

EAST LONGMEADOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES

DATE: May 9, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Superintendent's Conference Room

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

Absent: Student Rep

Chair: Is anyone else video or audio taping this meeting - No

Approval of Minutes

2.1 Richard moved to approve the April 27, 2016 executive 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)

2.2 Richard moved to approve the April 27, 2016 regular session meeting minutes, Gregory 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

Greg: Just came from the Town Council lottery, they are lining up for the ballot. I am running for Town Council for those that are interested. I just found out that I will be number 27 on the ballot. There are 32 candidates in total.

Deirdre: I did attend the high school concert, another packed house. Students did a great job.

Rich: Had a Collaborative Committee meeting, invitations should be in your mailboxes for June 9th. We are inducting two Hall of Famers, and staff recognition. I attended the Awards Night with Bill and Beth. Very enjoyable. I was stunned at the 19 pages of awards and gifts given out.

Beth: On that same night of the high school music night, Bill's daughter did a lovely solo, great job. Before that was the art and music night at BPMS for the 5th graders. Kind of nice, my little one doing her first concert and my older kids were playing their last concert that was nice. On May 24th is last day for seniors, and on the same day is 5th grade parent night at BPMS at 6:30.

Bill: Congratulations to all our award winners, great night as always. Kudo's to Terry Hellyer for doing a phenomenal job. This Wednesday night I am hosting a Division V meeting in Northampton at the Collaborative for Educational Services. The agenda will include a presentation on Social Media and legislative updates.

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

Superintendent's Report: None

Assistant Superintendent of Business :

5.2.1 Playground bid for Meadow Brook was presented by Ms. Blair. Ms. Blair thanked everyone involved and the Community Preservation for their donations for the playgrounds. Bids were opened on April 27th, and the bid was awarded to Play Power Little Tikes in the amount of \$111,576.

Deirdre asked if we've used this company before. No we haven't but Colin Drury is familiar with them.

Greg asked if we are taking down the old playground for safety purposes. Mr. Smith said he will have a conversation with the principal.

5.2.2 Ms. Blair gave an update on the Mapleshade Swing set project. The cost for the swing set was \$18,500. DPW did the installation for the swing set. Ms. Blair again thanked the Community Preservation for their donation for the swing set. Deirdre said they did a nice job, great location. Mr. Smith mentioned getting signs made up as a way of thanking the Community Preservation for their donation and having a ceremony once we place the signs at the schools.

Old Business :

6.1 Discussion on School Committee Self-evaluation. The school committee agreed it would be best to do the self-evaluation sometime in August.

New Business

7.1 Participation in the 4th of July Parade was discussed.

Rich motioned to participate in the 4th of July parade, Beth seconded the motion.

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

7.2 Rotary Club Summer Concerts and National Night Out was discussed.

Greg moved to approve the Rotary Club Summer Concert from June 29th through August 10th, Deirdre seconded the motion.

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

Greg moved to approve the National Night Out use of school grounds on August 6, 2016, Beth seconded the motion.

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

Reminder: Annual Town Meeting is May 16,

The Chair thanked the ELCAT volunteers

Greg moved to adjourn at 7:25 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).