

EAST LONGMEADOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES

DATE: October 24, 2016

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: Superintendent's Conference Room

Meeting called to Order by: William Fonseca, Chair

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

Chair stated that this meeting is being both audio and video taped by ELCAT, is anyone else doing either.

Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approval of the October 3, 2016 executive meeting minutes.

Rich moved to approve the October 3, 2016 executive meeting minutes, Deirdre seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor (5 ayes) oppose (0). That motion is unanimous.

2.2 Approval of the October 3, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

Greg moved to approve the October 3, 2016 regular meeting minutes, Beth seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor (5 ayes) oppose (0). That motion is unanimous.

Committee/Sub-committee Communications

Student Rep: Last week was school spirit week, it was successful. On October 27th is the College Fair. We have all these different colleges from the area coming in. It's an opportunity to meet with the colleges and see what they have to offer. We are also hosting a Powder Puff game on November 2nd. It's where the girls play football. All the money raised will go to Baystate Children Hospital. Term 1 ends on November 3rd.

Deirdre: I wanted to say that we made an effort to get out the 8th grade band at the football game on Friday night. It was a little wet, so it was a great effort on their part. I saw Dr. Allen there, really hard to stay dry. I also want to say thank you to Ms. Santaniello over at Mt. View. They did a walk for one of our students. They raised a great amount of money for the family. It was really nice to see the community come together to really help out. It was really nice, it was organized the PTO, Ms. Mazza and Amy Pelzek, nice event, so thank you.

Rich: Three quick items: The Collaborative Committee discussed the Open Houses this past month. Most of the feedback was extremely positive, on how it went. There were some thoughts about looking at the dates, run it by the leadership team. The Election Committee met, we are going to keep the elections at BPMS.

The theme became the things worked so well inside, what can we do to improve the outside rather than to blow up the whole thing moving to the HS. So Tom Florence is working very clearly on signage, communication, etc. to have the outside as efficient as the inside. So BPMS is our election site from here on then. I enjoyed the field hockey and volleyball game, both teams won.

Beth: I do have to say, I love the musical messages from Birchland Park. Just a reflection on how the kids really feel and how they get excited to do things. It's really great!

Bill: The Student of the Month from LPVEC is: Alisha Saillant (Cosmetology II); Jordan Gallagher (Fashion Technology) and Jessie Mongeon (Information Support Services & Networking II). Quick update on the School Committee, in our last meeting we voted to oppose Question 2, increasing the cap on Charter Schools.

The number is now up to 197 School Committees who have come out in opposition on Question 2. It is making a lot of momentum. And next week is the MASS/MASC Joint Conference. So we will be there Wednesday through Friday.

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

Superintendent's Report:

5.1.1 The Leadership Team presented the State Assessment Data.

District Accountability Rating - Level 2

ALL STUDENTS

ELA (2016 CPI - 93.6) No Change - SGP Rating on Target

Math (2016 CPI-88.5) On Target - SGP Rating on Target

Science (2016 CPI - 84.0) No Change - SGP Rating N/A

HIGH NEEDS GROUP

ELA (2016 CPI - 86.5) On Target - SGP Rating below Target

Math (2016 CPI - 77.9) On Target - SGP Rating On Target

Science (2016 CPI - 72.0) Declined - SGP Rating N/A

Areas of focus will be on Science.

ELHS - ELA

All Student - 2016 CPI 96.4 - Above Target - SGP State Rating - On Target

High Needs - 2016 CPI 89.6 - Above Target - SGP State Rating - Above Target

Econ Disadvantaged - 2016 CPI 96.9 - Above Target - SGP State Rating - On Target

Students w/ Disabilities - 2016 CPI 87.2 - On Target - SGP State Rating - On Target

ELHS - Math

All Student - 2016 CPI 95.1 - Below Target (Improved) - SGP State Rating - On Target

High Needs - 2016 CPI 84.3 - Below Target (Improved) - SGP State Rating - On Target

Econ Disadvantaged - 2016 CPI 95.0 - Above Target - SGP State Rating - Above Target

Students w/Disabilities - 2016 CPI 74.2 - Declined - SGP State Rating - Below Target

ELHS - Science

All Student - 2016 CPI 94.7 - CPI State Rating - Below Target (Improved)

High Needs - 2016 CPI 83.8 - CPI State Rating - No Change

Econ Disadvantaged - 2016 CPI 92.0 - CPI State Rating - Above Target

Students w/Disabilities - 2016 CPI 75 - CPI State Rating - Declined

Areas of focus - High Needs subgroups

Birchland Park - ELA

All Student - 2016 CPI 96.2 - On Target - SGP State Rating - On Target

High Needs - 2016 CPI 90.5 - On Target - SGP State Rating - Below Target

Econ Disadvantaged - 2016 CPI 93.5 - SGP State Rating - On Target

Students w/ Disabilities - 2016 CPI 83.0 - SGP State Rating - Below Target

Birchland Park - Math

All Students - 2016 CPI 88.2 - On Target - SGP State Rating - On Target

High Needs - 2016 CPI 77.8 - On Target - SGP State Rating - On Target

Econ Disadvantaged - 2016 CPI 85.0 - Above Target - SGP State Rating - Above Target

Students w/Disabilities - 2016 CPI 67.0 - On Target - SGP State Rating - On Target

Birchland Park - Science

All Students - 2016 CPI 78.9 - CPI State Rating - Below Target (Improved)

High Needs - 2016 CPI 65.7 - CPI State Rating - Below Target (Improved)

Econ Disadvantaged - 2016 CPI 75.0 - CPI State Rating - Above Target

Students w/Disabilities - 2016 CPI 50.8 - CPI State Rating - Declined

Elementary - ELA

All Students - 2016 CPI 89.6 - No Change - SGP State Rating - On Target
High Needs - 2016 CPI 81 - No Change - SGP State Rating - Below Target
Econ Disadvantaged - 2016 CPI 86 - No Change - SGP State Rating - On Target
Students w/Disabilities - 2016 CPI 72.4 - No Change - SGP State Rating - N/A

Elementary - Math

All Students - 2016 CPI 89.5 - Below Target (Improved) - SGP State Rating - On Target
High Needs - 2016 CPI 80 - Below Target (Improved) - SGP State Rating - On Target
Econ Disadvantaged - 2016 CPI 83.5 - Below Target (Improved) - SGP State Rating - Below Target (Improved)
Students w/Disabilities - 2016 CPI 71.8 - Below Target (Improved) - SGP State Rating - On Target

Elementary Science

All Students - 2016 CPI 80.9 - CPI State Rating - Declined
High Needs - 2016 CPI 72.3 - CPI State Rating - Declined
Econ Disadvantaged - 2016 CPI - N/A
Students w/Disabilities - 2016 CPI - N/A

Areas of focus, Science and High Needs subgroups

Assistant Superintendent for Business

5.2.1 Quarterly Budget Report for September 30, 2016 was presented by Ms. Blair.

Rich motioned to approve the Quarterly Budget Report presented by our Asst. Superintendent for Business, Deirdre seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? Chair: All those in favor (5 ayes), oppose (0).

Greg: The school lunch revolving account, we've gone up on the school lunch prices because it was mandated, how is that holding? We have a larger balance in past years.

Asst. Superintendent for Business: \$390,000 is a very good balance. Lori is always on top of replacing her equipment when needed. Also a reminder that we have the Breakfast in Classrooms Program.

Greg: And the vehicle, do you know if we are leasing that.

Asst. Superintendent for Business: No, we bought the van.

Greg: Does that continue to grow since the lunch increases.

Asst. Superintendent for Business: The balances could be higher because the parents put money into it.

Deirdre: We've gone over this in Health Advisory, I don't believe students are buying hot lunch like they use to because of the change in menu.

Greg: That money can only be used for school lunches? So my question is, if that balance continues to grow, what are we going to do with those funds.

Asst. Superintendent for Business: It always goes right back into the lunch program.

Beth: I do know that Lori does try to use local farmers.

That motion is unanimous.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction : None

Old Business :

6.1 East Longmeadow Public School Capital Plan for FY18 was presented for discussion.

Rich: MB doesn't have a priority #3.

Superintendent: MB and MV should have the replacements of modular classrooms as a high priority.

There was some discussion on the electrical upgrade for the high school.

Greg: We need to talk seriously to other town depts., we can't continue to fund the way we've been using free cash, and it's not going to scratch the surface.

Chair: It's still a viable discussion, worth starting a discussion. Bring to Bob P at DPW and then the Town Manager.

We need to educate them. Invite them to all the schools. Need a joint meeting with Town Council so that we are all on the same page.

Greg moved to submit the summary of the 5 year Capital Plan with one exception: Add#3 for a third priority for the MB replacement of Modular Trailer classrooms with permanent structure. Chair: Also include a cover letter explaining the priorities and that we want to meet with Town Council, Deirdre seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor (5 ayes) oppose (0). That motion is unanimous

New Business

7.1 Mapleshade 4th grade field trip to the Connecticut Science Ctr. in Hartford, CT on February 1, 2017 was presented.

Rich moved to approve the Mapleshade field trip to the CT Science Ctr. in Hartford, CT on February 1, 2017, Greg seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor (5 ayes) oppose (0). That motion is unanimous.

7.2 The ELPS Agreement with the Recreation Department was discussed.

Greg asked if the Rec Dept. has the right authority to sign off on this agreement. Maybe adding another signature line for Town Manager to sign-off on.

Greg moved to accept the agreement for 2016-2017 between ELPS the Recreation Department, with the addition of a signature line for Town Manager if Mr. Smith finds it's appropriate via Town Council.

Chair: Any further discussion?

Rich: At some point we need to look at this, the amount. I negotiated that amount 15 years ago.

Superintendent: I would agree. We have started discussion, more detailed discussion this year over the course of a few meetings.

Greg: To your point, the cost of recreation activities has sky-rocketed.

Superintendent: We are analyzing it very closely

Chair: Any further discussions? Chair: All those in favor (5 ayes), oppose (0). That motion is unanimous

Chair: The Chair thanked Mr. Maki (ELCAT) and our student rep.

Greg moved to adjourn at 8:35, Deirdre seconded the motion

Chair: All those in favor (5 ayes), oppose (0). That motion is unanimous