

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**  
**October 9, 2014**

A meeting of the Swampscott School Committee was held in Room B208 at Swampscott High School commencing at 7:02 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: Ms. Pamela Angelakis, M.A. M.Ed., Superintendent of Schools and 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 Clarke School 4<sup>th</sup> grade students Kyle Lucas and Lily McMahon.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**COMMITTEE COMMENT**

Ms. Wright stated she was disappointed with the vote regarding the school this week. She also suggested polling voters on election day to see why the plan didn't work and what if any suggestions they have. Ms. Angelakis agreed and stated she was disappointed as well it didn't get to the voters.

Ms. OConnor agreed that she was incredibly disappointed with the vote. She mentioned in the future maybe the Committee could bring forward items which Committee members share in via e-mail but cannot be discussed through e-mail. She felt that there are a lot of good things out there that don't come to fruition.

Ms. Cooper also was disappointed that the vote did not get passed along to the voters and also commented that she thought it was odd that the Selectmen weren't more involved in the process. She also added that she heard that the school would still be on the ballot as they were already printed. She also added that all should be listening to the reasons why people had reservations about the project, that everyone understood the need for a new school but that many had valid reasons for not supporting the project.

Ms. Marshall echoed everything that others said and said she had spent three years on the project and to see it end that way was disheartening. She felt that the Building Committee did a fantastic job the night of town meeting as well as Ms. Angelakis in her presentation. She also added that she was disappointed in the Selectmen and felt they should have been more involved along the way. She added that there is a huge challenge ahead and that we all need to work together to come up with a plan.

Mr. Delano echoed the comments regarding the challenges ahead and felt that some of the concerns that exist have been identified and that there are plans in the works to deal with those issues. He informed the Committee that they would receive the DOR report tomorrow and that it would be discussed at the TriChair meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged all to review it. Mr. Delano also advised that at the next workshop meeting they would be discussing the Nahant tuition. He also asked Ms. Wright to reach out to Dorothy Pressler to see if she could attend and that he would reach out to Mike Gilbert. He also reminded the community of the upcoming Taste of Swampscott event on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Delano advised that someone had signed up late for Public Comment and requested a motion to reopen Public Comment.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. OConnor to enter back into Public Comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Delano gave an overview of the format for Public Comment to the audience.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Martha Raymond came forward and stated she was disappointed in the elementary school vote. She expressed concerns about Hadley School and the possibility of any future evacuations or moves in case of storms or other building issues and felt that the District should be more proactive in regards to Hadley. She added that she felt like the Building Committee is now starting over and didn't feel that the situation could wait another three or four years. She further suggested getting the news out when things do happen at Hadley so that the whole town could be made aware. She thanked this Committee for their hard work.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Delano stated he would like to separate items A & B for vote. He requested a motion for acceptance of the minutes of September 8, 2014.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ms. OConnor and seconded by Ms. Marshall to accept the meeting minutes from September 8, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Delano requested a motion to approve warrant items 15-11, 15-12, 15-13 and 15-14.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ms. Wright and seconded by Ms. OConnor to accept warrant items 15-11, 15-12, 15-13 and 15-14. The motion passed unanimously.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **Introduction of new Hadley Principal – Stacy Phelan**

Ms. Angelakis stated that Mrs. Phelan couldn't attend this evening but that she had met with her earlier in the day to discuss all that is current at Hadley. She stated she would be starting next Tuesday and would have a teacher meet and greet at 7:30 a.m. She also would have two meet and greets on the 16<sup>th</sup> with parents. She encouraged anyone to go by and meet her and then Ms. Angelakis said she would bring her forward at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Ms. OConnor questioned who was technically in charge. Ms. Angelakis stated Mrs. Rivers isn't retired until October 30<sup>th</sup> and that she is still Principal.

#### **Educator of the Year – Ms. Anita Balliro**

Ms. Angelakis explained that Ms. Balliro couldn't make it due to the change in dates of the meeting.

#### **Recognition of Teachers' awarded Professional Status**

Ms. Angelakis explained the process of being awarded Professional Status and introduced the teachers in attendance. She further read a list of those teachers who weren't able to attend.

#### **SMS Field Trip – Providence R.I. – Mr. Kane**

Ms. Angelakis explained that Mr. Kane would be taking a group to a production in Providence leaving at 4:00 p.m. and coming back at 11:00 p.m. on October 15, 2014. She explained she was bringing it forward for information only. There was a discussion regarding the inconsistencies in the Field Trip policy and Ms. Angelakis agreed it should be adjusted so it could be consistent.

#### **Community Flyers and Information**

Ms. Angelakis explained that the District is trying to make the website more interactive and more valuable and meaningful. She explained that Mrs. Caron looked into putting forms online due to the increase in all the paper flyers being distributed. Ms. OConnor stated she liked the idea of having the links to the flyers included if possible.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Athletic User Fee Update**

Ms. Angelakis reported an update and stated that the updated figures of monies collected and still outstanding are were distributed to the Committee in its packets. She added they would be moving forward with the procedure of athletes not receiving uniforms until the fees are paid and felt that would help in the collection of future fees. Ms. OConnor questioned the issuance of waivers. Ms. Angelakis stated there is consistent criteria applied in making those decisions. Ms. Wright suggested that the Committee didn't need to receive the names of athletes as part of the reporting. Ms. Angelakis agreed it could be reported without names.

### **Superintendent Goals Discussion**

Ms. Angelakis had forwarded some additional information to the Committee which she had not forwarded prior to the last workshop meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Cooper outlined the goals which the Committee agreed on as well as the elements which make up the goals.

*8:05 p.m. Ian Crimmins left the meeting.*

There was a discussion regarding using student data in assessing goals and Ms. OConnor commented on MCAS results and how they relate to what students are learning. Ms. Angelakis commented on the jump from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade in MCAS testing. Ms. Cooper wondered if the District would notice an impact due to the loss of literacy tutors. Ms. Wright questioned student growth percentiles as a measure versus strictly MCAS results. Ms. Angelakis said it was refreshing to hear the Committee say that it was just one piece of the puzzle and just a small snapshot of whole child academics.

Ms. Wright suggested Ms. Angelakis bring the goals which she had in mind to the Committee and then it would work on the District goals collaboratively. Ms. Angelakis stated she was still reaching out to get responses on the entry plan survey as well. Ms. Cooper questioned if it could be made mandatory for the teachers to respond. Nancy Hanlon stated it could not. Ms. Angelakis added that she did not feel the responses would be meaningful if they were forced. Ms. OConnor added that she found it odd that people want their voices heard but then don't come forward. Mr. Delano confirmed the next workshop meeting would be October 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Cooper suggested also that Ms. Angelakis bring forward her goals and then the Committee could offer suggestions. Ms. Angelakis stated she would have information on professional practice and student learning. Mr. Delano requested that information be provided before the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Wright said that the Communications Subcommittee would like to meet after the School Building Committee to discuss how to move forward and would report back when the meeting was scheduled.

Ms. Marshall stated that Policy Subcommittee would meet on the 15<sup>th</sup> and that policy review was ongoing.

Ms. Cooper questioned a meeting for discussion regarding maintenance consolidation. Mr. Delano reminded that all would get the DOR report tomorrow and that could be discussed after review of the report. There was discussion on getting that moving forward and Ms. OConnor thought it did make sense to meet after review of the DOR report to make sure everyone was on the same page. Ms. Angelakis reminded all that the DOR report was relating to finance and decisions would need to be made in those areas but that facilities was different.

Mr. Delano reported on the Finance Subcommittee and stated that Mr. Castellarin was working on training staff on MUNIS and converting the school budget to reflect building based reporting.

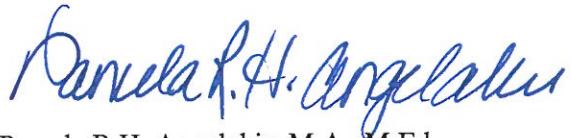
Ms. Cooper reported that the Special Education Committee was looking for someone to attend an upcoming training and would report back when she receives a date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

At 8:40 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. OConnor to adjourn.  
The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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