

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
June 16, 2014

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. Gargi Cooper and Ms. Suzanne Wright. Also Present: Ms. Pamela Angelakis, M.A. M.Ed., Superintendent of Schools, Student Representatives Megan Russo and Ian Crimmins

Mr. Delano explained that two students were invited to come and lead the pledge of allegiance and read the Mission Statement of the District. He gave the Committee some background on each student and introduced Middle School students Abigail & Lily Ghirardini & Hester Murphy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. OConnor and seconded by Ms. Marshall to move up in the agenda the Superintendent's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Recognition of Mr. Jim Pearse and the Cast & Crew of Chicago

Ms. Angelakis called forward Mr. Jim Pearse and a few members of the cast of *Chicago* to congratulate them as well as the SHS Drama Club for their recent 11 nominations and 6 wins at the Massachusetts Educational Theater Musical Awards. Ms. Angelakis read the names of each member of the cast and crew to the Committee.

Recognition of school retirees school year 13-14

Ms. Angelakis recognized and thanked teachers and staff who have been with the District for many years and are retiring this school year. She called forward Kathie Canavan, Judy Flynn, Nancy Olson, Joanne Orenberg and Mary Rafferty and thanked each of them for their years of dedication to the students in the District. She also recognized Dr. William Carter, Denise LeBlanc and Diane Spencer who were unable to attend.

Field Trip to Washington D.C. by the Middle School – Kevin Rogers

Ms. Angelakis called forward Kevin Rogers to speak about the 8th grade field trip to Washington D.C. Mr. Rogers gave the Committee an overview of the trip which included how the tours tie into the curriculum. Ms. Cooper questioned how many years the District has been going on the trip. Mr. Rogers stated this was the 8th year. Ms. OConnor questioned if all students attend the trip. Mr. Rogers stated there were 40 students this year who did not go and that Mr. Andrade puts together a great program for the students who don't attend. There was discussion regarding the cost of the trip. Ms. Angelakis thanked the teachers and the leaders for the trip as well as thanked Mr. Rogers for coming to share information with the Committee.

Food Services Contract – Vote requested

Ms. Angelakis explained that the current vendor, Chartwells, was the only vendor who brought forward a proposal for services and referred members to the contract which the Committee would be voting to accept. She explained that Maureen Kellett was present to answer any questions the Committee may have. Ms. Kellett stated that food services had worked over the last five years on improvements to the program and will continue with additions and improvements in the next contract period. She gave some examples of things they hope to add to make the lunch program more desirable to more students and faculty. Ms. Cooper questioned the collection of funds from students. There was a lengthy discussion regarding collection practices. Mr. Delano suggested speaking with Mr. Kaczynski to see about putting in some screen savers on the computers with nutritional facts and Ms. OConnor suggested including that as part of a larger health initiative. Ms. Wright asked whether food services is involved in preparing banquets for the schools. Ms. Kellett stated they weren't but, had been involved with the pancake breakfast in the past. Ms. Angelakis added that food services has been utilized for professional development days as well as the opening day breakfast. Ms. Marshall questioned the figures within the contract. Ms. Kellett stated that revenue has been increasing as well as reimbursements. Mr. Delano thanked Ms. Kellett for coming in and stated he would entertain a motion for approval of the contract. Ms. Marshall made a motion to

approve the contract. Ms. O'Connor questioned the process of receiving the bids. Ms. Angelakis stated that the contract went through the bid process and that it is typically handled through business office but that she was involved at the current time.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. OConnor to approve the food services contract for Chartwells. The motion passed unanimously

Ms. Angelakis informed the Committee that there would be a public forum on the new elementary school project tomorrow. She added that some members had been concerned about speculation that the teachers were not in favor of the project. She stated that she had put out a survey to the teachers and had included in the packets some information from the responses which she has received to date.

Ms. Angelakis also announced that recently she received word that another retirement will be coming in November. Mrs. Rivers would be retiring as principal of the Hadley School. She added that there would be a posting coming for an interim replacement. Ms. OConnor questioned why an interim position. Ms. Angelakis stated that as they had recently gone through a search for the Clarke principal she felt that the pool would be small as well as similar to who they had already interviewed. Ms. OConnor added they had worked hard to bring any internal candidates through the Clarke search and hoped that would be the same with the Hadley search.

Ms. Angelakis stated she had recently received noticed that the District had received a waiver for Hadley for the 180th day of school and that Hadley's last day will be Friday, June 20th along with all of the other District schools.

TELL Survey

Ms. Angelakis referred the Committee to the survey results. The issue of professional development as well as time to collaborate with other teachers were among the issues raised within the survey. Ms. Angelakis stated that she and Ms. Longin have put a schedule together for next year which adds more professional development time. She added that the survey also serves as a conversation starter with the staff. Ms. Wright stated she was discouraged by the results at the high school level. Mr. Delano agreed. Ms. Angelakis stated that Mr. Rozmiarek has used the survey to begin conversations with his staff. Ms. Cooper added it would have been nice to have the middle school results. Ms. Angelakis agreed.

PARCC

Ms. Angelakis stated she had spent a lot of hours in discussion with leadership and staff to come to a conclusion on her recommendation and that ultimately after looking at the District's students and needs she was able to come to a recommendation. Ms. Angelakis explained that there had been a test of the PARCC at the High School, Middle School and Stanley. She explained there had been issues at the High School with the on-line component and that there was the option of taking a pencil and paper test in the future. She added that after speaking with the Leadership Team and staff it was her recommendation to go with MCAS for 2014-2015 as opposed to PARCC. She further added that within the PARCC manual she had some concerns with accommodations for students within special education and ELL. Jenna Keaney explained that both MCAS and PARCC are being developed and eventually the state will determine which test will be administered but ultimately all testing will be online. Ms. OConnor questioned whether other districts had issues with technology. Ms. Angelakis said she had been informed they had. There was discussion regarding the technology aspect of the testing. Mr. Delano requested a vote to amend the agenda to add "vote requested" to the agenda item MCAS vs. PARCC testing.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. OConnor to amend the agenda to add "vote requested" to item F in Superintendent's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. OConnor to accept the recommendation to continue MCAS testing as opposed to PARCC testing for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Angelakis welcomed new student representatives Megan Russo and Ian Crimmins. She explained they were both going to be seniors next year and are members of the Political Action Club. She thanked them both for attending.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

Ms. Wright reported that she recently attended a meeting of the Regionalization Committee and it was a great meeting.

Ms. OConnor said she was very proud of group from *Chicago* and was glad we were able to recognize them.

Ms. Cooper commented on a recent science enrichment event at Hadley. She further informed the Committee of her recent meeting with the Swampscott PAC Board and upcoming Renewable Energy Committee meeting Thursday at 7:00.

Ms. Marshall congratulated everyone who would be moving up.

Mr. Delano advised that his first Tri-Chair meeting would be June 23rd and Committee members could forward any questions they may want discussed to him by email. He advised all of some upcoming events including the Middle School graduation on Thursday; the new school building forum on Tuesday; the dedication for Dave Whelan on June 22nd; as well as the carnival for the Class of 2016 on Thursday through Sunday. He further gave an update on the recent training with Mike Gilbert and hoped to schedule another training in the fall.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Enrollment of Non-Resident Teachers – vote required

Ms. Marshall reminded all at the last meeting there was the first read for the policy relating to the enrollment of non-resident teachers' students in the District. She added that she referred back to Counsel any questions and that Counsel was comfortable with language and felt it covered all issues. There was discussion on whether the policy should be more specific and Ms. Marshall stated she felt it was ready to vote as is and that the contract with the teachers' union spelled out the agreement. Ms. Cooper added that she felt if Counsel was fine with the language that it was acceptable and that the waiver with individual teachers would spell out any other details. Ms. Angelakis agreed that was the next step.

MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. Wright and seconded by Ms. OConnor to approve the policy relative to the Enrollment of Non-Resident Teachers. The motion passed unanimously.

Background Check Policy – vote required

Ms. Marshall requested that the vote relating to the Background Check Policy be postponed until the July 21st meeting as it was not currently ready for a first read.

MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. OConnor and seconded by Ms. Cooper to postpone the vote relating to the Background Check Policy to the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Wright advised that the Communications Subcommittee has started to discuss the creation of school expectations and protocol for each school to talk about how to communicate. There was also discussion regarding communication from the Superintendent with the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. OConnor and seconded by Ms. Marshall to accept the meeting minutes of June 2, 2104. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Cooper questioned the issue of the Committee of the whole. Mr. Delano stated some issues came out of the training with Mike Gilbert and that as it got closer to budget season the Committee of the whole would be in

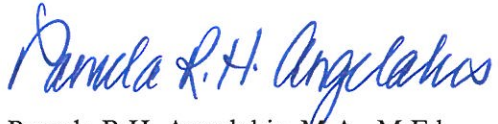
place. There was also discussion regarding future Committee meetings and a proposed new schedule for the format of meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

At 9:02 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Cooper to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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



Date: