

**EAST LONGMEADOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**



District Mission

"Our mission in the East Longmeadow Public Schools is to promote achievement and accountability in all endeavors as we educate today for the challenges of tomorrow"

DATE: February 6, 2023

TIME: 6:00 PM

WHERE: Superintendent's Conference Room

Meeting called to Order by: Greg Thompson, Chair

Chair stated that this meeting is being both audio and video taped, and asked if anyone else was taping the meeting.

Roll Call: Greg Thompson, Antonella Raschilla, Aimee Dalenta, Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher, Sarah Truiolio, Gordon Smith, Superintendent, Pamela Blair, Asst. Superintendent for Business, Heather Brown, Director of Curriculum, Julia Boucher; Student Rep, Samantha Velazquez, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approval of January 23, 2023 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Antonella Raschilla moved to approve the January 23, 2023 Regular Session meeting minutes . Aimee Dalenta seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)

Committee/Sub-committee Communications

Antonella

- ELEEF Gala is this Saturday night and there are still tickets available

Opportunities for visitors to address the Committee:

Superintendent 's Report :

5.1.1 Update on the MSBA Feasibility Study and Approval of the ELHS Educational Plan for submission of the Preferred Schematic Report

- The ELHS School Building Committee (SBC) will submit the Preferred Schematic Report to the MSBA on February 14th
- The SBC will now move into the next section of the Feasibility Study, which is Schematic Design
- The SBC with the submission of Preferred Schematic Report has narrowed its focus to one new building option, formerly called Optin 3C
- The SBC voted to approve including solar panels on the roof in the plan; a new building will use less fossil fuels and be predominately electric; solar panels may provide up to 30% replenishment
- For the Preferred Schematic Design, revisions in the ELHS Education Plan were made regarding the use of the Large Instructional Space, more specific details on current and future professional development, and how ELPS Food Services will operate in a new building

Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved to approve the ELHS Educational Plan for the submission of the Preferred Schematic Report as detailed. Antonella Raschilla seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)

5.1.2 Appointment of Kimberly Collins, New Town Director of Municipal Finance, to the ELHS School Building Committee

Antonella Raschilla moved to appoint Kimberly Collins, the New Town Director of Municipal Finance, to the ELHS School Building Committee. Aimee Dalenta seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Report

5.2.1 ELPS Curriculum Update

- This is the first year K-5 rolled out Wit & Wisdom and Foundations; professional development will continue throughout the school year
- It is also the first year for 6-8 to have Illustrative Math
- ELPS continues to focus on MTSS in all Schools and at the District level
- A lot of great feedback from the Professional Development on February 1st

Assistant Superintendent for Business Report

5.3.1 FY 2023 Second Quarter Financial Report

- FY23 School Budget, Grant and Revolving Accounts as of December 31, 2022
- Special Ed line items within Contracted Services were over budget, Circuit Breaker funding was used to offset this increase
- Total budget was \$33,319,015, we've Expended \$12,496,116, Encumbered \$18,617,362, leaving the available balance as \$2,205,540
- Total Grants was \$5,376,345, we've Expended \$2,035,472, Encumbered \$1,134,971, leaving the available balance as \$2,205,902
- Total Revolving account was \$2,129,258, we've Expended \$1,159,511, Encumbered \$1,359,238, leaving the available balance as \$1,929,531

5.3.2 FY 2024 Budget Development

- Estimated increase of \$670,000 for FY24 Chapter 70
- Projected level services budget estimated to be 3.7% increase
- Projected needs for 2023-2024: PK-2 SEL Teacher (\$69,877) and Full Time Custodian at Meadow Brook (\$47,574)

Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved to accept the 2nd Quarter Financial Report as presented. Antonella Raschilla seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)

Renee Lodi

- Meadow Brook opened up 3 full day classrooms, which are primarily for 4 year old students, 1 classroom remained open for half day sessions for 3 year olds and a substantially separate classroom was added for students with significant and complex needs.
- Renee is proposing for next year that Meadow Brook shifts their current model where they have 3 full day classrooms, 1 half day and 1 substantially separate classroom, and flip that and go to 1 full day, 3 half day and the substantial separate classroom- This would allow for the additional 14 students on IEPS, 16 students that would be considered Peer Partners. This will help to stay within DESE ratios without actually adding any additional staff.
- Discussion on raising the tuition for Pre-K

<p>Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved to change the Preschool program at Meadow Brook School to a one full day classroom, 3 half day classrooms offering six sections, and one substantially separate Pre-K Program for the year of 2023-2024. Antonella Raschilla seconded the motion. Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)</p>
<p>Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved to increase the tuition for the full day Pre-K at Meadow Brook School to \$6300 dollars and the tuition to the half day program at Meadow Brook Pre-K to \$2500 dollars for the year of 2023-2024. Antonella Raschilla seconded the motion. Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (3), those oppose (2), motion carries (3-2)</p>
<p>5.3.3 Acceptance of Check to Meadow Brook from Grynn and Barrett</p>
<p>Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved to accept the \$3,678.13 from Grynn and Barrett for the gift account at Meadow Brook School. Antonella Raschilla seconded the motion. Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)</p>
<p>Old Business :</p>
<p>New Business:</p>
<p>7.1 Request to Hold a "Cure Cancer" Run/Walk at BPMS on Sunday, June 4, 2023</p>
<p>Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved to allow the "Cure Cancer" Run/Walk at Birchland Park Middle School on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Aimee Dalenta seconded the motion. Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)</p>
<p>8. ELCAT</p>
<p>9. Student Rep- Julia Boucher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caps and Gowns are being sold for \$40.70, orders are due by March 17th - The Sophomore Class is hosting a dine in night at Posto in Longmeadow on Tuesday, February 7th - Read Across America Day is March 3rd, it 's open to all Juniors and Seniors - Track and Swim have both qualified for Western Mass as well as States
<p>Chair: Thank you, Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved to adjourn at 8:34 PM. Antonella Raschilla seconded the motion. Chair: All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)</p>

For a more detailed version of this meeting, go to: www.eastlongmeadowma.gov (ELCAT)

Minutes Recorded by: Samantha Velazquez
Respectfully submitted by: Gordon Smith

Signature