

## **Regular Session Meetings**

December 12, 2018

A meeting of the Swampscott School Committee was held in Room B129 at Swampscott High School commencing at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Amy OConnor, Ms. Gargi Cooper, Ms. Suzanne Wright, Ms. Caron Marshall, and Mr. Ted Delano. Also Present: Ms. Martha Raymond, Director of Student Services, Ms. Martha Sybert, Business Administrator, and student representative Isaac Green. Ms. Pamela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools and Joseph Varghese, Student representative were absent.

### **Public Comment**

NA

### **For the Love of Learning**

Ms. Papile introduced some students from her 7th Grade ELA Class. The students read their writings from a character assignment. The committee expressed how impressed they were with the students.

### **Community Announcements**

Mr. Delano congratulated the 1st Quarter honor roll students. He mentioned the new H.S. guidance alumni site.

Isaac mentioned a concert by chorus & band next Thursday.

### **Public Forum**

Ms. OConnor motioned for a public forum. It was moved by Ms. Wright & seconded by Ms. Marshall. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Athletic Fees:** Ms. Farley and some members of the Athletic Council were present. Ms. Farley presented the Council's proposed Athletic Fee Structures. She also provided a spreadsheet breaking down the costs per sport. She reviewed the goals, income and expenditure variables. The presentation proposed 2 fee options.

Ms. OConnor inquired whether cooperative teams pay any additional fees beyond the user fee. Ms. Farley stated that the 17 students in the Marblehead cooperative pay our user fee but we are also charged a \$500 fee by Marblehead. Per MIAA rules the athletes are considered 100% of the host cooperative. We host Salem for ice hockey and charged Salem a flat fee of \$5,000 last year.

Mr. Delano requested Ms. Farley review the costs of rink, pool and ice time. Ms. Farley discussed the costs spreadsheet. She stated that we pay Salem State for practice ice time. However, we don't provide game day staff for officiating, scoring, etc. In return, Salem State keeps the gate fee.

Ms. Wright requested Ms. Farley explain how the most expensive sports are determined. Ms. Marshall was surprised to see some of the costs. She noted that we think we know the high and low costs sports but that is not necessarily the case. Ms. Farley stated that it is fluid and depends on the year and variables.

Ms. Cooper asked about the field fees. Ms. Farley discussed the state law requiring football equipment be re-certified each year. Discussions continued on everything learned from sports on and off the field, coaching and team philosophy, the impact of great sports programs keeping students in our schools versus private schools and motivating students to study and come to school.

Ms. Cooper mentioned the cost of youth leagues compared to the costs of the M.S Athletic Fee. She questioned why we wouldn't increase the fee higher since we are in the red rather than raising it each year.

Ms. Wright expressed the idea of paying the same per sport along with a portion of the rental fee when it is above a certain percentage. Ms. Farley felt rental fee may not be a better barometer than overall costs. There was discussion on cooperative athletes paying more since we are charged additional fees.

Ms. OConnor asked the council which option they preferred best. The Athletic Council recommended Option 1 with all fees the same. They felt this option does not lessen one experience versus another.

Ms OConnor asked Ms. Farley the vision on the fees staying at the proposed rates. Ms. Farley anticipated 3 years at the proposed rates. Mr. Delano inquired on the budget and rehab to the gym. Discussion took place on building usage fees not being set aside for the gym maintenance. Although it is commonly used space, athletics has been held to 100% of the bill. This practice will be looked into.

Ms. OConnor relayed that she appreciated the council's work. The committee will review and vote another time.

Discussion took place on creating a video of the presentation for the website. Ms. Marshall mentioned the need to give background to families with the costs, etc.

Ms. OConnor motioned to close the public forum. It was moved by Ms. Caron & seconded by Ms. Wright. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Superintendent's Report:** There was no superintendent report.

- A. **Ratification of ESP Contract MOA: Vote requested:** Ms. Marshall provided the notable updates to the contract.

**Motion:** Ms. OConnor entertained a motion to approve the contract. It was moved by Mr. Delano & seconded by Ms. Cooper to accept the contract.

**Vote on Motion:** The motion passed 5 to 0.

### **School Business Administrator**

**FY19 & 20 Update:** Ms. Sybert provided an overview of the budget which has a slight shortfall that is expected to be offset. The committee met as a whole earlier in the evening. The meeting was open to the public.

### **Chair:**

### **Updates:**

- A. **Summit Recap:** Tabled until next meeting.
- B. **Updates:** Ms. OConnor is looking forward to receiving a recap on the town idea exchange meeting at her next Tri-chair meeting.

### **Sub Committee Updates**

**School Building:** Ms. Wright presented an update on the School Building Committee. They have completed the tasks in Module 1. The next major milestone will be at the April 10, 2019, MSBA meeting.

The Enrollment Certification requires going to the MSBA with configuration options. Ms. Wright presented 4 configuration options from the committee. Ms. OConnor questioned when people would be able to voice opinions. Ms. Wright mentioned the various committee break up groups, one of which will be community outreach. When the Feasibility Study (Spring 2019) is underway there will be numerous public forums. Additionally, due to the success of the Idea Exchange Day the committee has been discussing a similar type event.

Fall 2020 is the anticipated timeline for town approval of the final project. Updates and information may be found on the SPS website under School Building Committee.

Mr. Delano has noticed some unique things going on in other towns. Some towns are utilizing real estate companies to highlight and showcase the school system. He spoke to a local real estate company that would like

to assist. Ms. Cooper thinks it is a great idea but that the window to our schools is our website with the videos and dashboard. Ms. OConnor felt it may be a combination of both. Ms. Wright brought up the concept of the real estate agents kicking it off and a new page on the website with virtual brochures. Mr. Delano will spearhead the opportunity and create a timeline.

### **Consent Agenda**

Ms. OConnor read the purpose of the consent agenda and the items on the agenda.

- A. Regular Session Minutes – November 14, 2018
- B. Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2018
- C. Donation Cummings Property: S. DeOrio ELL
- D. Donation Weatherspoon Charitable Foundation: B. Wilbur
- E. WARRANT # 19-20 & 19-22

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wright to accept the Consent Agenda and seconded by Mr. Delano

**Vote on Motion:** The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Next meeting to be held on December 12, 2018**

### **Adjournment**

**Motion:** At 9:03 p.m. it was moved by Ms. Wright and seconded by Ms. Cooper to adjourn.  
The motion passed 5-0.










Respectfully submitted,



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Supporting Documentation:

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