

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

June 14, 2017

A meeting of the Swampscott School Committee was held in room B208 at Swampscott High School commencing at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Carin Marshall, Chairman, Ms. Suzanne Wright and Ms. Gargi Cooper. Also Present: Ms. Pamela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Evan Katz, School Business Administrator, Anne Marie Condikey, Director of Curriculum. Mr. Ted Delano and Ms. Amy O'Connor were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Wright commented on graduation and commended Mrs. Samiljan for all of her hard work in coordinating the ceremony.

Ms. Cooper stated she had received great feedback on the High School showcase and introduction to the school. She also stated she attended Step-Up day at the Middle School and hoped maybe what Mr. Murphy does at the High School level could be brought down to the Middle School level as a great way to publicize the groups and great things happening at the Middle School.

Ms. OConnor arrived at 7:06 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Marshall read the contents of the Consent Agenda.

MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. OConnor and seconded by Ms. Wright to accept Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Recognition of teacher retirees 16-17SY.

Ms. Angelakis called forward the teachers who will be retiring at the end of the school year. She introduced Anita Balliro, Sami Lawler, Ann McFarlane, Laurie O'Brien, Karen Quinlan-Bach, Dr. Robert Trant and Barbara Waitt. She gave biographical information for each teacher, invited them forward to speak and thanked them for their many years of service to the District. Ms. Angelakis also recognized two teachers who couldn't be present this evening. They were Middle School teachers Josephine Uminski and Glenn Kane.

SEF Grant Acknowledgements

Ms. Angelakis reported on the current SEF grants which support professional development and enrichment for classrooms. She read a list of grants and PD opportunities that were given to the staff totaling \$13,104.99 and thanked SEF for continuing to support the District through their generous gifts.

Student Services Update – M. Raymond

Ms. Angelakis introduced Ms. Raymond to give her presentation. Ms. Raymond explained she updated her presentation from the fall and provided updates to each of the categories. She further reviewed tuition costs and transportation for out of District placements as well as reviewed potential new programs for school year 2017-2018 including expanding the Harbor program to the Middle School. Ms. Cooper questioned the Team Chairs and their opportunities to provide support to the classroom teachers. Ms. OConnor spoke about the issue of executive functioning and whether more support could be provided to the general student population. Erin Wilson reviewed a workshop she recently held which spoke to creating a common language across the District to support all students. Ms. Angelakis thanked Ms. Raymond for her update and all of her hard work this school year.

SHS Mandarin Update – R. Murphy

Mr. Murphy came forward to update the Committee on the status of the Mandarin class. He explained that through the legwork of Ms. Gahm-Diaz they were able to find an on-line program which would support the needs of the current Mandarin students for the next school year. There was discussion on logistics and cost of the program. Ms. Cooper stated she heard from some parents who were pleased with the option. Mr. Murphy stated he has kept the parents informed along the way. Ms. OConnor requested follow up on the amount of students who ultimately enroll in the on-line class.

Mr. Murphy also recognized the Pops fundraiser going on this evening in the auditorium as well as congratulated the success of the spring sports teams. He further thanked everyone for their support in his first year as Principal at SHS.

There was a recess from 8:32 p.m. to 8:38 p.m.

Nahant/Swampscott Contract – vote requested

Ms. Marshall reviewed the points to the contract which the Committee had before it. She explained it was a 5-year agreement which changes to a flat fee based system. She further explained that Nahant is projecting a decrease in enrollment which ultimately provides for a greater increase. Ms. OConnor thanked Mr. Katz for his work in helping them understand how the numbers are calculated. Ms. Angelakis stated the contract was a benefit to both Districts. Ms. Wright thanked all for the work they put into the agreement.

MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. OConnor to accept the Nahant tuition agreement as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

CHAIR UPDATE

Tri-Chair Report

Ms. Marshall reported on the recent Tri-Chair meeting and stated they discussed end of the year wrap up issues and that Ms. OConnor attended the meeting as well. Ms. Cooper questioned whether there was a discussion of a joint meeting with Board of Selectmen and Ms. OConnor stated that could be put on the table again. Ms. Cooper suggested creating a firm agenda so as to not waste any time as well.

SC Rail Trail Support Statement

Ms. Marshall stated that Ms. Wright had put together a statement regarding the Committee's support of the Rail Trail. There was lengthy discussion on edits to the document which would be released to the Board of Selectmen and media. Ms. Wright read the statement with the agreed upon changes. It was agreed to release to the media as well as put the statement on the School Committee website.

Election of Chair & Vice Chair – vote requested

Ms. Marshall stated a new Chair and Vice Chair would be voted.

MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Wright to nominate Ms. Amy OConnor as Chairperson. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Wright to nominate Ms. Gargi Cooper as Vice Chair. The motion passed 4-0.

Ms. Cooper thanked Ms. Marshall for serving as Chair and recognized the amount of work that goes into the position.

Appointment of Subcommittees

Ms. Marshall stated the assignments had been discussed at the Committee's last workshop meeting and it was agreed as follows for school year 2017-2018:

Communications

Gargi Cooper & Suzanne Wright

Budget

Carin Marshall & Ted Delano

Policy

Suzanne Wright & Carin Marshall

Representative for K-12 Task Force

Carin Marshall & Suzanne Wright

Liaison for Special Education

Ted Delano

Liaison for Renewable Energy

Ted Delano

Representative for Regionalization Committee

Suzanne Wright

Liaison for METCO / PCO

Ted Delano

SCHOOL BUSINES ADMINISTRATOR

FY17 Budget Update & MUNIS Report

Mr. Katz updated the FY17 budget for the Committee. He also reviewed the MUNIS report which forms the basis for the update. The deficit was reviewed as well as the transfer from the Finance Committee. Ms. Marshall felt it important to point out that Mr. Katz's forecasts were on point for the school year. There was discussion on the timeframe for the transfer. Ms. Angelakis added she didn't remember the last time the budget came in as close as projected and thanked Mr. Katz for his work. Ms. OConnor added the FinComm meeting was scheduled for July 10th. Ms. Cooper questioned whether that would pose a problem for year-end books and Mr. Katz stated it would not.

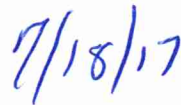
Ms. Cooper questioned whether Ms. Angelakis' review would be on June 28th. Ms. Marshall stated it would as long as all of the information was received for review. Ms. Cooper requested Executive Session be added to the end of the June 28th meeting as well.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

At 9:19 p.m. it was moved by Ms. OConnor and seconded by Ms. Wright to adjourn. The motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



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Superintendent of Schools

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Supporting Documents:

 2017-2022 Nahant-Swampscott Agreement 6-14-17.pdf	6/15/2017 3
 Approved 10-May-2017 SC Meeting Minutes.pdf	6/15/2017 3
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