-talkies at OMS, seconded by K. Glenny Unanimous
- F. Policies ~ Adoption – Fund-Raising Policy // New Sports Policy
1. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee adopt the Fund-Raising Policy and New Sports Policy as presented, seconded by J. Boudreau
 2. **Amended motion: Motion** by J. Rheault to change #6. of the Policy on New Sports to read: A new sport must operate as a club sport for at least one season before being considered for JV/varsity excluding current sports that may go directly to varsity status, seconded by J. Boudreau
Majority vote
 3. Adopt New Sports Policy as amended Majority vote
 4. **Motion** by K. Glenny that the School Committee adopt the Fund Raising Policy as presented, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous
- G. Superintendent's Goals
1. **Motion** by J. Boudreau that the School Committee accept the Superintendent's goals for 2007-2008 as presented, seconded by L. Beaton Unanimous

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

X. NEW BUSINESS—None

XI. AGENDA SETTING

- A. Upcoming meetings: 12/4/07, 12/18/07, 1/8/08 at 7 p.m., 12/11/07 at 6:30 will be a training meeting for the tri-boards at MWCC

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION—None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by J. Boudreau to adjourn, seconded by L. Beaton at 8:55 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny

Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School Committee

December 4, 2007 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Library at Overlook Middle School with the Pledge of Allegiance, by D. Christianson

Members present

D. Christianson

L. Beaton

K Glenny

J. Boudreau

J. Tata

L. Weiderman

E. Holmes

J. Rheault

M. Gianino

Members absent: G. Farley

Also present: M. Zapantis, S. Kersey

II. PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

- A. Dave Uminski informed the School Committee that Amanda Wrigley was chosen as Spartan of the Month

G. Farley in at 7:03 p.m.

III. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- A. Amanda Wrigley reported: Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader was held last Thursday, PSAT scores, Christmas party for children for staff, junior parking passes available—not many handed out

IV. PARTICIPATION BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Chairman's Report—None
- B. School Committee Comments—None
- C. Correspondence—None

V. REPORTS OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. Ad hoc naming committee-L. Weiderman reported that the committee agreed unanimously to name the baseball field after Dennis Driscoll. Will present decision in January

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - ROUTINE MATTERS

- A. Approval of Minutes—None
- B. Personnel Report
 - 1. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee accept the personnel report as reported, seconded by J. Boudreau Unanimous

VII. PRESENTATIONS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Report of the Superintendent
 - 1. First snow day this year was Monday
 - 2. Wednesday is a half day for all schools for staff professional development
 - 3. JRB qualified for feasibility study
 - 4. December 11th will be a Tri Board meeting
 - 5. December 12th meeting of the four principals, five coaches, M. Zapantis to discuss leadership in the district

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- B. Full Day Kindergarten – Jan Harrison
 - 1. Presentation and discussion of funding for full day kindergarten
- C. Nurse Leader Report – Marcia Sharkey
 - 1. Presentation by Marcia Sharkey
- D. Proposed Emergency Amendment – CMR 41.00
 - 1. Presented by M. Zapantis and E. Holmes
- E. School Committee Goals Discussion
 - 1. **Motion** by K. Glenny to advocate the implementation of a constitutional amendment that requires state funding for all state mandated programs, seconded by L. Beaton Unanimous
 - 2. **Motion** by L. Weiderman that the School Committee adopt the FY'09 Budget Subcommittee goals as presented, seconded by J. Boudreau
 - 3. **Amend motion: Motion** by J. Tata to amend motion to change last goal to read “Develop multi year personnel projection plan”, seconded by E. Holmes Majority vote-6 Y
N—L. Weiderman & J. Boudreau
 - 4. Adopted unanimously

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Motion** by J. Tata that the School Committee release funds to pay bills and release payroll in K. Caron’s absence, seconded by E. Holmes Unanimous

X. AGENDA SETTING

- A. Upcoming meetings: 12/18/07—cancelled, 12/11/07—Tri Board training meeting at MWCC

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Motion** by E. Holmes that the School Committee go into Executive Session under MGL 39, Section 23B for the purpose of discussing negotiations and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of adjournment, seconded by G. Farley at 8:28 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

D. Christianson	Y	L. Weiderman	Y
L. Beaton	Y	E. Holmes	Y
K Glenny	Y	J. Rheault	Y
J. Boudreau	Y	M. Gianino	Y
J. Tata	Y	G. Farley	Y

L. Weiderman out at 8:29 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Motion** by G. Farley to adjourn, seconded by J. Tata at 9:51 p.m.

Recorded by,
Kathi Theriault

Reviewed by,
Keith Glenny