

## EAST LONGMEADOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

DATE: December 21, 2015

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Council on Aging/Media Room

Joint meeting with Capital Planning on ELPS Capital Projects.

Meeting called to order by Capital Plan at 6:30PM

Purpose of the meeting was to review the ELPS Capital Request/Prioritize List

Capital Plan stated that items 2-6 would not be funded through them, however, would need further discussion other committees.

(5) minute recess at 7:25

School Committee meeting called to Order by: Richard Freccero, Chair at 7:30PM

Present: Richard Freccero, William Fonseca, Gregory Thompson, Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher, Deirdre Mailloux, Gordon Smith, Superintendent of School, Pamela Blair, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Student Rep; Kathy Celetti, Recording Secretary;

#### **Approval of Minutes**

2.1 Bill moved to approve the December 7, 2015 regular session meeting minutes, Deirdre seconded the motion.

Chair: those in favor of the motion say aye (5 ayes), those opposed say nay (0), motion carries (5-0)

#### **Committee/Sub-committee Communications**

Beth: I had the opportunity to observe the senior projects, it was really great. I enjoyed every one of them. I also got to watch the Mountain View 5<sup>th</sup> grade presentation/powerpoint. I thought that was really great, it was nice to see that along with all the other events going on.

Greg: last week Gordon and I had a Heritage Park Study Committee meeting. A few potential options, all of them very expensive relative to other locations.

Based on the wetlands, we also learned that the land specifically designated for school land is soak and wet, and will never be able to build on it. The architect will be back one more time to discuss real numbers and take it from there.

Deirdre: We had our first custodian negotiations. We meet again in January.

Bill: I attended the Mapleshade Winter Concert. Very good show put on by all the students there. I also took part in the senior projects. Without naming names, I would like to commend every student in the two groups I did. They did a phenomenal job. It's amazing how this program has grown in the three years since it's been instituted. Really very enjoyable time. I look forward to doing it again next year.

Student Rep: December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> the ELHS drama club held there production "All's well in Roswell Isn't it", huge success. A lot of people really enjoyed it. Final exams in January for first semester. On behalf of ELHS staff and students, we would like to wish everyone "Happy Holidays"

Rich: Senior presentation, wonderful experience. Art show really good!

Bill: Next Charter Commission Public Hearing is on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in auditorium. You should have rec'd a first draft by now.

**Opportunity for visitors to Address the committee** - No one wished to address the committee

**Superintendent's Report:** - None

#### **Assistant Superintendent of Business :**

8.2.1 Big Y gift donation to the five schools in the amount of \$500 each, was presented by Ms. Blair

Greg moved to accept the Big Y \$500 gift donation for each of the five schools, Bill seconded the motion

Chair: those in favor of the motion say aye (5 ayes), those opposed say nay (0), motion carries (5-0)

8.2.2 Ms. Blair presented the September 30, 2015 Quarterly Budget Report

Bill motioned to accept the Quarterly Budget Report Deirdre seconded the motion

Chair: those in favor of the motion say aye (5 ayes), those opposed say nay (0), motion carries (5-0)

#### **Old Business**

9.1 FY17 Budget requests from the leadership team were presented by Mr. Smith. Next step is to populate a spreadsheet (request vs needs). A draft of a preliminary budget is due January 12<sup>th</sup>.

9.2 Second reading on Policy JKAA "Physical Restraint of Students" revisions. In the second paragraph, third line add "then a teacher or employee" to the sentence.

Greg moved to accept Policy JKAA "Physical Restraint of Student's as amended, Beth seconded the motion.

Chair: those in favor of the motion say aye (5 ayes), those opposed say nay (0), motion carries (5-0)

#### **New Business**

10.1 First reading on Policy IGD and IJJ "Curriculum and Textbook Adoption revisions were presented by Mr. Smith. There was some discussion around the Flow Chart for Policy IGD. (Grades K-5) - For one grade and one school "Department Head and departmental staff will develop recommendation jointly and will present it to the Principal/Director of Curriculum for final decision". For two or more schools/or multiple grades "Principal, Director of Curriculum, Department Heads and departmental staff will develop a recommendation jointly and present it to the Superintendent for final decision". (Grades 6-12) - Curriculum program or text/resource for one course/or one content area "Department Head and departmental staff will develop a recommendation jointly and present it to the Principal and Director of Curriculum for final decision". Curriculum program or text/resource for two or more courses in one content area "Principal, Director of Curriculum, Department Heads and departmental staff will develop a recommendation jointly and present it to the Superintendent for final decision and notification to the School Committee". Policy IJJ, revision to the first paragraph was made to reflect positions that we currently hold. The second paragraph we adopted on how we define textbook in our curriculum renewal cycle. Part of the approval process is the funding.

10.2 The removal of four trees at Birchland Park was presented by Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith stated that the trees are close to the schools. Working with DPW. The root system will eventually impact the walkway and foundation of the school. DPW recommends that we take down the four trees. Dr. Allen is in favor of replacing the trees with smaller ones.

Greg moved to allow the Department of Public Works to remove the four trees at Birchland Park and encourage Dr. Allen to replant smaller shrubs/trees, Deirdre seconded the motion.

Chair: those in favor of the motion say aye (5 ayes), those opposed say nay (0), motion carries (5-0)

10.3 January school committee meeting date changes. Move the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5PM, move the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Cancel the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, keeping the February 22 meeting at 7PM. Reminder that February 2 at 6:30 is a meeting with Appropriations.

Chair: Wished everyone a Happy Holiday

Greg moved to adjourn at 8:25 PM, Bill seconded the motion.

Chair: those in favor of the motion say aye (5 ayes), those opposed say nay (0), motion carries (5-0).