

**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: December 17, 2018  
TIME: 6:00 P.M.  
WHERE: Superintendent's Conference Room

Meeting called to Order by: Richard Freccero, Chair  
Chair stated that this meeting is being both audio and video taped, and asked if anyone else was taping the meeting.  
Roll Call: Jake Brady, Student Rep, William Fonseca, Sarah Truoiolo, Gregory Thompson, Richard Freccero, Gordon Smith, Superintendent of Schools, Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher, Pamela Blair, Asst. Superintendent for Business, Kathy Celetti, Recording Secretary

**Approval of Minutes**

2.1 Approval of the November 19, 2018 regular session meeting minutes.

**Gregory moved to approve the November 19, 2018 regular session meeting minutes , Sarah seconded the motion.  
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (4), oppose nay (0), Mr. Freccero abstained, motion carries (4-0-1)**

**Committee/Sub-committee Communications**

Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher: I attended the Birchland Park band concert which I adore, those are wonderful events.  
Sarah Truoiolo: I went to the winter concert at Meadow Brook, the students were prepared and singing their little hearts out. I was also able to attend Festival of Trees where the Meadow Brook chorus was also performing. They did a really nice job down there. Its move, the venue was nice, the kids were a little nervous at first, but then they settled right in and really provided the audience with a nice performance.  
William Fonseca: Last Friday I had the opportunity to be one of the judges for the senior projects. All six presentations that I judged were phenomenal. It's amazing how this program has grown since its inception and how the kids have really taken it serious and they do a phenomenal job at it. It was definitely a good time.  
Student Rep: Last Friday and Saturday night the drama club hosted a production of play on which is a comedy show, overall it was a very successful event. The drama club raised some money with the hopes of forming a musical in the spring, so that was very successful. Also just to reiterate, senior project presentations were held last Thursday and Friday. From what I heard they were very successful and a lot of students are getting their minds on their career track and I believe that's a very positive thing to see in students planning out their future.  
Richard Freccero: I have just two items. I did attend as Mr. Fonseca did the senior presentations. I had a nice snippet, I had understood this Mr. Zilch, he is the Instructional Technology teacher, was working with one of the students, we had a virtual tour 3D, it was amazing. My stomach actually got nauseous; taking us all around the mountains and everything, it was wonderful. So that was quite a thing. Secondly, I kind of stop going to games, the hockey team lost.  
Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher: I was thinking, I was impressed that when I was doing the Senior Projects, there was a student that graduated with one of my kids that were judging projects. I was like oh my gosh, it's coming back.

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

**Superintendent's Report: None**

**Assistant Superintendent of Business Report: None**

**Old Business : None**

**New Business:**

7.1 Paraprofessional Contract (Unit E) Agreement was presented.

**Sarah moved to approve the Paraprofessional contract; approval of amendments , William seconded the motion.  
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), unanimous (5-0)**

7.2 Revision of Policy GDG "Part-time and Support Staff Employment was presented. Mr. Smith said that this revision covers hourly rate for personnel that are part-time subs. The minimum wage is going up January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

**Elizabeth moved to accept the "Part-time and Support Staff Employment changes to Policy GDG , Sarah seconded the motion  
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), unanimous (5-0)**

7.3 Mapleshade 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the CT Science Center in Hartford, CT on April 11, 2019. There are 14 adults to accompanying about 101 students.  
Mr. Freccero: I didn't see what the cost was for the students?  
Mr. Smith said they don't have a set cost; they are working with PTO to offset that cost. I don't know if they've come to a final agreement on that.  
Sarah: The school is comfortable with that given the trip falling within the MCAS testing window with that selection.  
Mr. Smith said that Mr. Fredette is going to be scheduling around the trip so it doesn't impact that.

**Gregory moved to approve the Mapleshade 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the CT Science Ctr, on April 11, 2019, Elizabeth seconded the motion  
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), unanimous (5-0)**

7.4 Waiver of Policy GCGA-R for the long-term sub position at ELHS "Foreign Language Position". This is a position the was posted for a teacher long-term substitute running from January to June. The high school is finding it challenging to find a qualified individual to take that position, so they've started to outreach to retired teachers who would be able to take the position. They would like to waive the 30 consecutive days at the per diem sub rate.

**William moved to approve the waiver of Policy GCGA-R for the long-term sub position at ELHS for the Foreign Language position, Elizabeth seconded the motion.  
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), unanimous (5-0)**

Chair: Thank you Mr. Make, Thank you Jake

William moved to adjourn at 6:15 P.M., Elizabeth seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say yes ( 5), unanimous (5-0)

Minutes Recorded by: Kathy Celetti

Respectfully submitted by: Superintendent Smith

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Signature