

**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 27, 2023

TIME: 6:14 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 and John Fitzpatrick; Student Reps, Samantha Velazquez, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approval of February 6, 2023 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Antonella Raschilla moved to approve the February 6, 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

- Aimee
- The Executive Director of LPVEC is retiring and a search is going to be underway
- Sarah
- We had a positive meeting with the Collaborative Committee at the last meeting. We talked about the calendar, recognition events that will be coming up for faculty, including the Hall of Fame.

Opportunities for visitors to address the Committee:

Superintendent 's Report :

5.1.1 ELHS Building Project Public Forum March 16, 2023

- We have been trying as often as we can to get more information out to the larger community regarding the High School Building Project and the Feasibility Study
- The last Public Forum was back in November at the High School
- The March 16th Public Forum will take place at 6:00 PM in the High School Cafeteria

5.1.2 ELPS Mid-Cycle Data Presentation

- The survey data is something that we review at the beginning of the year, and we do it two more times throughout the year. It takes a look at where our students are socially and emotionally at different points in the school year.
- Our K-2 teachers are seeing good growth in student emotional regulation, classroom effort, and social awareness since the beginning of the year.
- The Students in grades 3 - 12 respond to the survey themselves. Both the 3-5 and the 6-12 Survey Data show that students report having supportive relationships at their schools
- There is a slight decline in responses to School Climate and School Safety
- We do have students at all grade levels struggling with Challenging Feelings
- i-Ready Reading Grades 1-8, we are seeing growth and good movement along the line graph - the goal is to get everyone to the green by the end of the year
- Math Grades 1-8, we would like to see higher percentages moving from the right to left on the line graph- there is progress and movement, but it's at a slower pace
- ELPS students are showing high growth and achievement in ELA
- We see a similar pattern for math, but to a smaller degree
- ELPS subgroups are seeing positive growth in ELA and math
- We are seeing many more referrals to special education this year and last year than we've seen in the past

Assistant Superintendent for Business Report:

5.2.1 Acceptance of Check to Mapleshade from Grynn and Barrett

Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved to accept the check of \$1,463.66 from Grynn and Barrett to go into the gift account at Mapleshade School.

Antonella Raschilla seconded the motion.

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

5.2.2 Budget Development for FY 2024

- On the 23rd, Governor Healey released her Governor's Budget and her proposal is a 9.8% increase in Chapter 70 funding
- FY24 Chapter 70 \$15,037,448 increase of \$2,006,824 is a 15.4% increase, which is more than double any increase in the past 10 years!
- This increase would allow the School Department to use fewer Circuit Breaker Funds and enable the Circuit Breaker Account to withstand the unforeseen special education expenditures that arise
- This budget request will include: 14% out-of-district tuition increase for next year, transitioning 3 paraprofessionals and 5 permanent building substitutes from ESSER III to the operating budget, and recovering a PK-2 SEL Teacher that was cut a few years ago

Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved to submit a budget request that would include a 3.9% increase in the budget including the items we discussed.

Antonella Raschilla 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

Old Business :

New Business: 7.1 Selection of School Committee Members for Middle School Principal Search Committees
Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved that Greg Thompson and Elizabeth Boucher will be on the screening for the interview committee for the search for the Birchland Park Middle School Principal and Antonella Raschilla will work on the interviews for the finalist. Aimee Dalenta seconded the motion. Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)
7.2 Discussion of funding options for Mapleshade Door Project - Phase 3
Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved to transfer from teachers Unit A account \$15,989 to the Maintenance of Building account for that same amount and to waive the financial subcommittee prior approval. Antonella Raschilla seconded the motion. Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)
7.3 Approval of out-of-state scrimmage by the ELHS Softball Team
Antonella Raschilla moved to approve the out-of-state scrimmage by ELHS Softball Team that was presented by Mr. Magee. Aimee Dalenta seconded the motion. Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)
7.4 Discussion of possible waive from Policy GCGA-R for ELHS Long-Term Substitute Position for Vocal Music
Antonella Raschilla moved to approve the waiver from policy GCGA-R for ELHS Long-Term Substitute position for vocal music. Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher seconded the motion. Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)
8. ELCAT
9. Student Rep- Julia Boucher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The mid point of Term 3 will be this Wednesday, March 1st - On Wednesday, March 1st in room 107 there will be a meeting for any students who are interested in taking AP Chemistry next year - Next week March 10th & 11th Spartanum will be happening and it 's 7PM for all guest - The link for ordering caps and gowns is in Mr. Paige 's weekly update and are due by March 15th - Senior banquet is March 31st at the Delaney House - Tour of Italy fundraiser: March 9th at Fazios and March 23rd at DeNardo 's - Spring Sports night is March 14th at 6PM
Chair: Thank you, Antonella Raschilla moved to adjourn at 8:21 PM. Sarah Truiolio seconded the motion. Chair: All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)

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