

## REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

June 19, 2013

A meeting of the Swampscott School Committee was held in room B208 at Swampscott High School commencing at 7:01 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Rick Kraft, Chairman; Mr. Ted Delano, Vice Chairman; Ms. Marianne Speranza-Hartmann; Ms. Carin Marshall and Ms. Amy OConnor. Also Present: Dr. Lynne Celli, Superintendent, Ms. Pamela Angelakis, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Edward Cronin, Budget Director; Mr. Kevin Kaczynski, Technology Director.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

### COMMITTEE COMMENT

Ms. OConnor expressed her concerns regarding the situation with Scott Winship and his position. Ms. Angelakis stated that the issue hasn't dropped off the radar but that no decisions had been made since the last meeting. There was discussion regarding budgetary constraints as well as scheduling and enrollment numbers. Ms. OConnor expressed concerns of keeping the community connected on the issue over the summer. Dr. Celli stated there typically is an August meeting before the start of school and that Ms. Leonard would be putting together a draft of upcoming meetings for the Committee's review but added the Committee could post and hold a meeting if it felt necessary.

Mr. Delano felt it was important for the community to realize that the District has a lot of moving parts to make it run as successfully as it does. He gave his thanks to all of those who make the District operate.

Ms. Speranza-Hartmann congratulated Anna-Maria Mancini and Kathie Leonard who would be leaving the District and thanked them both for serving the students within the District so well. She further recognized Peter Hale who recently won a national two-mile championship in NC this past weekend. Ms. OConnor asked if the District had any policy for formal recognition for retiring employees. Dr. Celli stated she forwards a letter as well as the individual schools recognize each employee. Ms. OConnor recognized Diane Spencer as well as Cindy Lann. Ms. Speranza-Hartmann also congratulated the 8<sup>th</sup> grade on their successful Washington trip

Ms. Marshall proposed the idea of having an informal meeting where the members would be available to meet new members of the staff. There discussion on whether it would be posted and Ms. Marshall stated she envisioned it as more of a social event as opposed to a formal meeting.

Mr. Kraft reported on a town tri-Chair meeting to discuss long range capital planning as well as a calendar for the budget process. He also acknowledged Kathie Leonard's leaving the District and wished her well. He further welcomed Mr. Rozmiarek who would be starting on July 1 and thanked Mr. Kowalski and Ms. Mackey who had led the High School over the last month. He also acknowledged this last meeting with Dr. Celli as Superintendent. He stated that she would be starting as the Executive Superintendent for Special Projects as of July 1 and further thanked her for her three years as Superintendent.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### MOTION:

It was moved by Mr. Delano and seconded by Ms. Marshall to accept the meeting minutes of June 5, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MOTION:

It was moved by Ms. OConnor and seconded by Ms. Marshall to move up on the agenda New Business. The motion passed unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Gift – Tree and Marker at Stanley School in memory of Maureen Ingram**

Dr. Celli introduced Stanley Principal Tom Daniels to speak regarding the tree dedication ceremony. Dr. Celli further thanked Mr. Ingram for the donation. Mr. Daniels stated that a Japanese Maple Tree had been donated in memory of Maureen Ingram who was a first grade teacher at Stanley School and explained there would be a dedication ceremony held on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ms. OConnor and seconded by Mr. Delano to accept the gift. The motion passed unanimously

Mr. Kraft requested to add an item to New Business.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Delano and seconded by Ms. OConnor to add an agenda item under new business to discuss the consolidation of services and authorize Garrett Baker to enter into discussions.

Mr. Kraft explained that he had spoken to the Town Manager, Mr. Younger, regarding the beginning of discussions regarding consolidating town services. He explained that the first step in the process was with regard to building maintenance and that the School Committee needed to authorize Garrett Baker to enter into such discussions. Ms. OConnor stated she liked the idea of the consolidation and gave an example that at Stanley the fields had been mowed by in front of the school had not and it was difficult to understand how it all wasn't considered town property. Mr. Kraft stated Mr. Baker was on board with moving the discussions forward. Dr. Celli stated that Mr. Kraft would meet with Jill Sullivan to bring people together to start the discussions.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Celli thanked Kathie Leonard and wished her the best in her new position. She added the community as well as the District would miss her and that she was going to a place with a great opportunity and challenge. Dr. Celli also commented on it being her last meeting as Superintendent. She stated that she felt passionately about work she's done and that there was, as there always is, a lot more work to do. She thanked the Committee for its support and thanked Leadership Team for their support and added that the community should be pleased with team that is in place.

**Curriculum Update Presentation**

Dr. Celli invited Ms. Angelakis to give the Curriculum Update Presentation. Ms. Angelakis outlined the members who were involved on the Curriculum Review Committee and explained the work which was done within the departments. She spoke about the work done to create alignment between the Middle and High school levels as well as work between fourth and fifth grades.

Ms. Angelakis further gave an overview with regard to the Math curriculum and explained the purchase of new programs. She further outlined different programs which were analyzed at the Middle School level and a program which would be utilized which would best transition to higher grades. She added that professional development would be offered over the summer. She further outlined the assessments performed over each of the levels. There was discussion regarding the formative and summative assessments and how they related to the programs in the grade levels.

Ms Angelakis explained the work done with English Language Arts and the vertical alignment at the High School in grades 9 – 12 in common mid-terms and finals. She also added at the Middle School, documents were updated as well as identified that assessments needed to be worked on. She further

outlined the work done at the elementary level which the Review Committee would look at summative assessments and data to determine priorities and explained that the work was ongoing. There was further discussion regarding professional development as well as prioritizing goals in the area of English Language Arts at all levels.

There was also discussion in the area of Foreign Language and Ms. Angelakis announced that the Middle School would add Mandarin to their courses and that the Middle and High Schools would share a teacher for this class. Ms. Marshall questioned if there was any thought to add foreign language into the lower grades and Ms. Angelakis stated it hadn't been explored at this time.

Ms. Angelakis explained that due to NEASC requirements the High School had Science and Social Studies work already completed. She added that the Committee would reconvene in the fall to look at next standards. She also further outlined the STEM Academy program at the High School.

*Ms. Speranza-Hartmann left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.*

There was discussion regarding entry into STEM Academy. Dr. Celli explained that when Mr. Gelfand pledged funding to the District it was with that in mind that STEM skills and thinking would be an interdisciplinary piece of High School curriculum. Ms. Angelakis added that they were reviewing ways to configure classes to possibly add a STEM project room. She also added that one of the top agenda items is to add a STEM speaker series for the fall. Ms. Angelakis outlined some of the summer projects related to curriculum review for the Committee as well as reviewed all of the steps which had be set out for the 2013-2014 school year.

Mr. Delano questioned the timing of alignment of common assessments across the elementary level. Ms. Angelakis estimated it would be another year. Mr. Delano thanked Ms. Angelakis for a great presentation. Mr. Kraft questioned if the information would be posted on the website. Ms. Angelakis stated the slide show presentation would be posted tomorrow and the curriculum documents would be added in a few weeks.

#### **BUDGET DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There was none.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Marshall reported on the Policy Subcommittee and stated they had met earlier with Mr. Rozmiarek and Ms. Mackey to begin work on graduation requirements. She stated they had made progress and would report back to the Committee with recommendations. Dr. Celli asked if open campus had been discussed. Ms. Marshall stated it had been discussed as it related to the requirements but not as it stood alone.

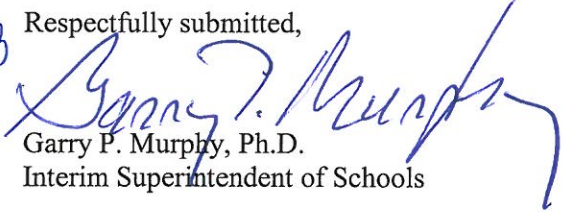
Ms. OConnor spoke about the Communications Subcommittee and stated they had further discussion about creating a Facebook page which would be used as an announcement driven page to keep the community up to date on District information. There was also discussion regarding the revival of the Educator newspaper. Ms. OConnor stated she would connect with Dr. Celli to discuss further.

Mr. Kraft updated on the Negotiations Subcommittee and stated they would be meeting with the teachers on Tuesday.

ADJOURNMENT  
MOTION:

At 8:31 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Delano, seconded by Ms. OConnor and voted by roll call vote to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining and in regards to engagement. Mr. Delano – yes; Ms. OConnor – yes; Mr. Kraft – yes; Ms. Marshall – yes. Ms. Speranza-Hartmann – absent.

8/13/13 Respectfully submitted,

  
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