

EAST LONGMEADOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES

DATE: January 11, 2015

Time: 5:00 PM

Where: Superintendent's Conference Room

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 21, 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

Student Rep: GSA is having a "no name calling" week, this week. Students can send positive messages to others to promote positive behavior towards each other. Sports: Marina Wilkins beat the record for diving. Noah Peterson golfer of the year. Final exams January 20 -22.

Bill: LPVEC Student of Month is: Eve Losey Cosmetology I; Dominic Calabrese, Brush Hill Academy; Jordan Gallagher, Integrated Occupational Prep, congratulations on those students and their hard work. This past weekend I attended the MASC Annual President Retreat at Lord Jeffrey Inn in Amherst where we reviewed and set the agenda for the upcoming year. A few things coming up that I will be discussing with the committee in the next couple of meetings.

Deirdre: Health Advisory meeting this morning mentioned a movie that the Youth Safety Committee will be putting on at the HS "Anonymous People", February 24th at 6pm. This will be for middle and high school students. Custodian negotiations coming up this month.

Beth: ELEEf is the first weekend in March. I think the theme this year is going to be Mardi Gras, exciting.

Rich: Pleasurable experience, I went to the Mass Mutual Center, watched ELHS team beat Longmeadow High School in hockey. What a turnout from the town, so many people there, student, parents, kids. Nice turnout for the town.

Greg: I attended the Charter Commission meeting last Thursday. Pretty good turnout the Senior Center, full of participants, feedback on the process. They are looking to recommend a (7) member town council that would replace the legislative branch and that would be the town meeting. And a town manager as the executive branch, that would replace the Board of Selectmen. The meeting is on ELCAT, there is a 46 pages of PowerPoint. The April town election is a single ballot question, either yes or no.

Bill: Thank you both for attending. Very informative, very good questions and good debate. That's the most important thing no matter what happens as we move forward.

Beth: I think the people of the town have to understand the amount of work you guys have been doing. Whether they agree or disagree what they are doing, it has been a very thoughtful process. I don't know if everybody really respects that.

Bill: I've learned a tremendous amount by sitting on this committee, very good group to work with, very diversified. We've all had involvement with the town which makes it better because we know the inner workings, which is a huge advantage as we move through the process to propose change. The knowledge that we have, no special interest, no agendas, just trying to work for the common good. It's a very good process; I've learned a tremendous amount.

Greg: Paper copies are available at the library and town hall.

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

Superintendent's Report:

5.1.1 Mr. Smith presented the FY17 Preliminary Budget for discussion.

The yellow sheets are the budget and the long sheets are the leadership's request. Appropriation's is asking that we stay within a 2% range. The preliminary budget is due to the town accounts office tomorrow. There is a meeting with Appropriations on Feb 2. We are bringing back all current personnel, and adding only one position (Math Coach at the elementary level).

Greg: motioned to recommend the two page preliminary budget plus the FTE page making it three pages in total. And to clarify the budget is in yellow to Appropriations, Deirdre seconded the motion.

Rich: I'm going to say like I did last year, that we send them only the 2.08 and the personnel page.

Chair: those in favor of the motion say aye (4) ayes, those opposed say nay (1), motion carries (4-1).

Assistant Superintendent of Business :

5.2.1 Birchland Park anonymous gift donation of \$500 was presented.

Deirdre moved to accept the Birchland Park anonymous gift donation of \$500, Bill seconded the motion.

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

5.2.2 Meadow Brook FY16 MASS Cultural Council STAR Residency Grant in the amount of \$5,000 was presented.

Bill moved to accept the Meadow Brook FY16 MASS Cultural Council STARS Residency Grant for \$5,000, Beth seconded the motion

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

5.2.3 Mapleshade FY16 MASS Cultural Council STAR Residency Grant in the amount of \$4,400 was presented.

Greg moved to accept the Mapleshade FY16 MASS Cultural Council STARS Residency Grant for \$4,400, 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

6.1 Policy IGD and IJJ "Curriculum and Textbook Adoption" was presented for second reading.

Rich: Is the Curriculum Review Cycle aligned with the Curriculum Renewal line item (Yes). Form #2, does that have to be completed before you go to form #3 (Yes). The superintendent does not have a signature line, Mr. Smith, are you comfortable with that? Greg asked who has the final say, Mr. Smith stated that it depends. More than two schools and two grades is optional signature.

Greg moved to amend form #3 to include a signature line for the superintendent and specify that it is only required if there is a curriculum change, more than one school, or more than one grade, Beth seconded the motion

Deirdre: Policy IGD, third paragraph down, first sentence: The School Committee wishes (to), change that word to (will) be informed. Policy IJJ move down to fifth bullet stop, the remaining bullets should be indented since they are following under that fifth bullet.

Deirdre motioned to amend Policy IGD, paragraph 3, sentence should read "the School committee will be informed", Greg seconded the motion.

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

Deirdre motioned to amend Policy IJJ, after the fifth point down, indent the five final bullet points beginning with "the needs of all learners must be provided for" and continue down to last bullet point, Bill seconded the motion.

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

Bill moved to approve Policy IGD and IJJ "Curriculum and Textbook Adoption revisions with the amendments previously voted on, 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 - None

Bill moved to adjourn at 5:50 PM, Deirdre seconded the motion.

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