

Board of Education Minutes
Tri-Board Meeting
September 24, 2015

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A joint meeting of the Boards of Selectmen, Finance and Education was held on Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler High School Gymnasium Band Room. Present for the Board of Selectmen were Mr. Mullane, Mr. Donahue, and Mr. Testa; present for the Board of Finance were Mr. Pavlovics and Mr. Woodward; and present for the Board of Education were Mr. Carlson, Mr. Mathwich, Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Buzzee. Also present was Mr. Nero. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mr. Donahue. He welcomed everyone.

2. Public Comments – M. Donahue (BOS) – Mr. Mullane asked Mr. Nero to speak on the test scores. Mr. Nero told those present that the grade three and grade four math test scores were the highest in the State and the grade ten science scores were the fourth highest in the State.

3. Harvest Festival – Information Venue – M. Donahue (BOS) – Mr. Donahue said the Harvest Festival is Saturday and an informational booth will be set up from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All the Boards are invited and he elaborated.

4. Ad Hoc Committee Report - (Ad Hoc Committee) – Mr. Mathwich spoke. The Ad Hoc Committee has had one meeting and no offices have been assigned yet. He had further comment. The next meeting is scheduled for September 28th in New Town Hall. Mr. Mathwich said the Ad Hoc Committee would like to see an increase in the PSPBC's budget to perhaps \$200,000 to \$300,000. If that were done there could perhaps be a downsizing of the building project. He elaborated. There was discussion on that topic. Mr. Mullane and Mr. Testa had comment.

5. Discussion – Continuing Role of Tri-Board (Boards) – There was discussion amongst those members present. There was discussion regarding the PSPBC. Board members had comment. Mrs. Wagner brought up the fact that not everyone is on board with this. A Board member had approached her. It was brought up that all three Boards need to be behind the priority list. Mr. Mullane spoke in support of a plan to include elementary, middle and high school projects.

6. Session Summary – M. Donahue (BOS) – Covered above.

7. Assignments/Next Topics – R. Carlson (BOE) – Mr. Carlson said a comprehensive plan is needed and he elaborated.

9. Next Meeting – R. Carlson (BOE) – There was discussion regarding the next meeting. The next Tri-Board meeting will be on Thursday, November 5th in the Wheeler High School Gymnasium Band Room. There was further comment. Mr. Peterson of the Ad Hoc Committee had comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peter L. Nero, Secretary Pro-Tem