

Budget

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work load. The committee agreed that efficiency in the district should be addressed.

Outgoing School Committee member David Dolce said that in the short time he has been on the panel, "it's clear these mandates are a burden on the district." One suggestion Dolce made was to hire a book service that would take the burden of book ordering and inventory off the administration. "I think the objective is to take the burden off the administration, whatever you can do," he commented.

Kaiser told administrators present that the committee took seriously the added burdens put on the administration and would continue to look for ways to help increase efficiency. The committee agreed to postpone a meeting on strategic planning as one efficient measure. "It will give the administration a chance to incorporate the SALT results," Kaiser added.

In the superintendent's report, Lukon noted an anticipated 6.5 percent increase in tuition rates for

North Kingstown High School. After some discussion, the committee asked business manager Maria Alfred to request additional financial details from the high school and to meet with tuition sub-committee members Cathy Kaiser and William "Bucky" Brennan to review the new rate.

Lukon also noted that auditors spent four days in the district. She congratulated Alfred for her impeccable record keeping. "There were no adjustments, which is very unusual," Lukon said.

Lukon went on to announce Fire Chief James Bryer, Brian Bryer and John Warner have agreed to serve on the Facilities Committee.

In a food service update, Superintendent Lukon reported a rise in meals sold. Lukon said the administration wanted more details from the food service company about how money was spent. Questions about data should be cleared up at a meeting with the provider to be held on Dec. 6, she added.

In a discussion about objectives, the committee endorsed seven goals for the board, with an expectation for an eighth goal on improvements for efficiency to be added.

In the principal's report, Kathy Almanzor and aspiring principal Carole Melucci said that school improvement teams for both schools completed their self-studies in preparation for the School Assessment of Learning and Teaching this year. "The teams did a great job. They shadowed students for a day, and met for many hours to write the report," she commented. A presentation of the results is slated for the Nov. 19 faculty meeting, Almanzor noted.

Also in her report, Almanzor said that first quarter report cards were generated, and parent conferences will be held on Nov. 29 and 30.

In other business, the committee read and edited a draft policy on the use of school buildings by non-school-based organizations. The document offered prioritized categories for facility use requests. The committee continued the draft review to the next business meeting on Dec. 20.

The committee appointed Kristie Wian as a full-time eighth grade teacher assistant for the remainder of the school year.

School committee member Julia Held sat on the North Kingstown School Committee for Bren-

nan, who was out of town.

In correspondence the committee received:

A letter from a parent thanking the school for the "vastly improved" lunch program.

An invitation from Kids First, the Coalition for Quality Children's Media, to a screening of the film "Two Angry Moms," Dec. 3., 7 p.m., at Jane Pickens Theatre in Newport. A panel discussion about

improving school food programs will follow the documentary.

An urgent request from the Two Angry Moms movement to oppose the Harkin/Murkowski amendment to the U.S. Senate Farm Bill that would pre-empt states from passing more restrictive nutrition standards. The law would render null and void Rhode Island's statutory restrictions on beverages sold in high schools.

Swain

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rized to act on behalf of the United Kingdom for the extradition proceedings, argued that Swain was a flight risk.

According to Tortola data, BVI is a British Crown territory; the legal and judicial system of the BVI is based on the English Common Law; Great Britain is responsible for the island's administration of justice; and the Governor of BVI represents the Queen and is responsible for administration of the courts as part of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court circuit.

While in a foreign country, according to embassy data, a U.S. citizen is subject to that country's laws and regulations, which sometimes differ from those in the United States and may not afford the protections available to the individual under U.S. law.



Band to perform holiday program

The Jamestown Community Band, under the direction of Sarah Geremia, will hold its annual Christmas concert on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Portuguese American Citizens' Club on Narragansett Avenue.

The concert will start at 7 p.m. and will feature traditional Christmas songs and some surprises.

Recount

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was the only incumbent up for reelection not to win one of the five council slots. He trailed fellow incumbent Barbara Szepatowski by 28 votes, or 1.6 percent of the total votes cast. According to Rhode Island election laws, in a race where more than one candidate is selected and 5,000 or fewer votes are cast, any candidate who falls within 2 percent or 50 votes, whichever is fewer, of the next highest vote getter, is entitled to a recount.

Last week's recount was also watched for its potential implications in the race for town council

president.

Traditionally, the council president is determined by vote count. However, controversy arose following the election when Council Vice President Julio DiGiando, who has served on the council for the longest and had been presumed to be in line to lead the next council fell 18 votes short of the top slot to first time council candidate and former Town Administrator Robert Sutton. Sutton, who penned a letter to the Press last week addressing the debate over the council presidency, won with 1,032 votes.

According to the Board of Canvasser's; the last recount con-

ducted on the island was in 2005, requested by then-candidate Sav Rebecchi.

Jamestown's new council was slated to be certified, and the new council sworn in prior to yesterday's meeting of the town council sitting as the Water and Sewer Commission.

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