

## **Regular Session Meetings**

January 16, 2019

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, and Ms. Caron Marshall. Also Present: Pamela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Martha Raymond, Director of Student Services, Ms. Martha Sybert, Business Administrator and Joseph Varghese, student representative. Mr. Ted Delano, school committee and Isaac Green, student representative were absent.

### **Public Comment**

NA

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

Ms. Zotto from the H.S. Guidance Department presented on college admissions including applications, application time lines, and application evaluation.

### **Community Announcements**

Ms. Cooper expressed her excitement with the WIN Block at the Middle School. She stated how impressed she was with the student-teacher connections being built. She appreciated the “out of the box” thinking. Ms. Angelakis explained that Wednesdays mornings during advisory teachers offer special “activities” ranging from book club, cursive writing, trivia, public speaking, etc. Ms. Angelakis reiterated Ms. Cooper’s sentiment regarding the building of teacher-student relationships.

Ms. Wright congratulated Mr. Ted Delano for being appointed as the Swampscott Police Civil Rights Officer.

Joseph mentioned the college application process and the tremendous work of the guidance department.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Ms. Angelakis’ report will be posted on Superintendent Page under the Swampscott Public School’s web page.

Ms. Angelakis provided an update on the Communications Survey sent to parents, students, staff, and town members.

In December, she met with the Senior Center Board Meeting to speak about the District Strategy, our priorities and the need for a new elementary school.

Ms. Angelakis provided an update on the Director of Teaching & Learning (formerly Director of Curriculum & Instruction) position which was posted on January 3, 2019. There have been 21 applicants to date. They are in the process of reviewing applications.

She provided an update on the Greater Boston Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Community Forum on Wednesday, February 6th at the H.S. There will also be staff training on the January 24th Professional Development Day.

The National Blue Ribbon Award Celebration & Reception will be Thursday, February 7th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Angelakis also discussed and provided a viewing of the Alumni News under Guidance on our website.

**NEC Report:** Ms. Angelakis provided an update on the North Shore Education Consortium Pilot. Through funding from the Tower Foundation (\$100,000), Swampscott is one of six member districts invited to participate in a pilot program from January - June 2019. The NEC Connections has hired a mental health clinician to work with our district free for this pilot year.

Ms. Raymond mentioned how excited she is to be able to offer this service. Ms. Wright asked about usage. Ms. Raymond noted that only 2 cases would be open at a time. Ms. Cooper inquired whether this was traditional care-work or more short term. Ms. Raymond indicated that it is short term. The goal would be to build bridges by making connections to other providers & resources for long term skill set building. Ms. Cooper questioned whether individual health insurance policies would pay for services. Ms. Raymond responded yes and that the goal is not for the clinician to be a primary provider. Ms. Wright questioned what would happen in June when the pilot is over. Ms. Angelakis stated that those that committed to the pilot are committed to year 2 at a discounted rate. She noted that it gives us an extra person at low cost to fit a need.

Ms. Angelakis mentioned the NEC Connections annual report she shared with the board. Ms. OConnor inquired if there was a benefit to adding the report to the website. Ms. Angelakis will follow-up.

**School Business Administrator** Prior to the presentation of the budget, Ms. OConnor noted the fantastic documents and presentation. She expressed her appreciation with the clarity of the budget.

**Update on planning for level funding FY20**: Ms. Sybert gave a budget presentation including visions, district priorities, percent of average tax bill spent on education and the budget timeline.

Overall enrollment has declined slightly from the prior year. Enrollment trends for our high needs population continue to increase. Students on IEPs, English Language Learners and the number of Economically Disadvantaged Students has increased.

This year the Superintendent's Recommended Budget is organized into five cost centers, representing the high-level program categories that comprise the District Budget. Those categories are Administration, General Education, Special Education, School Facilities, and Other Districtwide Programs which includes Health Services, Athletics, Extracurricular Activities, and Districtwide Technology.

The budget is in excess of 2% or \$580,790 by \$42,474. Ms. Sybert will continue to look for efficiencies to balance the budget.

Ms. Martha Raymond, Ms. Sybert & Ms. Angelakis met with the building principals to create a position control document which identified the supports needed class by class. Ms. Angelakis commented on the opportunity this new process gave both sides to determine their needs. She expressed how pleased she was with this model and that it was well worth the time.

Ms. Sybert pointed out that Contracted Services saw a significant increase due to mandated transport foster care & homeless students. The need increased significantly this year resulting in a \$45,000 increase in transportation.

Ms. Angelakis noted Ms. Sybert's accomplishments with just 45 days on the job. She recognized the personal time given up along with long days and nights to complete the budget.

Ms. Marshall stated that it was nice to have the budget in context to what we do with results versus just numbers.

Ms. Angelakis agreed that it was nice to refer the budget back data to show that this is about the students.

Ms. Sybert expressed thanks to Ms. Lisa Harris for the artwork. Additionally, she thanked Ms. Maureen Caron for all her work and support on the presentation.

Ms. Marshall inquired whether the presentation would be posted online. Ms. Angelakis responded that it would be online the next day. Copies of the budget are also available in the Superintendent's office.

Ms. Wright appreciated the presentation detail. She commented on the replacement page having an update date. She requested that moving forward we continue to provide an update date on any replacement pages.

Ms. Marshall mentioned the importance for the public to attend next week's meeting. Ms. OConnor echoed the importance of the public attending to ask questions and comment.

**Chair:**

**Updates:**

- A. Tri-Chair: Ms. OConnor had no additional updates other than those discussed at the budget meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Budget Subcommittee Meeting Minutes - November 28, 2018
- B. Budget Subcommittee Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2018
- C. Regular Session Minutes – December 12, 2018
- D. Communications Subcommittee Meeting Minutes - December 17, 2018
- E. Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes - December 20, 2018
- F. Donation – Llorente Family - E. Rovi/HS Band G. Donation - David Tanen - Film-TV Club H.
- G. WARRANT # 19-24, 19-25, 19-27 & 19-28

Ms. Wright commented on the amazing and generation donations for Band and Film-TV. She read the Film TV donation and noted the power of alumni connections.

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

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

**Next meeting to be held on January 23, 2018**

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** At 8:28 p.m. it was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Ms. Wright to adjourn.  
The motion passed 4-0.















Respectfully submitted,



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Date: January 24, 2019

### Supporting Documentation:

 01 - Agenda January 16, 2018, School Committee Meeting2.pdf	1/11/2019 2:45 PM
 02 - How College Admissions Works.pptx	1/4/2019 12:06 PM
 03 - Superintendent's Report to SC 1.16.19.pdf	1/16/2019 2:47 PM
 03A - Parent Org-School Council, etc Invite.pdf	1/16/2019 1:24 PM
 03B - COMMUNITY FORUM PFLAG .pdf	1/16/2019 1:24 PM
 04- FY20 Budget.pdf	1/16/2019 1:23 PM
 05 - Budget Powerpoint Swampscott Public Schools 1.16.19.pdf	1/16/2019 1:21 PM
 06 - November 28, 2018 Budget Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.pdf	1/11/2019 2:04 PM
 07 - December 12, 2018 Budget Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.pdf	1/7/2019 8:56 AM
 08 - December 12, 2018 School Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf	1/4/2019 12:06 PM
 09 - December 17, 2018 Communications Subcommittee Meeting ...	1/7/2019 8:56 AM
 10 - December 20, 2018 Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.pdf	1/11/2019 2:05 PM
 11 - Donation-Llorente Family-Band-ERovi.pdf	1/10/2019 2:04 PM
 12 - Donation-David Tanen-Film-TV Club.pdf	1/8/2019 9:16 AM