

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

April 26, 2017

A meeting of the Swampscott School Committee was held in room B129 at Swampscott High School commencing at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Amy OConnor, Vice Chairman, Mr. Ted Delano, Ms. Suzanne Wright and Ms. Gargi Cooper. Also Present: Ms. Pamela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools, Anne Marie Condike, Director of Curriculum and Student Representatives Tenley Seidel and Gabby LaRiviere. Ms. Carin Marshall, Chairman and Mr. Evan Katz, School Business Administrator were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gabby LaRiviere said that tomorrow is STEM night at the High School starting at 5:30. She encouraged all to come and check out the projects.

Tenley Seidel reminded all that Friday night is the junior prom.

Mr. Delano congratulated Ms. Wright and Ms. Cooper on their reelection. He added there was something to be said for continuity in our District and stated the Committee would continue on its mission of achieving the standards set by the Committee. Ms. OConnor commented that this was the first time since 2004 that there has been no turnover with the committee as well as within the Selectmen.

Ms. Cooper thanked the community for its support. She further commended Melissa Camire for running. Ms. Wright also thanked all for their support.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. OConnor read the contents of the Consent Agenda.

MOTION:

It was moved by Mr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Cooper to accept Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Athletic Update

Ms. Angelakis invited Ms. Farley forward to come forward to discuss the work she has done with the Athletic Council as well as the Committee's request to look at tiered athletic fees. Ms. Farley spoke about the Athletic Council and reviewed some of the work the Council has done including banners, Booster Club guidelines, user fees and parent/student athlete surveys. Ms. Farley explained the Council reviewed the Academic Policy and changed it to align with the MIAA policy. Ms. Farley stated the Council looked at potentially updating the banners in the field house and showed the Committee a proposed new banner as well as explained ideas for the older banners and how the newer ones would be more cost effective. She also explained that money received from the family of Anthony Benevento would be used for the banners. Ms. Cooper questioned who made up the Athletic Council. Ms. Farley explained they originally looked for a group with a large variety for the Council and that the first year there were 16 members. She added they would be seeking interest from the community to create a new Council in June.

Ms. Farley further explained that the booster guidelines was the biggest undertaking for the Council. She explained they received information from the District's attorney as well as looked at guidelines from other school districts. She presented the draft policy which the Council created. She explained they would meet with each of the booster clubs towards the end of June to review. There was discussion regarding booster guidelines and how to proceed. Mr. Delano stated he would love to volunteer if needed for the Council. He also suggested having someone from the District, either Mr. Murphy or Ms. Angelakis involved in the Hall of Fame Committee.

Ms. Farley spoke about the Athletic Department finances and referred to a summary from last year's accounts. Ms. Farley spoke about uniform replacement and the process going forward for collection of uniforms.

Ms. Farley also spoke about user fee options and presented background research from other Districts. There was lengthy discussion regarding user fees and Ms. Angelakis stated that knowing the budget challenges this is another area that needs to be reviewed in closer detail. Ms. Farley spoke about Leadership Training which will continue into next school year along with a Leadership Council which she hopes will meet twice a month. Ms. Farley also stated they were hoping to develop a parent/student athlete survey to be used strictly for feedback.

Ms. Angelakis commended Ms. Farley for the outstanding work she has done in her short tenure with the District. Ms. OConnor suggested any questions be forwarded to the Superintendent.

Community Service Updates

Ms. Angelakis referred to a list of community service projects done at each of the schools. She stated it was impressive to see all of the work that each of the schools do. She commended the principals as well as the 4th grade leaders at the elementary schools and HS clubs. Ms. OConnor stated she would love to see the data compiled to quantify the amount of work done. Ms. Wright questioned whether it was being looked at as a graduation requirement. Ms. Angelakis stated it hasn't been looked at yet. There was discussion on getting the information out to the community and possibly presenting information at Town Meeting.

2017 Best School District Ranking

Ms. Angelakis reviewed the Best School District ranking and explained this year's rank was 90. She explained that she learned that people visit the site and take surveys which is how rank information is derived. Ms. OConnor pointed out that with lists there isn't much to differentiate number 50 to number 90 and she felt the information had to be taken with a grain of salt. Ms. Angelakis agreed and added it was important to see where the information is received from. Ms. Cooper felt it was information out there to educate on our community.

Enrollment of non-resident Teacher's Student 17-18SY

Ms. Angelakis referred to the document in the packets for enrollment of non-resident Teachers. She explained next year there were two additional students looking to enroll to bring the total to five throughout the District. Ms. Cooper questioned the impact on enrollment and Ms. Angelakis stated they check with the principals and check student enrollment.

Ms. Angelakis presented a flip-chart which the District Crisis Team has been working on. She recognized Mr. Murphy, Mr. Daniels and Ms. Hunt for all of their hard work on the project. She explained a copy of the flip-chart would be given to every classroom teacher and covered different emergency classroom procedures.

Ms. Angelakis also updated the Committee on a meeting with the Robotics Team and Mr. Douillette. She explained they brainstormed ideas on building and sustaining the Robotics program. She stated she would share through email the ideas the group came up with.

Superintendent's Evaluation

Ms. Angelakis spoke about the progress and goals referred to in the documents within the Committee packets relating to her evaluation. She explained there were links within the electronic document which would evidence work done on each goal. Ms. Angelakis reviewed each of the goals as well as progress to date. Ms. Angelakis also spoke about some of the challenges she has faced while working towards goals. She explained there was a confidential document within the Committee's packets which outlined some of those issues. Mr. Delano questioned if there were other things which could be added to the list where should they be directed. Ms. Angelakis stated she would receive them and redistribute the list. Ms. Cooper questioned whether the final would be ready for June. Ms. Angelakis stated she would have a final and would take feedback on this edition. She also stated she would check the links within the electronic copy as well.

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM

METCO Academic Report 16-17 SY – J. Greene

Mr. Greene came forward and gave an overview of the METCO program. He reviewed the enrollment of students in the District through the METCO program consisting of 56 students among four schools. He gave highlights of the grades of each group of students at each grade level. Ms. Cooper stated she was uncomfortable highlighting the details of each grade where the sample sizes were small. Ms. Angelakis stated she understood but added that she was happy that the report evidenced work well done by students, participation into extracurricular activities as well as graduation rates. Mr. Green added the overall GPA rates and demonstrated that the students do involve themselves within the community. Mr. Green also stated that the graduation class of 2017 will continue to maintain the 100% graduation rate. He also gave some information on education beyond High School. Ms. Angelakis referred to the last page of the presentation which lists involvement in extracurricular activities as well as some college choices for seniors.

Ms. OConnor questioned the role of the academic support specialist. Ms. Condikey explained that position provides classroom and after school support for students academically. She explained that Ms. Ogunbona provides support primarily at the Middle School where Mr. Greene does at the High School. Ms. Cooper questioned whether there were host families which would allow students to participate in extracurricular activities. Ms. Angelakis stated she was unsure but that the late busses were now allowing for some of those opportunities.

CHAIR REPORT

Ms. OConnor stated with Ms. Marshall absent there was no Chair Report.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

At 9:19 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Delano and seconded by Ms. Wright to adjourn. The motion was approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



5/11/17

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Superintendent of Schools

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Supporting Documents:

- Updated Agenda 26-Apr-2017 School Committee Meeting.pdf
- 014 PamSHSScienceProgramming.pdf
- METCO Academic Report 16-17SY.pdf
- 013 BRY1 northeastern mass agenda 2 8 17.pdf
- METCO Academic Report 16-17SY slides.pdf
- 12-Apr-2017 SC Meeting Minutes.pdf
- Enrollment of Non-Resident Teacher's Student(s) 17-18.pdf
- 012 North Shore Info Session Flyer February 2017.pdf
- DRAFT Booster Club Guidelines.pdf
- 011 Invite to Ribbon Cutting.pdf
- District Ticket Prices.pdf
- 010 Press Release Harbor & Swift Programs.pdf
- District Athletic Fees.pdf
- 009 YRBS.pdf
- Cost per sport Analysis.pdf
- 008 Lynn Lyons Handout.pdf
- Community Service Project Update 16-17SY.pdf
- 007 Lynn Lyons Mill Brook workshop flyer.pdf.pdf
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- 006 NPEN Nov 8.pdf
- athletic budget FY16-17.pdf
- 005 CommentsMentalHealthPDSurvey.pdf
- athletic budget FY15-16.pdf
- 004 DistrictProfessionalDevelopmentSurvey.pdf
- Approved 12-Apr-2017 SC Meeting Minutes.pdf
- 003 PDDayAgenda8.29.16.pdf
- 025 Challenges 2016-2017.pdf
- 002 PreLearningWalks16-17-2.pdf
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