

**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: April 24, 2023

TIME: 6:25 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 Truoiolo, Gordon Smith, Superintendent, Pamela Blair, Asst. Superintendent for Business, Molly Reilly, Student Rep; Samantha Velazquez, Recording Secretary

Greg Thompson requested a motion to amend the school committee agenda to add 7.2, 6th Grade field Trip to The Adventure Park in Storrs, CT

Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved to approve the amendment to the school committee agenda to add 7.2, 6th Grade Field Trip to The Adventure Park in Storrs, CT. Antonella Raschilla seconded the motion.

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

Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approval of April 10, 2023 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Antonella Raschilla moved to approve the April 10, 2023 executive session meeting minutes. Aimee Dalenta seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (4), those oppose (0), abstain (1) motion carries (4-0-1)

2.2 Approval of April 10, 2023 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Antonella Raschilla moved to approve the April 10, 2023 regular session meeting minutes. Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher 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

Beth - May 4th is awards night and I am excited about that.

Sarah- Gordon and I met with the Collaborative Committee two weeks ago. We discussed the Teacher Recognition event, which is on June 8th. We talked about the transition to PowerSchool and the staff wellness survey.

Opportunities for visitors to address the Committee:

East Longmeadow Public Schools Budget Hearing for FY24 Budget

- This budget is a continuation of what we were trying to accomplish in 2023
- A Pre-school teacher was added at Meadow Brook
- Provided a second Elementary Math Coach/Interventionist at grades 3 - 5 - MS and MV each have one currently
- Recovered a second Assistant Principal at ELHS
- Added an Elementary Art Teacher Grades 3- 5 (MS and MV no longer share 1 teacher)
- Recovered lost FTE at BPMS and now support students with a Student Intervention Coordinator
- In FY24, we will ensure that ELPS has the needed FTEs to best support ELPS students academically, socially, and emotionally
- Transition all current personnel and effective programming from FY '23 to FY '24 (Level Services) - A 3.7% increase over FY '23
- Restore the SEL teacher at Meadow Brook eliminated in FY '21 reductions
- Transition 3 paraprofessional positions from ESSER III Funding to the operational budget for FY '24
- ELPS budget request for FY 24 will include:
 - 3.9% increase from the FY 2024 budget
 - The budget request supports ELPS students and families for continued growth academically, socially, and emotionally
 - \$34,618,457 operational budget for next year

Assistant Superintendent for Business Report:

5.2.1 FY23 Third Quarter Report

- There are a few line items that have higher than normal available balances, such as the nurses and medical staff, paraprofessional line, the teachers line and the substitutes line
- We do have about 230 Unit A staff, about 14 leave of absences for Unit A, 5 paraprofessional leave of absences and many vacancies still open - this plays a role in some of the line numbers mentioned above
- The ESSER III grant will be carried over - this will allow us to run a really good summer program the following year to use up the funds

Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved to accept the FY23 3rd Quarter Financial Report as of March 31, 2023. 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 ELHS Pool Building Design Process and the Establishment of a Pool Building Committee

- There will have to be a Building Committee for the Pool Project
- The schematic design has to be separated out from the schematic design phase that we are in for the building
- The schematic design for the pool will have its own fee - it will be just under \$40,000
- We will have to get on the Town Council's agenda for May and ask for a transfer from free cash to pay for the schematic design fee
- The Pool Committee should include the Chair of the School Committee, the Chair of the Building Committee, Superintendent of Schools, the Recreation Department Director, the Athletic Director from the high school, DPW Superintendent, Town Council representative, as well as a parent

Sarah Truoiolo moved to establish the pool building committee as presented this evening by Superintendent Smith. Antonella Raschilla seconded the motion.

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

7.2 Approval of the 6th Grade Field Trip to The Adventure Park at Storrs, CT

Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher moved to approve the field trip for May 22nd, 23rd, 24th and June 5th for 6th graders from Birchland Park Middle School to go to The Adventure Park at Storrs, CT as presented. Sarah Truoiolo 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- Molly Reilly

- Athletics are going pretty well for sports across the school
- AP testing starts next week, classes are cramming in the last minute reviews
- Next monday is decision day, seniors are going to wear their post graduation planned shirts/sweatshirts

Chair: Thank you,

Sarah Truoiolo moved to adjourn at 7:42 PM. Antonella Raschilla 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