

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

June 24, 2020

A meeting of the Swampscott School Committee was held virtually in Swampscott, MA commencing at 7:01 .m. with the following members present: Ms. Gargi Cooper, Chair, Ms. Carin Marshall, Mr. Ted Delano, and Ms. Suzanne Wright. Also Present: Ms. Pamela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Martha Raymond, Asst. Superintendent of Student Services, and Ms. Martha Sybert, School Business Administrator. Ms. Amy OConnor, Chair, was absent.

The School Committee was meeting in a virtual setting, fully remote via teleconferencing, practicing social distancing, and in accordance with the Governor's suspension of certain open meeting laws. The meeting was being recorded and broadcast live on the local cable channel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Wright commended the Town Moderator and organizers of Town Meeting for a smooth process with the virtual Town Meeting.

Ms. Marshall agreed and also thanked Ms. Cooper for reading the statement of the Committee.

Ms. Cooper agreed and stated she spoke with Tim Dorsey and thanked him for conveying the Committee's message. She also spoke about the video shown from SCAR. She stated she was surprised by the video and felt the content was important for the community but uncomfortable in portraying the District. She hoped the Committee would continue its work with a variety of students attending future meetings. She further added it was her last meeting on the Committee and stated she has enjoyed her time and her service has pushed her to think in different ways. She also commended Ms. Angelakis for her work within the District and stated that she had enjoyed working with her directly as Committee Chair.

Mr. Delano also commented that Town Meeting went off well. He also spoke about the opening of school in the fall and hoped that communication from the District would be frequent over the summer break. He also thanked Ms. Cooper for her dedication to the Committee and thanked her for her reasonable, fair perspective of things over the years.

SUPERINTENDENT

Community Webinar: Restorative Circle: Addressing Racial Injustice

Ms. Angelakis turned to Colleen Cull-Finn and Julie Ignaciola and thanked them for coming to present. Ms. Cull-Finn gave some background on her work on Restorative Circles and how they have been conducted within the High School. She explained that she recently ran staff trainings and that this project came from that. She explained that Ms. Ignaciola created this restorative circle presentation as part of her work within the training. Ms. Ignaciola explained that within the school she noticed a breakdown of dialogue between students and adults. She looked at this program as a way for students to take part in the process. Ms. Cull-Finn explained how the webinar would operate and invited all to watch. Mr. Delano spoke about the recent Committee meeting held in Boston with the METCO parents present and encouraged dialogue with Ms. Ogunbona the METCO Director. He stated he walked away from the meeting realizing we could do more. Ms. Cull-Finn thanked him for his feedback. Ms. Raymond also commented that she felt it was great to have a place to have that challenging conversation and she was glad to have been a part of it and happy to be moving in a forward direction. Ms. Angelakis added that during interviews for Vice Principal one of the best things about Ms. Cull-Finn was her background in the restorative justice program and thanked her for continuing that within our District and thanked them for their presentation.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Angelakis reported on the class of 2020 parade and graduation ceremony. She stated it was a wonderful, successful weekend. Ms. Marshall agreed that in some ways it was better than a traditional graduation. Ms. Wright said the graduation was great and was happy to see the whole community come together and make the best of a strange

situation. Ms. Angelakis said the parade might become a new tradition. Mr. Delano agreed that the ceremony went well and felt the Jumbotron was great for the scholarships presentation.

Ms. Angelakis stated she had not yet received information from the Commissioner for school reopening in the fall. She stated she hoped to have more information after a conference call scheduled for Thursday. She stated she would communicate with staff and families as she receives information.

Ms. Angelakis presented a summary of the results of the Bridge Committee survey. She also updated the Committee on the DESE innovation pathway planning grant as well as the summer and vacation learning program grant.

Ms. Angelakis stated she had sent communication to all families about our 2020-2021 1:1 tech program. She stated she had received a lot of positive emails from families and thanked the Tech Department and Martha Sybert for their work on putting it all together.

Summer Facilities Projects

Ms. Angelakis stated the document wasn't complete and that she would be meeting with Garrett Baker and Max Kasper to combine lists and prioritize projects. She further stated Mr. Kasper would present the compiled list at a future meeting. There was discussion on protocols related to COVID-19 and Ms. Angelakis stated she wished to see the recommendations and look at the daily challenges within the schools before adding projects.

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Award Contract for Clarke Boiler Project - vote requested

Ms. Sybert explained the timeline for the project was pushed back to align with Town Meeting. She also was happy to report that Article 9 has been approved. She explained the bid procurement and reported that the project came in under where it was forecasted. Ms. Sybert recommended that the boiler replacement project be awarded to the lowest bidder, E. Amanti & Sons, Inc.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wright to award the contract for boiler replacement at the Clarke School to E. Amanti & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$374,400. It was seconded by Mr. Delano.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0 via roll call vote.

CHAIR

Updates

Ms. Cooper stated she had spoken with Dorothy Presser regarding the Superintendent's review. She advised the Committee to schedule a workshop to review the goals over the summer. There was discussion regarding communication of a two-year review process and Ms. Angelakis stated she would work with Mrs. James to ensure it was reported correctly.

Tri-Chair

Ms. Cooper stated there wasn't a formal meeting but they had a brief conversation regarding the Committee's statement on the budget.

Resolution: Anti-Racism

Ms. Cooper read the resolution for the Committee. Ms. Angelakis stated that Mrs. Caron could use electronic signatures for each member of the Committee. There was discussion on where the resolution would go. Ms. Wright spoke about making it a working document to possibly be addressed within the Committee's goals. Ms. Cooper added it would be nice to display it somewhere.

Resolution: Covid 19 State Funding -- vote requested

Ms. Cooper explained that currently 89 Districts have signed the resolution to be forwarded to Governor Baker. She read the resolution for the Committee as follows:

WHEREAS, if schools are to re-open this fall in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is the responsibility of each school district to do so safely and responsibly; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the state to ensure that each school district is able to pay for the enormous additional staffing, transportation and material expenses required to do this; and

WHEREAS, the state cannot expect mandatory COVID-19 safety guidelines to be followed without also ensuring that each school district has the funds required to implement these guidelines; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED: that the state must guarantee every school district full reimbursement for whatever COVID-19 expenses are required to follow state mandates.

We must ensure a statewide school re-opening that is safe, responsible and equitable.

THERE CAN BE NO UNFUNDED MANDATES FOR COVID-19.

Mr. Delano requested signed copies of the resolutions be forwarded to each Committee member.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wright to adopt the above Resolution regarding Full State Funding for COVID-Related Expenses. It was seconded by Mr. Delano.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0 via roll call vote.

Orientation for new School Committee member

Ms. Wright reviewed the handbook which gives an overview to new members. There was a discussion of the subcommittees listed and links which need to be added. Ms. Wright stated she would get the Committee planning calendar from Mrs. Caron.

2020-2021 Election of Chair/Vice Chair

Ms. Cooper felt the Committee should vote with Ms. OConnor and the new member but also thought it was important to have a Chair and Vice Chair in place. Ms. Wright stated she was interested in remaining as Vice Chair but that she felt she couldn't take on the Chair role. Ms. Marshall stated she understood and would support Ms. Wright remaining as Vice Chair.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Delano to nominate Ms. Wright as Vice Chair. It was seconded by Ms. Marshall.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0 via roll call vote.

SUBCOMMITTEE

SBC Meetings Update

Ms. Wright reminded all of the community Zoom forum on June 30th at 7:00. She explained there would be a brief presentation aimed to vet the options on the table. Ms. Marshall stated the last forum was well done. There was discussion on getting more information out to the community.

Ms. Wright thanked Ms. Cooper for all of her work on the Committee and stated she would be sad to see her go. Ms. Marshall agreed and thanked Ms. Cooper for all she had taught her over the years. Ms. Wright presented Ms. Cooper with a gift which she said was waiting for her at her home. Ms. Cooper thanked everyone and stated she hoped they could all get together in the near future when it was possible.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Regular Session Minutes – June 10, 2020
- B. Budget Subcommittee Minutes - June 17, 2020
- C. Warrant #20-51

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wright to accept the agenda & seconded by Ms. Marshall.

There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0 via roll call vote.

Next meeting to be held on July 8, 2020

Adjournment

Motion: At 8:46 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Delano to adjourn & seconded by Ms. Wright.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0 via roll call vote.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pamela R.H. Angelakis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela R.H. Angelakis, M.A., M.Ed.

Superintendent of Schools

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Supporting Documentation:


Date: July 23, 2020

 Updated Agenda June 24, 2020, School Committee Meeting.pdf 

 Superintendent's Report to SC 6.24.20.pdf 

 Summer 2020 School Projects.xlsx 

 SPS COVID-19-Resolution.docx 



 SPS COVID-19-Resolution Final.pdf 

 SPS Anti-Racism Resolution.docx 

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 MASC Resolutions.docx 

 June 10, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes Final.pdf 

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 Copy of DRAFT SC minutes 06.17.20 Budget Sub Com Mtg.docx 

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