

## REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

November 16, 2016

A meeting of the Swampscott School Committee was held in room B129 at Swampscott High School commencing at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Carin Marshall, Chairman, Ms. Amy OConnor, Ms. Suzanne Wright and Ms. Gargi Cooper. Also Present: Ms. Pamela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Evan Katz, School Business Administrator, Anne Marie Condikey, Director of Curriculum. Ted Delano and Student Representatives Gabby LaRiviere and Tenley Seidel were absent.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Kent, 28 Barnstable Street, came forward to discuss being a host family for an exchange student. Ms. Marshall requested she give the Committee some background to the situation. Ms. Kent explained there was a representative from the exchange company present and explained the company would be responsible for issuing a student visa and all related paperwork. Ms. Angelakis explained that they had previously been told there were requirements for the District and that she would do some further investigation. Ms. OConnor stated that the process wouldn't ultimately be approved by the Committee that it would be a decision at the school level and through the Superintendent. Pat Darby from the exchange program provided some further information. Ms. Angelakis stated she understood the time constraints and would get back to them.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. OConnor acknowledged Mr. Murphy's recent award at Salem State University being inducted into the Educator's Hall of Fame and stated it was a wonderful ceremony. She congratulated Mr. Murphy and said the District was lucky to have him. Ms. Marshall joined in Ms. OConnor's comments and stated it was a great ceremony.

Ms. Cooper stated she heard a lot of positive feedback after Ms. Angelakis' budget preview presentation to Town Meeting. She also stated she attended the Middle School PTO meeting last evening and that parents were questioning items funded by PTO versus funded by the District. She also stated she had requested an update from the new librarians. Ms. Angelakis stated she does have it on a future agenda for the media specialists to come in.

Ms. Wright spoke about the Polar Plunge and stated that this year the Harbor/Swift programs would be one of the beneficiaries with the other being the family of Rusty Hopkins. She stated sponsor letters were going out this week and then pledge sheets would be out to start fundraising.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. OConnor and seconded by Ms. Wright to approve the Consent Agenda containing the Regular Session minutes from November 2, 2016; Finance Subcommittee Minutes of November 4, 2016 and Warrants # 17-19 & 17-20. The motion passed 4-0.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

#### Senator Thomas McGee and Representative Lori Ehrlich

Ms. Marshall invited Senator McGee and Representative Ehrlich to come forward and thanked them for coming. Ms. Ehrlich thanked the Committee for giving them the opportunity to come and share information. She reviewed the Chapter 70 numbers and explained that Swampscott was getting closer to the 17.5% funding level. There was discussion regarding Foundation Budget numbers as well. Mr. McGee spoke about the history of Chapter 70 funding and also stated that the recent defeat of the charter school vote will now allow legislators to focus on how to fund all the schools in the Commonwealth. Ms. Wright commented on the findings from the commission review and stated that the 17.5% was great but felt that the formula, which hadn't changed since the 90's, was flawed and does not address new state standards, Professional Development as well as technology and transportation. She also spoke about an upcoming Suburban Coalition meeting which would be held on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Cooper questioned the full-day Kindergarten grant. Ms. Angelakis stated that the District committed to keeping the full-day K program and not charging tuition but that any state monies were no longer received. Ms. Wright spoke about funding for mental health services and spoke about the Harbor/Swift programs. Ms. Ehrlich

requested more information on the programs. Ms. Angelakis gave an overview of how the programs were developed as well as how they service students. She also stated she would forward more information to both Ms. Ehrlich and Mr. McGee. Ms. Marshall questioned ballot question 4 and how that might produce revenues for cities and towns. Mr. McGee stated there were a number of issues that would need to be dealt with without undermining the passage of that question and one would be the tax piece. He didn't anticipate that would be handled before the end of the year. Ms. Ehrlich added that the way questions are written is the way they pass and then it is up to them to figure out the practical side of making them work. Mr. McGee also spoke about the opioid issue and how cities and towns and school districts would be working on that issue. Ms. Angelakis stated she is a member of Chief Madigan's Task Force and they have looked at those issues as well. The Committee thanked Ms. Ehrlich and Mr. McGee for attending.

#### **Preview of Capital – M. Scola**

Ms. Angelakis invited Mr. Scola forward to give a preview of the capital requests. Mr. Scola reviewed the items listed in the handout within the Committee's packets which included roof guardrails, adding air cooling to the High School gym, lighting options, an additional truck for snow removal services and other District and Town requests. He added that he had spoken with Mr. Eccles from the CIC who stated they were looking towards life safety issues. Ms. OConnor questioned whether there could be any creative funding ideas for the AC in the gym. Ms. Marshall stated they had discussed the issue as the gym had been built with no cooling. There was further discussion about the gym AC. Ms. Angelakis stated she felt the district was in a good place and ready and prepared to meet with the Capital Improvement Committee. She added she would update the Committee when the meeting with Capital is scheduled.

#### **North Shore Education Consortium**

Ms. Angelakis reported that a recent budget audit at the North Shore Education Consortium reported that \$15,541 would actually be coming back to the District. She expected the money may just to back as a tuition credit.

#### **Withdrawn Students Report**

Ms. Angelakis referred to a report in the Committee's packets which gave an overview of student withdrawals from 2013-2016. She explained that the registrations reported at last meeting along with these withdrawn students balances out enrollment numbers. Mr. Katz added that the District would be receiving NESDEC enrollment projections any day now and that will give information looking forward. Ms. Cooper questioned any additional enrollment from the Hanover apartment complex. Ms. Angelakis stated she could get those numbers but didn't think it was a significant amount. There was discussion regarding exit interviews and Ms. Angelakis stated she could look into that.

#### **Professional Development Update – A. Condike**

Ms. Condike gave an update to all of the Professional Development that has occurred in the District to date. She referred to the handout which outlined the projects. She spoke about the full-day Professional Development day which was held recently. She thanked Catie Porter for all of her work and her presentation of the new science standards. She also referred to the programs offered by NPEN for the specialists. She explained that the District was able to send 110 employees to different off-site offerings by NPEN. Ms. Cooper questioned the NPEN program. Ms. Angelakis stated the District just joined last year for a \$500 fee and it provided PD opportunities for those 110 staff members this year.

#### **NAEYC Accreditation – A Condike**

Ms. Condike explained that participation in the NAEYC accreditation was a requirement as part of the Kindergarten grant which the District received. She stated after speaking with many parties involved in the first accreditation process including Mrs. Longin and several teachers it was decided not to move forward with obtaining the accreditation again.

#### **CHAIR REPORT**

##### **Tri-Chair Report**

Ms. Marshall updated on the meeting which occurred on November 4<sup>th</sup> and stated that the Town Administrator search update was discussed as well as an update on the MSBA statement of interest as well as the meeting

regarding payroll. She stated they were attempting to meet every two weeks during budget season. She stated they would be meeting again on Friday and she would report back with any further updates.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Policy ECA Buildings & Grounds Security – vote requested**

Ms. Wright stated the policy was corrected to reflect key cards being used at the schools and was a first read at the last meeting.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ms. Wright and seconded by Ms. Cooper to approve Policy ECA Buildings & Grounds Security as amended. The motion passed 4-0.

**Policy INJD Access to Digital Resources – vote requested**

Ms. Wright referred to the changes on the document reflected by the starred items in the margin. She also stated the terminology would go back to “Acceptable Use Policy.”

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ms. Wright and seconded by Ms. Cooper to approve Policy INJD Access to Digital Resources as amended. The motion passed 4-0.

**Policy INJDB Empowered Digital Use – vote requested**


Ms. Wright stated the heading would return to “Acceptable Use Policy” and reviewed the changes to the policy.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ms. Wright and seconded by Ms. Cooper to approve Policy INJDB Empowered Digital Use as amended. The motion passed 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 9:00 p.m. it was moved by Ms. OConnor and seconded by Ms. Wright to adjourn. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date:

Supporting Documents:

- Updated Agenda 16-Nov-2016 School Committee Meeting.pdf
- 2-Nov-2016 SC Meeting Minutes.pdf
- 4-Nov-2016 Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.pdf
- DFM FY17 CAP Requests Nov 2 2016.pdf
- Prof Develop Update Info.pdf
- Withdrawn students 2013-16.pdf
- Policy ECA Buildings & Grounds Security - vote req 111616.pdf
- Policy ECA Buildings & Grounds Security approved 16-Nov-2016.pdf
- Policy IJND Access to Digital Resources - vote req 11162016.pdf
- Policy IJND Access to Digital Resources approved 16-Nov-2016.pdf
- Policy IJNDB Acceptable Use Policy - vote req 11162016.pdf
- Policy IJNDB Acceptable Use Policy approved 16-Nov-2016.pdf