

Regular Session Meetings

February 27, 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, Mr. Ted Delano, and Ms. Caron Marshall. Also Present: Pamela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools, Martha Raymond, Director of Student Services, Joseph Varghese, and Isaac Green, student representatives. Ms. Martha Sybert, Business Administrator, was absent.

Public Comment: NA

Community Announcements: NA

Ms. OConnor moved sections A and B from the Superintendent's report to the beginning of the schedule.

A. MIAA Educational Athletics Award for Community Service- Girls Soccer Team: Ms. Farley presented the first Athletics Award along with Mr. Rich Riley from the MIAA to the girls' soccer team. The team raised funds for a Nahant woman battling cancer. Mr. Riley recognized the soccer team for their heartwarming initiative. The soccer team received their award under the Community Service pillar. Coach Norman James thanked the girls for their effort and all they have done.

B. Mickey Sullivan Award - Jack Leahy: Ms. Farley discussed the Mickey Sullivan Award and the nomination of Jack Leahy. Jack's dad Matt, spoke about Jack's background, resilience, and positive attitude. Ms. Farley spoke about Jack's contributions to the team by finding a way to be indispensable to the team in ways other than traditional play. She presented Jack Leahy the Mickey Sullivan student achievement award for his contribution to the football team.

Sub Committee: Ms. OConnor moved the Sub Committee report
Policy ADF-School District Wellness Program: Ms. Marshall spoke regarding the Wellness policy which is mandatory as part of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The policy guides efforts to support school nutrition. Ms. Ciley mentioned that school allergies have not been part of the policy. Though some schools have an allergy policy there is no policing. Ms. Wright noted that they need to revisit and update the policy.

Ms. OConnor inquired about the expectations of the school committee (SC) involvement. Ms. Wright stated that SC appoints the Wellness Committee. Additionally, it is considered a SC policy so requires a representative. Ms. Cooper asked if the Wellness Committee gathers data and the current state. Ms. Wright indicated that some work has already done some work especially elementary.

Ms. OConnor questioned whether other towns have something similar. Ms. Wright commented that they have a committee and policy as required by NSLP. Comments were made suggesting Ms. Cooper as the "natural" person to nominate. Ms. Wright stated the goal is to get the committee together, look at the policy to see what still pertains, look at topical issues and create a policy to report back on. Ms. OConnor inquired if SC nominates the head of the committee. Ms. Wright stated that the committee may pick their coordinators. Ms. Wright asked if Ms. Ciley and Ms. Lavender had the SC approval to recruit wellness committee volunteers. Ms. Ciley will start recruiting volunteers for the committee.

For the Love of Learning

A. Journey to Acceptance Living with Autism Spectrum Disorder(S.Dowd & S. Danilov) - Mr. Joe Douillette introduced the students prior to viewing the film. Sasha Danilov filmed Sammy Dowd to showcase what she goes through on a daily basis. Mr. Delano remarked on Sammy's leadership skills and that kids will look to her for advice. Ms. Marshall reiterated the leadership skills and the example she set. Ms. OConnor noted the amazing video. Ms. Cooper felt it was amazing and brave of Sammy to share. She remarked on the leadership and how it opens up discussions for other kids struggling. Ms. Angelakis stated she was very proud.

B. Mass Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative (MAICEI)(L.Zimman)- E.Wilson (HS Special Education teacher). Attending: Lexi Zimman, HS student, Chris Lenihan, Director of MAICEI, Erin Kourafas, MAICEI student liaison.

Ms. Lenihan gave an overview of the 2-year College Experience program for students between the ages of 18-22 serviced through an IEP. Lexi Zimman, has attended Salem State University through the program for the last 2 years. She discussed her experience with classes, internship, and all the support services in place. Lexi said it was an incredible experience for her. She encouraged people to apply. Erin Kourafas also spoke on the program.

Ms. Raymond remarked how lucky we are to have this incredible program. Ms. Angelakis noted this is another proud moment. Mr. Delano inquired how Lexi found out about the program. Ms. Wilson recommends it to students that are a match. Ms. OConnor noted all the amazing different trajectories and program success.

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

Ms. Angelakis did not have an official Superintendent Report update. She introduced Ms. Catie Roberts to present on Professional Development (PD). Ms. Roberts provided an update on the 13-member Professional Development committee. She discussed the "motto" of Building an Inclusive Community. It now appears on the top of all attendance sheets and survey documents. All remaining 2018-2019 Professional Development days will highlight different aspects of building an inclusive community. Ms. Roberts presented an overview of the last 3 PD day schedules including all the sub-groups and topics. Ms. Roberts reviewed the different PD group breakouts, survey results, and product outcomes. She displayed the feedback for the district PFLAG presentation.

Mr. Delano inquired about behavior management mapping. Ms. Roberts touched on the ABA tutors.

Ms. Angelakis stated how excited the leadership team about future PDs. Ms. Angelakis mentioned curriculum mapping training in Atlas. She discussed the binder Ms. Roberts created for the new Director of Teaching and Learning. Ms. Angelakis gave a shout out to Ms. Roberts & Ms. Mackey for their DOE MCAS webinars. DOE informed Ms. Angelakis that they received many positive comments on the webinars from across the state.

Ms. Cooper commented on the collection of the data. She inquired about Ms. Roberts PD. Ms. Roberts stated that she learned more this year than in college. She has grown through her experience mentoring with Ms. Angelakis and working with the PD committee. Ms. Angelakis thanked Ms. Roberts for all her work.

School Business Administrator NA

Chair:

There was no Tri-Chair meeting to report on. The School Building Committee meets on Monday, March 4th. Ms. OConnor mentioned the game plan for walking through Ms. Angelakis' mid-year review. Ms. Angelakis will share goals and course correction. The Superintendent's reports have also been capturing goals and updates.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Regular Session Minutes - February 13, 2019
- B. Warrants 19-33

Motion: It was moved by Ms.Cooper to accept the Consent Agenda & seconded by Ms. Marshall

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 5 to 0.

Next meeting to be held on March 13, 2019

Adjournment

Motion: At 8:25 p.m. it was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Wright to adjourn.
The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



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Superintendent of Schools
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Date: 3/28/19

Supporting Documents:


 01 - February 27, 2019, School Committee Meeting Agenda Updated.pdf 

 02 - SC Meeting-FLL LZimman-Lexi's Story-EWilson.pdf 

 03 - Copy of School Committee PD Presentation 2/27 2019 

 04a - SPS ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018.pdf 

 05 - ADF-Wellness Program.pdf 

 06 - February 13, 2019 Regular Session Meeting Minutes2.pdf 

 07 - February 12, 2019, Budget Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.pdf 
