

## **Regular Session Meetings**

November 14, 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, Chair, Ms. Suzanne Wright, Ms. Caron Marshall, and Mr. Ted Delano. Also Present: Ms. Pamela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Martha Sybert, School Business Administrator, and student representatives Isaac Green and Joseph Varghese. Ms. Gargi Cooper, Anne Marie Condikey, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development, Ms. Martha Raymond, Director of Student Services were absent.

### **Public Comment**

NA

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

Stanley Chorus - Mr. Ressler & some members of the Stanley school chorus performed for the committee beginning with Let there be Peace. Ms. Longin invited the SC to their prep rally November 20th at 1:30 p.m.

### **Community Announcements**

Mr. Delano discussed his conversation with the Athletic Director. He mentioned how many student lives are touched by sports and the return on investment such as teamwork, pride and self confidence. The Athletic Council will meet on the 26th. Mr. Delano noted an upcoming METCO parent meeting and potluck dinner next month.

Ms. Wright referred to the Veteran Day ceremony and Ms. DiLisio's 4th grade class writing letters to the veterans.

Ms. Marshall remarked that the Chad Hymas staff presentation was amazing. She heard feedback that the evening presentation was inspiring as well.

Isaac and Joseph noted the success of girls soccer and football teams. They brought up the Fox 25 news live broadcasting voting competition. To date Swampscott is ahead in the vote.

Ms. OConnor gave a shout out to the drama club's performance of a Funny Little Thing Called Love. She followed up with the students from Amnesty International. Ms. OConnor referred to the article she provided to the Reporter on the school improvement plans.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Ms. Angelakis' report will be posted on the Superintendent's Page under the Swampscott Public School's web page.

Ms. Angelakis requested to move the order of the National Merit Awards to first on her report.

- A. 2018 National Merit Commended Students: Ms. Angelakis read a statement that, "the principal, Lawrence Murphy, of Swampscott High School announced last week that Madeleine Foutes, Olivia Fulghum, Clara Harrington and Harrison Katz have been named Commended Students in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors." The students were called down to receive a School Committee certificate and congratulated.
- B. Superintendent's Report: Ms. Angelakis was happy to report that an Academic Tutor is in place and is providing general education targeted support at Stanley (Grade 3). She reported on the Hadley school principal transition.

An update on MSBA was provided including a new School Building Committee website which can be found on the district webpage under the SCHOOLS drop-down menu as well as the RESOURCES drop-down menu under Community. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10th at 7:30 a.m. at the Middle School. These meetings are open to the public.

Ms. OConnor questioned whether updates should be under Superintendent report or if the School Committees should create a line item for MSBA updates. Ms. Wright suggested a break out in the sub-committee reports at least every other meeting.

Ms. Angelakis stated that Swampscott along with other districts who were awarded the Essex County Learning Community (ECLC) \$25,000 grant will be presenting their action plans for improving the way we serve students with diverse learning needs on December 4th from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Ms. Angelakis requested a School Committee member to join her for this event.

An update was provided on the Director of Facilities position. Max Kasper, Building Commissioner and Tom Prentiss, Assistant Operations and Maintenance Supervisor will be sharing this position for the remainder of the year. Ms. OConnor noted that Mr. Scola met with the School Committee in the past. She inquired if there will be an opportunity to continue to meet.

Ms. Angelakis noted that Ms. Condikey, Director of Curriculum & Instruction is retiring for personal reasons on 11/30/18. There are no plans to fill this position for the remainder of the school year. Ms. OConnor noted her concern that this may be overwhelming for Ms. Angelakis. Mr. Delano requested the topic be on the next agenda. Ms. Marshall inquired if the position was going to be covered by Ms. Angelakis or delegated out. Ms. Wright questioned whether the position was essential. Ms. OConnor was concerned about losing momentum on the progress that has been made. Ms. Angelakis stated that they were putting a plan in place.

- C. Blue Ribbon Ceremony Update: Ms. Angelakis, Mr. Kohut and Ms. Mackey traveled to D.C. for a 2-day workshop and receive the National Blue Ribbon School Award in the category of Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing award on 11/7. The High School leadership team is forming a committee to truly celebrate the award. She expressed what an accomplishment it is for our district. Ms. OConnor reiterated how exciting it is to receive the award. Ms. Marshall inquired whether students think it is a big deal. Isaac mentioned that he hasn't heard anyone talk about it. He said some people noticed the banner on the front desk. Joseph suggested the upcoming pep rally as a great place to display the banner.

### **School Business Administrator**

FY20 Proposed Budget Calendar : Ms. Sybert shared the proposed timeline for the FY20 budget.

- November 20th: discussion with town administrator, leadership works on building & department budgets.
- Dec 8th: discussion with board selectmen & financial committee (Tri-Chair)
- December 12th: School Committee(SC) budget update FY19
- TBD: Budget Committee on whole of FY20
- January 9th: Draft FY20 budget for SC review.
- January 23rd: updated budget SC review & public hearing.
- February 13th: recommended budget & SC vote.

Ms. Wright inquired about a budget meeting prior to the Summit meeting. Ms. OConnor noted that the budget sub committee looks forward to guidance from Ms. Sybert. Mr. Delano requested that a November date be set. Ms. Angelakis, Ms. Sybert and the budget committee (Chair: Mr. Delano & Ms. Marshall) will set a meeting date for the last week of November.

## **New Business**

**Report on Nov 6th PD Day** - Ms. Catie Porter Roberts updated the committee on the 11/6/18 Professional Development Day (313 staff registered workshops, 81 support staff attended). There were 18 workshops (9 workshops by SPS staff) over 3 sessions for a total of 37 workshops. She provided an overview of the workshops and evaluations for the keynote speaker and the workshops.

Ms. OConnor inquired on keeping the momentum going. Ms. Angelakis said that Ms. Porter Roberts will be taking over Professional Development.

## **Chair**

**Tri-Chair:** Ms. OConnor provided an update to the Tri-Chair meeting this past week. The meeting was great and the discussion was mainly about the Financial Summit. Peter Spellios did most of the talking about the vision around the summit. Ms. OConnor reiterated this is not a budget meeting but talking about big picture items. The committee is slated to discuss the MSBA process, Special Education Process & Chapter 70 Funding. The committee expressed that none of them felt speaker worthy on Chapter 70. Ms. Angelakis asked Ms. Sybert if she was able to discuss. Ms. OConnor noted that Ms. van der Burg and Mr. Katz were pulling together numbers. Ms. Wright brought up the Chapter 70 funding formula. She noted that some districts are over-funded while some like Swampscott do not receive the 17% minimum. The funding is an issue beyond the School Committee.

Ms. OConnor stated that although no numbers have been discussed the budget will be less than last year. The conversation at the summit will include contractual obligations. The state of collective bargaining was discussed. Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. DeLillo will be present during teacher contract negotiations which are set to begin soon.

Ms. Wright asked if the 12/1 town committee forum was discussed. Ms. OConnor will be out town but hoped that others can attend. Ms. Wright asked if this a vehicle to listen and let people talk. Ms. OConnor said it was not brought up at Tri-Chair.

**Updates:** Ms. OConnor informed the committee that she will not be in attendance at the next meeting. Ms Cooper will chair the next meeting.

## **Consent Agenda**

Ms. OConnor read the purpose of the consent agenda and the items on the agenda. Mr. Delano was not at the executive meeting. He excluded himself from the consent agenda vote.

- A. Regular Session Minutes – October 24, 2018
- B. Executive Session Minutes - October 24, 2018
- C. WARRANT # 19-17 & 19-18

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

**Vote on Motion:** The motion passed 3 to 0.

**Next meeting to be held on November 28, 2018**

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** At 8:25 p.m. it was moved by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Wright to adjourn.

**Vote on Motion:** The motion passed 4-0.















Respectfully submitted,



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Superintendent of Schools  
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Date: 12/17/18

**Supporting Documents:**

	01-Agenda November 14, 2018, School Committee Meeting.pdf 	me
	02 - Superintendent's Report to SC 11.14.18 	Pamela Angelakis
	03-2018 National Merit Commended Students.pdf 	me
	04-BY20 Proposed Budget Calendar.pdf 	me
	05 - School Committee 11/14 Presentation about Nov 6th PD 	CATIE PORTER
	06-24-Oct-2018 SC Minutes.pdf 	me
	07-24-Oct-2018 Exec Session Meeting Minutes.pdf 	me