

## Swampscott School Committee Regular Session Meetings

April 27, 2022

A meeting of the Swampscott School Committee was held at Swampscott High School in Swampscott, MA, commencing at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Amy OConnor, Chair, Mr. John Giantis, Mr. Glenn Paster, and Ms. Suzanne Wright, School Committee members. Also Present: Pamela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools, Martha Raymond Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, and Jean Bacon, Director of Teaching and Learning. Ms. Carin Marshall, Martha Sybert, Director of Finance, and Meggie Jensen and Madison Diehl, Student Representatives, were also present remotely.

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 broadcast live on the local cable station.

### I. FOR THE LOVE OF LEARNING

- A. [Letter from former student](#) - W.Phillips - Former student Wyatt Phillips spoke about his personal journey through the Swampscott Public School system beginning with his early years as a diagnosed autistic student in preschool through his college graduation as a computer engineer and successful adult. He thanked many people in the Swampscott School District including former teachers as well as Martha Raymond for his learning success.
- B. [SMS Technology Engineering - T. Butler](#) - Middle School teacher Tom Butler gave a presentation of what happens in his class including science, technology, structural design, and overall problem solving. Ms. Wright mentioned that what he is teaching is very in line with what is currently happening with the new School Building Committee. Mr. Giantis mentioned what a great job he is doing and commended him for teaching such important topics.

### II. SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Superintendent's Report
  - i. [Therapy Dog - L. Calabrese](#) - Lauren Calabrese, adjustment counselor at the high school, gave a presentation about why she would like to bring a therapy dog to the Harbor program at the high school. She also brought the therapy dog, Indie, with her and detailed the training program that she is currently in. She mentioned the benefits of animal assisted therapy for Harbor, including lowering anxiety and counseling attendance. Mr. Giantis mentioned that he wants to make sure Mrs. Calabrese is reimbursed for any homeowners coverage that may be necessary.
  - ii. [Enrollment of Non-Resident Teacher's Students\(s\)](#) - Ms. Angelakis presented a report about the enrollment status of students of teachers and staff of the district. She mentioned that there is a current change where the district is not approving enrollment for the elementary grades for the next two years while the new school is being built as we are at a critical juncture for available space.

### III. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

- A. [FY22 Budget Update](#) - Ms. Sybert gave an update of where we stand with the FY22 update including some movement of funds between cost centers. She broke her presentation down by cost center, and concluded that we will spend our entire budgeted amount.

- B. [FY23 Budget Update](#) - Ms. Sybert went over an update on the FY23 budget. She mentioned that she met with the Town Administrator and had a good conversation about the challenges that we face for next year. She mentioned that the Town Administrator did increase his budget due to additional state funding. Ms. OConnor mentioned that this budget does not come in with the disputed \$180,000 between the school department and town hall. She mentioned that she is disappointed in that exclusion. Ms. OConnor wanted to note two items from the finance committee meeting: She mentioned that Mr. Douillette spoke very eloquently about social and emotional things happening at the high school; She also wanted to make sure that the Finance Committee was aware that there is still a \$180,000 deficit problem on the school side, and wanted to dispel the rumor that there was some found money in circuit breaker credits to combat the \$180,000 deficit.

#### IV. DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

- A. [Middle School Math Program - vote requested](#) - Ms. Danielle Wozney gave a presentation on the new middle school math program. She detailed why the new program was chosen, including that the existing program, CMP3, was out of date and required large amounts of supplement resources. She outlined the process for finding the new program. Dr. Bacon spoke about the funding of the program.

**Motion:** To approve the new middle school math program, Into Math, by Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Paster, 5-0, unanimous vote.

- B. [Student Opportunity Act Plan Amendment](#) - Dr. Bacon gave a presentation about the SOA, the Student Opportunity Act. The purpose of the Act is to close the educational gap between certain subgroups including ELL students, students of color and students with disabilities. She detailed the updated plan for the District.

#### V. CHAIR

- A. Updates - Lengthy discussion ensued about the \$180,000 deficit and concerns about an item not being placed on the Town Meeting warrant concerning the deficit.

#### VI. SUBCOMMITTEE

- A. SBC Meetings Update - Ms. Wright mentioned that they are working on the permits for the new school project.
- B. ESP Bargaining - Mr. Paster mentioned that the bargaining is going well and that he is requesting an executive session to share the agenda with the committee.

#### VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Executive Session Minutes - [April 14, 2022](#)  
B. Executive Session Minutes - [April 14, 2022](#)  
C. WARRANT # 22-42

**Motion:** To approve the consent agenda by Mr. Paster, second by Mr. Giantis, 5-0 unanimous vote.

#### VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

### Adjournment

**Motion:** At 10:03 p.m. It was moved by Ms. Wright to accept the motion to adjourn & seconded by Mr. Giantis, unanimous vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,





Pamela R.H. Angelakis, M.A., M.Ed.  
Superintendent of Schools



Date: May 26, 2022

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### Supporting Documentation:

-  [Agenda April 27, 2022, School Committee Meeting](#) 



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-  [Student Opportunity Act Plan Update - April 2022](#) 



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-  [04.27.22 FY22 Budget Update.pdf](#) 



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-  [Into Math](#) 



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-  [Student Opportunity Act Plan Update](#) 



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-  [Therapy Dog Proposal](#) 



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-  [draft-therapy dog permission form](#) 



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-  [Dog Training Plan](#) 



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-  [Minutes Executive Session IBB Bargaining 041422.docx](#) 


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-  [Enrolling Students-Assignment Change Requests List for SC 22-23.pdf](#) 

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-  [Copy of Letter from former student - Phillips, Wyatt.pdf](#) 