

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
January 12, 2015

A meeting of the Swampscott School Committee was held in Room B208 at Swampscott High School commencing at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Ted Delano, Chairman; Ms. Carin Marshall, Vice Chairman, Ms. Amy OConnor, Ms. Suzanne Wright and Ms. Gargi Cooper. Also Present: Lois Longin, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Dave Castellarin, Finance Coordinator and Town Accountant and Student Representative Megan Russo. Ms. Pamela Angelakis, M.A. M.Ed., Superintendent of Schools, and Ian Crimmins, Student Representative, were absent

Mr. Delano invited two students to come forward and lead the pledge of allegiance and read the Mission Statement of the District. Ms. Longin gave the Committee some background on each student and introduced Clarke School 4th grade students Logan Moody and Chloe Freddo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

Ms. Wright stated she was happy to see that Middle School students were able to attend the Governor's Inauguration last week.

Ms. Marshall said she attended the reception at Town Hall for Governor Baker and that it was a great community event.

Ms. Cooper agreed with Ms. Marshall and stated she was glad to see the Board of Selectmen there as well and it was great event.

Megan Russo said she was sad to see that the band was unable to attend the Inauguration due to the cold weather.

Mr. Delano reminded the seniors that even though we are heading into the second half of the school year that they should still finish strong.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Delano requested a motion to approve the regular session minutes of December 15, 2014 and December 19, 2014 and Warrants #15-25, 15-26 and 15-28.

MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. OConnor and seconded by Ms. Wright to accept the Regular Session Minutes of December 15, 2014 and December 19, 2014, and the Warrants #15-25, 15-26 and 15-28. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. OConnor to remove items 6F and 10B and 10C from the agenda and placed on the January 14, 2015 agenda due to the absence of the Superintendent. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MAST Dawn Sather Outstanding New Teacher Award – Kellee Boudreault

Ms. Longin gave the Committee some background of the award and stated Kellee Boudreault had been recommended by Sharon Larosa. She invited Kellee forward and presented her with a certificate of recognition from the School Committee.

Personnel Report

Ms. Longin referred the Committee to the updated report which they received in their packets and reviewed the changes reflected in red. Ms. OConnor questioned the long-term sub at the elementary level and Ms. Longin

explained that the prior sub had been moved into another position so that Bethany Beatrice was hired to fill that opening.

Recognition of SHS students – National Merit Commendation – Certificate of Achievements

Mr. Rozmiarek came forward to recognize four students who were named as National Merit Commended students. He gave the Committee an overview of the National Merit program and recognized students, Lisa Gaber, John Lau, Nicholas Bishop and Ciara Silverman. The students received a certificate of achievement from the School Committee.

Swampscott named to the 2014 AP District Honor Roll

Mr. Rozmiarek explained that the District had been named to the College Board AP District Honor for the second year in a row. He explained that it is an honor for the school to have increased the numbers of students taking the AP test while maintaining its level. He added that they were working to get students to recognize the value of taking the AP test.

SAT, AP, ACT Test Results

Mr. Rozmiarek referred the Committee to the handouts which reflected results for each of the tests. Ms. Cooper questioned the science results for the AP testing. Mr. Rozmiarek explained that part of the reason was the topics stretch the student population in the sciences. Ms. Wright questioned whether the numbers reflected students enrolled in class or students who took the AP test. Mr. Rozmiarek stated he would check on that. Mr. Delano questioned what could be done going forward to get more students involved in taking the exams. Mr. Rozmiarek explained they were planning a student/parent night to talk about class offerings as well as the benefits of taking the AP tests. There was discussion regarding the trends of results as it related to student population. Ms. Wright questioned how students were being counseled on the upcoming new SAT test. Mr. Rozmiarek stated that was still probably a year and a half away and that the Guidance Department has met with the College Board and is still learning the changes. There was a further discussion regarding the ACT test and Mr. Rozmiarek reviewed the five-year chart results.

FINANCE COORDINATOR

FY16 Budget Update

Mr. Castellarin said he was moving along with the FY16 budget and he expected to have the school budget numbers shortly. Ms. Cooper asked if there was an updated copy of the budget. Mr. Castellarin stated he would forward it to them by email on Wednesday. Mr. Delano questioned whether the Committee would be meeting with the Leadership Team and Ms. Longin stated Ms. Angelakis was planning on that. Mr. Castellarin stated there was a meeting on Wednesday with the Leadership team and he expected the budget to be part of that meeting. There was discussion regarding textbook requests within the budget and Ms. Longin explained that an email had gone out to the High School and Middle School principals and a schedule would be put together for textbook replacement. Ms. Cooper stated she just wanted to make sure that in building the budget that programs and curriculum was supported. Mr. Castellarin also updated on the new teacher paycheck schedule and that he had a handle on it and it would get worked out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

School Committee Goals

Mr. Delano questioned how the members wished to proceed on putting together Goals for the School Committee. There was a discussion on what would fall under Committee goals versus District Goals and it was agreed that Ms. Wright would look into what other Districts may have on their websites and reach out to Mike Gilbert for guidance on how they should proceed.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Marshall reported that the policy review was completed through section I and that they were more than half-way through at this point. She added that they may put something on the agenda for the next meeting to look at now rather than at the end. Ms. OConnor questioned if there were any updates with the Chemical Health Policy. Ms. Longin said she knew they met but had no update.

Ms. Cooper stated that the Join Task Force for Consolidation would meet tomorrow. Ms. Wright added that the Board of Selectmen did approve to go forward with the Collins Center study. Mr. Castellarin added that it had been approved but that there was no money funded for the study at this point. There was discussion on possibly making a smaller subcommittee for school issues. Mr. Delano suggested consulting Dorothy Pressler on that issue.

Mr. Delano requested that the presentations from Mr. Rozmiarek be available to the press. Ms. Longin stated she would make sure it was. Ms. OConnor stated the recognition for Ms. Boudreault should as well and that she would love to see Ms. Larosa's recommendation letter as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Representative to Municipal Design Committee -- vote required.

Mr. Delano referred to correspondence from Peter Kane regarding appointment of Andrew Steingiser as the School Committee representative to the Municipal Design Committee. There was discussion on the role of the person appointed to be the representative for the Committee and it was agreed to look further into that role. It was agreed they would table the vote to the next meeting to get more information.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. OConnor to table the appointment until the January 26th meeting.

Ms. Cooper questioned who pays for the signage. Ms. Marshall stated she would look into it.

VOTE ON MOTION: The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:18 p.m., it was moved by Ms. OConnor and seconded by Ms. Marshall to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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