

Regular Session Meetings

February 13, 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. Gargi Cooper, Ms. Suzanne Wright, Mr. Ted Delano, and Ms. Caron Marshall. Also Present: Pamela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Martha Raymond, Director of Student Services, Ms. Martha Sybert, Business Administrator, Joseph Varghese, and Isaac Green, student representative. Ms. Amy OConnor was absent.

Public Comment : NA

Community Announcements

Mr. Delano mentioned snow days and the hope to have the students and faculty out early in June.

Ms. Cooper commented on the energy and the students and performances at the Blue Ribbon Ceremony. She felt the chorus did a beautiful job. She mentioned the M.S. Grease play and Mr. Calichman in each performance.

Ms. Marshall felt the Blue Ribbon Ceremony was wonderful. She is proud of our schools but this was the top.

Mr. Green commented on the Step Team's fantastic performance.

Mr. Varghese noted the great Blue Ribbon Ceremony.

For the Love of Learning

Ms. Kaitlyn Thomas (SHS English) and students Max Scanlon, Riley Scanlon, Autumn LaRiveiere, Maddie Winkolsky, & Ella Slavin-Reker were present for the viewing of their Macbeth video production. Max Scanlon gave the introduction. The committee all commented on the creativity and job well done.

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

Ms. Angelakis highlighted the Greater Boston Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) presentation at the staff Professional Development day on 1/24/19 and the community forum presentation on 2/6/19. Mr. Delano commended the parents that told their moving stories.

She provided an update on the Director of Teaching and Learning position which closed 1/24/19. There are 10 candidates out of 39 being screened for interviews. The first rounds of interviews will be on February 28th.

Ms. Angelakis thanked everyone involved in the Blue Ribbon Award Celebration on 2/7/19. She expressed gratitude and how proud a moment this is for the community and district. She attended REACH Arts open house.

She updated on the kindergarten registration which is in-person, in the Superintendent's Conference Room at the MS on Monday & Tuesday, March 18th & 19th, 7:30 a.m - 11:30 a.m.

Ms. Angelakis stated that Ms. Kathleen Huntley, acting Hadley School Principal has been named as the new Stanley School Principal effective March 18th. Ms. Huntley expressed how excited she was to be in the district.

School Business Administrator

Ms. Sybert reviewed the Revolving accounts which included Athletics, Building Rental, Extended Day, Preschool, and Discuss the planned Non-Resident Tuition Revolving Account.

Ms. Sybert stated the FY19 Building Rental started with a surplus balance of \$21,07. Billing for FY19 is down \$10,000 from the prior year. Ms. Cooper asked about increasing usage fees. Ms. Sybert will do in depth analysis.

Ms. Marshall reiterated the underlying philosophy on athletics and cost goal. The committee understands the importance of sports. Mr. Delano noted that we have a responsibility to live within our means.

Ms. Wright stated that the revolving funds are not lavish. She would like to see more transparency to the public. She noted that the non-resident tuition makes sense and is long overdue.

Ms. Cooper feels that \$375 for hockey is too high. She remarked on the incredible preschool program rates. She would like to relook at rates in the future. Ms. Raymond is cognizant that it helps families afford preschool.

Athletic Fees Vote Requested: Ms. Cooper read the fee structure and entertained a motion

- Middle School
 - \$200 per sport except hockey which would be \$375/No Family Cap
- High School
 - \$375 per sport/Increase Family Cap to \$1,875

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Marshall to accept the FY20 Athletic Fee Increase and seconded by Ms. Wright.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 3 to 1. Ms. Cooper opposed.

Preschool Tuition Vote Requested: Ms. Cooper read the fee structure and entertained a motion

- Current: 5 day program \$400 / \$4,000, Proposed: 5 day program \$420 / \$4,200
- Current: 3 day program \$240 / \$2,400, Proposed: 3 day program \$252 / \$2,520
- Current: 2 day program \$160 / \$1,600, Proposed: 2 day program \$168 / \$1,680

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Marshall to accept the Preschool Tuition Increase and seconded by Ms. Wright.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0.

Ms. Sybert recapped the FY20 General Fund Budget. She noted that they will be requesting the School Committee adopt the Cost Center approach for budget approval. The Superintendent's recommended Budget exceeded guidance by \$42,474. The overall increase is 2%, or \$580,793, which is within the recommended guidance provided to the School Committee. The Leadership team will continue to look for efficiencies.

The School Committee budget will be presented to the Town Finance Committee in March. They vote whether to refer the budget as is to Town Meeting or with changes. Town Meeting has final approval.

Ms. Wright asked if anyone had received calls about the budget. Mr. Delano had one call on the special education program. The committee noted that with only a 2% increase no programs were cut.

Creation of Budget Cost Centers Vote Requested: Ms. Cooper read the costs centers and entertained a motion. Cost Centers: Administration, General Education, Special Education, School Facilities, Districtwide programs.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Marshall to accept the Cost Centers and seconded by Ms. Wright.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0.

A FY20 Budget vote requested on the following cost centers for the FY20 Budget: Administration, General Education, Special Education, School Facilities, Districtwide programs. Ms. Cooper entertained a separate motion on each cost center after each prior cost center vote.

Administration: \$1,674,532

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Marshall to accept the FY20 Administration and seconded by Mr. Delano.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0.

General Education: \$15,515,875

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wright to accept the FY20 General Education and seconded by Ms. Marshall.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0.

Special Education: \$8,900,095

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wright to accept the FY20 Special Education and seconded by Ms. Marshall.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0.

School Facilities: \$2,254,630

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wright to accept the FY20 School Facilities and seconded by Ms. Marshall.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0.

District Wide Programs: \$1,275,270

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Wright to accept the FY20 District Wide Programs and seconded by Ms. Marshall.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0.

Total School Budget: \$29,620,403

Ms. Cooper entertained a motion to vote on the Total School Budget.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Delano to accept the FY20 School Budget and seconded by Ms. Wright.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0.

Chair: The tri-chair meeting was canceled therefore no report given.

Sub Committee:

SBC Meetings Update: Ms. Sybert gave background on the MSBA. Ms. Wright suggested checking out the MSBA website for additional clarity and information. SPS was moved in to Module 2 at the 2/13/19 meeting.

There will be an Idea Exchange on Saturday March 9th. Ms. Cooper inquired whether the entire School Committee should attend. There will be 5 breakout sessions with facilitators. Ms. Wright felt it would be in the committee's best interest to hear input from the community.

Consent Agenda

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

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B. Warrants 19-30 & 19-31

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 February 27, 2019

Adjournment

Motion: At 8:10 p.m. it was moved by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Delano to adjourn.
The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



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Superintendent of Schools

Date:

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