

Swampscott School Committee

Regular Session Meetings

October 13, 2021

A meeting of the Swampscott School Committee was held virtually in Swampscott, MA, commencing at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Carin Marshall, Mr. John Giantis, Mr. Glenn Paster and Ms. Suzanne Wright, School Committee members. Also, Present: Pamela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools, Martha Raymond, Assistant Superintendent, and Jean Bacon, Director of Teaching & Learning (remotely). Martha Sybert, Director of Finance was absent. School Committee Chair Amy OConnor was also absent. Madison Diehl and Meggie Jensen, Student Representatives, were present.

The School Committee and Superintendent were in-person. The public will be able to attend virtually in accordance with the executive order issued by Governor Baker on March 12, 2020, suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c.304, Section 20. The meeting was being recorded and broadcast live on the local cable station.

Committee Comments:

Mr. Paster advised everyone to go out and vote, regardless of which side of the aisle they are on. He mentioned that voting is the most important thing that you can do. He also commented that he hopes people look at both sides and vote yes.

Ms. Marshall stated that the time is here to vote, get out and do the right thing.

Mr. Giantis gave a quick shout out to sports boosters, who have been very busy. He thanked them for their efforts.

Ms. Wright encouraged all to get out and vote.

Madison Diehl mentioned that the senior class Green Scholars are holding a beach cleanup next Thursday at Fishermans Beach. She also mentioned that early action and early decision deadlines are approaching quickly, and that the guidance dept. has been doing a tremendous job helping students to prepare.

Meggie Jensen mentioned that she has very much appreciated pool testing and that it has been very helpful. Ms. Wright asked her how they could encourage other students to sign up for pool testing and Meggie stated that she thinks it would be helpful to educate students more about pool testing.

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

1. Margaret Jensen awarded Certificate of Academic Excellence by Ms. Angelakis

2. Recognition of Teachers' awarded Professional Status: (12 teachers)

Ms. Angelakis recognized the twelve teachers in the district who achieved professional status for this year. They are as follows:

Edi Rovi
Colleen Reed
Patricia Cepeda
Lara Dandreo
Jolyn Degeorge
Cynthia Donnelly
Daniel O'Connor
William Penniman
Timothy Ressler
Kirsten Rigol
Jessica Minter
Maria Zaklin

Jason Calichman spoke about some of his teachers, as did Mary Beth Shea.

3. Mental health vision and data (C.Harris): Mr. Harris, the Director of Social Emotional Learning (SEL), presented a slide show and spoke about what his job entails and what his duties are as the new Director of SEL. He also explained the mental health vision for the district, as well as the data that they utilize to determine types of services. Ms. Angelakis was impressed by Mr. Harris' creation of an electronic program for tracking data and students. Mr. Paster asked if Mr. Harris knew the percentage increase in mental health services over the past couple of years. Mr. Harris said he didn't have the data but would look into it. He did mention that we have already done seven risk assessments since the start of school. He also stated that the acuity of cases has increased and also mentioned that the outside mental health system is completely overloaded.

Mr. Paster asked if they have seen an improvement in cases with the return to school. Mr. Harris responded that it was a mixed bag. Mr. Giantis congratulated Mr. Harris on his new position. He also asked if the programming was going to target just at-risk populations or the entire general student population as well. Mr. Harris stated that they want to start with the clinical population right now and eventually take on universal social and emotional learning.

4. Larry Eigner Success Story (M.Raymond): Martha Raymond talked about educating the community and our students about Larry Eigner's story, a native of Swampscott, and an accomplished poet who had a brain injury from birth as well as cerebral palsy.

5. New Student Enrollment Information: Ms. Angelakis provided an overview of the October 1, 2021, enrollment reports. Ms. Angelakis noted that it was important to look at how many students return to Swampscott from various private schools.

6. Withdrawn Students Report: Ms. Angelakis reviewed the Withdrawal Report. There were one hundred and sixty-five students that withdrew between 7/1/21-10/1/21.

7. October 1 Report to DESE: Ms. Angelakis reviewed the three reports (SIMS - Student Information Management System, EPIMS - Education Personnel Information Management System, SCS - Student Course Schedule) that were provided to DESE on October 1st.

8. October 1 Enrollment Report: Ms. Angelakis reviewed the Enrollment report. There are 2,084 students enrolled as of October 1st including Out-of-District Students.

Director of Teaching & Learning:

MCAS Report & New Teacher Induction Program: Dr. Bacon presented about the new teacher induction program, which has increased to 3.5 days. She also went over the MCAS results for the 20-21 school year.

Chair:

Updates: POSTPONED

Reschedule April 6th SC meeting to April 13th (2nd week): POSTPONED

SubCommittee:

SBC Meeting Updates: Ms. Wright encouraged everyone to get out to vote, with 10/19/21 as the regular voting day or early voting up until Friday.

Policy EBCFC-COVID-19 Testing - first read: Mrs. Mulcahy, Mr. Giantis and Ms. Wright met today and discussed pool testing. A total of 359 tests, 209 were pooled, and 4 were positive. We've had 129 tests for test and stay. Mr. Giantis mentioned that Framingham and Salem are also doing pool testing. Ms. Wright mentioned that we need to think about moving from outdoor to indoor sports, and whether or not we want a more restrictive pool testing policy such as mandatory pool testing for extracurricular activities.

Policy JICFB - Bullying Prevention - first read: Ms. Wright mentioned that they are looking at the current policy and new potential policy to make sure they are in line and will bring this back to the committee when complete.

Consent Agenda: Ms. Wright read the purpose of the consent agenda and the items on the agenda.

- A. Executive Session Minutes: September 22, 2021
- B. Regular Session Minutes: September 22, 2021
- C. Donation - Staples -SMS
- D. Warrant # 22-10 & 22-12
- E. Donation-Blue Anchor Millwork-SHS Advanced Manufacturing
- F. WARRANT # 22-14

Motion: It was moved by Carin Marshall to accept the consent agenda and seconded by John Giantis.

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0.

Public Comment:

Claire Beckett, the parent of a 2nd grader at Clarke, spoke about pool testing as related to the regular school day and after school care. She would really like to see the test and stay program extended to the after school care YMCA program. Ms. Angelakis appreciated the feedback and is currently working with the YMCA on the policy.

Next meeting to be held on October 27th, 2021

Adjournment

Motion: At 9:05 p.m. It was moved by Glenn Paster to accept the motion to adjourn & seconded by Carin Marshall

Vote on Motion: The motion passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,





Pamela R.H. Angelakis, M.A., M.Ed.



Date: 10/28/21



Superintendent of Schools



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Supporting Documentation:



-  [Approved September 22,2021 School Committee Executive Minutes.pdf](#) 



-  [Approved September 22nd 2021 Regular Session Meeting Minutes Final](#) 



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-  [Agenda October 13, 2021, School Committee Meeting Updated](#) 



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-  [SC Enrollment report 10-1-21.pdf](#) 



-  [Student withdrawals Jul 1 - Oct 7 2021.pdf](#) 



-  [SC summary 10-7-21.pdf](#) 



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-  [New Student Enrollment 2021.pdf](#) 

-  [School Committee SPS Mental Health Clinical Services Vision and Data](#) 

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