

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

March 28, 2108

A meeting of the Swampscott School Committee was held in Room B129 at Swampscott High School commencing at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Amy OConnor, Chair, Mr. Ted Delano, Ms. Carin Marshall and Ms. Suzanne Wright. Also Present: Ms. Pamela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Anne Marie Condike, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development and Ms. Martha Raymond, Director of Student Services. Gargi Cooper, Vice Chair; Mr. Evan Katz, School Business Administrator and Student Representatives Tenley Seidel and Oliver Daniels-Koch were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

FOR THE LOVE OF LEARNING

Romeo & Juliet - HS - K. Thomas

Ms. Angelakis gave an overview of the "For the Love of Learning" segment and invited Ms. Thomas forward. Ms. Thomas explained the project which the 9th Grade English Honors class was assigned researching the science of love as it related to Romeo & Juliet. She introduced Eli Delia, Mackenzie Kearney and Ella Sprague to give the first presentation as well as a second group of Allison, Sarah and Madeline Tribendis. Ms. Wright was impressed with the presentations and thought the evidence toward their theories was a great way to learn Shakespeare. Ms. Marshall agreed. Ms. Angelakis congratulated the girls on a project well done.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Delano informed all that on May 30th there was a STEM event at Fenway Park.

Ms. Wright reminded all of the High School performance of The Addams Family which is next week. She also inquired about the walk-out. Ms. Angelakis stated she would like Mrs. Mackey-Knowles and Mr. Kohut to report about that. Ms. OConnor stated it could be put on the next agenda.

Ms. Marshall stated she was not able to attend the Middle School performance of Annie, Jr. but her son and husband did and said it was fantastic.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MIAA Hockey Division 3 North Champions - G. Faia & team

Ms. Angelakis introduced the hockey team along with Coach Faia and Coach DiLisio and stated they were incredibly proud of the team for being the Division 3 North Champions. Coach Faia introduced the captains and team members present. Senior Dan Johnson thanked the Committee for allowing them to come and gave some highlights from the season.

Ms. Cooper arrived to the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Last Day of School 17-18SY - currently Thursday, June 21

Ms. Angelakis reported the District has had five snow days and the last day of school currently is scheduled for Thursday, June 21st.

State House 2017 Commendation Celebration

Ms. Angelakis announced that the High School would be receiving the award for closing the achievement gap and that representatives from the High School would be going with her to the State House for the celebration.

Blue Ribbon School Nomination

Ms. Angelakis further announced that SHS has been nominated to become a Blue Ribbon School. She stated the High School is working on the application and that they are only one of 7 schools nominated. She added that SHS should be celebrated for these two honors.

Kindergarten Registration

Ms. Raymond gave an overview of the changes to Kindergarten registration and explained that the in-person registration helped getting documents turned in. Ms. Angelakis added it was a great way to welcome families to the District as well.

2018-2019 School Calendar - vote requested

Ms. Angelakis reviewed the 18-19 calendar which was presented for approval and vote.

MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. Wright and seconded by Ms. Marshall to approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Timeline for Elementary School Transitions

Ms. Angelakis reviewed the timeline and explained the District was on schedule with teacher reductions and notification to non-PTS teachers. She explained there was a preference form drafted for staff at Stanley. She further reviewed student placement. There was discussion regarding METCO placement as well as families who might volunteer to move. Mr. Delano questioned the appeals process and Ms. Angelakis explained an appeal could occur after families receive their assignment. She added that she did not expect many appeals.

Draft Special Ed Reserve Fund Article Wording -- adopted

Ms. Angelakis stated she has met with town government to discuss a draft agreement pertaining to the reserve fund and explained the language before the Committee is accurate for the warrant article. Ms. Marshall read the proposed article for the Committee. There was discussion around accessing funds once the reserve fund is created. Ms. Angelakis stated that is still the subject of the agreement and would continue to be worked on.

MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Ms. Marshall to approve the wording of the Special Education Reserve Fund Article. The motion was approved unanimously.

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

FY18 Budget Update

Ms. Angelakis referred to the budget update in the packets and stated she would defer from reviewing them in Mr. Katz's absence.

FY19 Budget Discussion

Ms. OConnor explained action to the under budgeted amount needed to be discussed. Ms. Raymond gave an overview of Special Education and stated the budgeted number relating to tuition and transportation can change due to students coming in and out of District. She explained the stabilization fund is a safeguard for something unexpected. Ms. Cooper stated there was confusion on the reported numbers in

the past. Ms. OConnor stated she appreciated how conservative Mr. Katz is but is concerned that the District doesn't go into it knowing that the Fund would need to be accessed right away. She further questioned how the issue was dealt with in years past. Ms. Angelakis explained a buffer was added to those line items and explained that is no longer the case. Ms. Wright stated that needed to be clear as the District would be lobbying for the Stabilization Fund at Town Meeting. There was discussion on how the budget had been handled in the past and Ms. Angelakis stated that was the reason for the importance of the agreement. Mr. Delano added he felt it was important to recognize that Mr. Katz wasn't in attendance due to a death in his family.

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM

HS Program of Studies - Adopt

Ms. Condikey reviewed some points of the Program of Studies and explained the Departments are looking at building electives in an effort to minimize study halls while providing a well-rounded education. She stated the content leaders did a great job in reviewing the offerings. She reviewed a change in the levels of Algebra. Ms. Wright spoke about questions with electives having levels and Ms. Condikey stated that would be part of a conversation before next school year. Ms. Angelakis stated she understood and heard the questions of the Committee but reminded all that Ms. Condikey had been meeting with the High School Principal until his absence in November. She stated the Program of Studies normally would be adjusted and presented in the fall. Ms. Condikey stated more work would be done and questions would be asked going forward.

MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Ms. Wright to vote to approve the High School Program of Studies as distributed. The motion was approved unanimously.

Curriculum Development Update

Ms. Condikey spoke about the work being done with content leaders and teachers on curriculum mapping. She further explained the District is looking at software vendors for a subscription for a curriculum management system.

ECLC Grant

Ms. Condikey stated she was working with Ms. Raymond on a \$25K grant for work on diversity. She stated they were currently a finalist and would be participating in a phone interview.

Math Ambassador Program

Ms. Condikey stated that Middle School teacher Meghan Papalardo has applied to the competitive program and they were waiting for status of the application.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Update IJNDD - Social Media - vote requested

Ms. Wright read the proposed changes to the policy and it was agreed to use "at the discretion of" in paragraph 1c.

MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. Wright and seconded by Mr. Delano to approve Policy IJNDD - Social Media as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. OConnor read the contents of the Consent Agenda, items A-G.

MOTION:

It was moved by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Ms. Wright to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

At 9:16 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Delano and seconded by Ms. Marshall to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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5/10/18

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Supporting Documentation:

 01 - Updated Rev 2 Agenda 28-Mar-2018 School Committee Meeting.pdf	3/27/2018 10:47 AM
 02 - State House 2017 Commendation Celebration.pdf	3/27/2018 8:37 AM
 03 - Blue Ribbon School Nomination.pdf	3/27/2018 1:06 PM
 04 - 18-19 School Calendar & Legend Rev 1 - 21-Mar-2018.pdf	3/21/2018 12:58 PM
 05 - Timeline-Transitions.pdf	3/12/2018 11:41 AM
 06 - Draft Special Ed Reserve Fund Article Updated.pdf	3/22/2018 2:06 PM
 07 - FY18 Budget YTD - Feb. 28.pdf	3/16/2018 11:38 AM
 08 - FY18 YTD Budget Feb. 14 .pdf	3/12/2018 11:07 AM
 09 - 2018-2019 HS Program of Studies .pdf	2/26/2018 1:01 PM
 09a - 2018-2019 POS Changes & SC .pdf	3/12/2018 10:10 AM
 10 - Policy IJNDD Social Media - Revisions 011818.pdf	1/29/2018 11:05 AM
 11 - 19-Jan-2018 Budget Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.pdf	1/31/2018 4:10 PM
 12 - 30-Jan-2018 Exec Session Meeting Minutes.pdf	1/31/2018 4:10 PM
 13 - 14-Feb-2018 SC Meeting Minutes.pdf	3/12/2018 9:57 AM
 14 - 28-Feb-2018 SC Meeting Minutes.pdf	3/12/2018 12:19 PM
 15 - 16-Mar-2018 Budget Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.pdf	3/22/2018 10:15 AM
 16 - Field Trip - Spain - M.Albert.pdf	3/26/2018 9:47 AM
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