

**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: January 8, 2017
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: Superintendent’s Conference Room
180 Maple Street, East Longmeadow

Meeting called to Order by: Deirdre Mailloux, Chair
Present: William Fonseca; Richard Freccero; Gregory Thompson; Deirdre Mailloux; Gordon Smith, Superintendent of School, Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher, Valerie Annear, Asst. Supt. for Curr. & Instr.; Pamela Blair, Asst. Supt. for Business; Kathy Celetti, Recording Secretary; Student Rep

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

Gregory moved to modify the agenda to add 7.1 New Business “MOU with paraprofessionals Unite E regarding long-term sub compensation”, Richard seconded the motion
Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (5), all those oppose say nay (0), that motion carries (5-0)

Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approval of the December 18, 2017 executive session meeting minutes.

Richard made a motion to approve the December 18, 2017 executive meeting minutes, Elizabeth seconded the motion
Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (5), all those oppose say nay (0), that motion carries (5-0)

2.2 Approval of the December 18, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

William moved to approve the December 18, 2017 regular meeting minutes, Gregory seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (5), all those oppose say nay (0), that motion carries (5-0)

Committee/Sub-committee Communications

Student Rep: Next week at the HS is finals and mid-terms (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). NHS is offering tutoring in the library after school on (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) in all subjects. ELHS Model Congress Team is competing in Model Congress on Friday and Saturday this week.

Mr. Smith: Is the public library offering study sessions again

Student Rep: Yes I believe that’s on Sunday

Mr. Smith: It’s opened just for ELHS students only

William: This past weekend the MASC Board of Directors met in Concord for the Annual President’s Retreat, this is where we set our agenda and goals for the year. Also, there are a couple of events that we are talking about: Poverty Summit on March 12th at Clark University in Worcester and Day on the Hill somewhere around April 25th. As details become clearer and plans are made, I’ll let you know.

Richard: I joined Ms. Mailloux at Mapleshade for the STEM Challenge. It was very exciting to watch the students, high level of engagement. A lot of parents too, very impressive.

Deirdre: I think it was a parent/student challenge. It was very difficult, you had to make a catapult of little marshmallows and you could only use a plastic spoon, lollipop stick and rubber bands. Very impressive, I couldn’t do it.

Deirdre: Just the STEM Challenge at Mapleshade which was a lot of fun. I felt bad for my little student. The kids got it; it was very impressive to see. They worked so hard and had a really good time with it. I’m glad I was able to make it out that way.

Elizabeth: It’s that time of the year again ELEE Winter Charity Ball. It’s February 10th at 6pm, the tickets are \$75 each. I know it’s a lot, but, about \$40 or more goes towards the food. The difference is you are making a contribution and they are respectful of that. They are not going to do the small auction like they did in the past. It worked out really nice last year with a few larger live auction items. You can purchase tickets on-line. It’s at Twin Hills, same type of event as last year. I just have to say, my daughter came home with her first laser cut item from the laser cutter. They are learning how to use that. First they started with paper/cardboard, and then they are going to move on to other things, as they learn what they are doing. The kids really enjoy it.

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

Superintendent’s Report: None

Assistant Superintendent of Business :

5.2.1 BP gift donation from the EL Basketball Association for Student Council in the amount of \$300 was presented.

Gregory moved to accept the BP gift for Student Council from the EL Basketball Assoc. in the amount of \$300, Richard seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (5), all those oppose say nay (0), that motion carries (5-0)

5.2.2 MV gift donation from seven families in the amount of \$113.98 for seven new library books was presented.

Gregory moved to accept the MV gift from the seven families in the amount of \$113.98 for seven new library books, William seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (5), all those oppose say nay (0), that motion carries (5-0)

5.2.3 BP Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant for \$3,600 was presented. This is a new grant for the STAR Residency Program. The funds will be used in STEAM classroom and partnered with a professional storyteller Mary Jo Maichack.

Richard moved to accept the BP MA Cultural Council Grant in the amount of \$3,600, William seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (5), all those oppose say nay (0), that motion carries (5-0)

5.2.4 MS Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant for \$5,000 was presented. These funds will be used to contract Jay Mankita, an art, engineering, and mathematics enthusiast. Each student will have three (30 minute) sessions with Mr. Mankita in our district MakerSpace at BP.

Richard moved to accept the MS MA Cultural Council Grant in the amount of \$5,000, William seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (5), all those oppose say nay (0), that motion carries (5-0)

Assistant Superintendent for Curr. and Instruct. None

Old Business :

6.1 Mr. Smith reviewed and recommended that the committee prioritize Capital Plan for FY2019 budget.

Richard motioned that we send the following priority list to Mr. Smith to further negotiations with the Town:

- #1 Our portion of MB Doors and Window Renovations
- #2 MB Modular Classroom Replacement
- #3 MS Interior/Exterior Door Replacement (Phase 2)
- #4 MS Replacement Steam Piping and Insulation
- #5 HS Security Door Modifications
- #6 Clock/PA/Bell System for ELHS/BPMS/MV and COA
- #7 HS Roof Replacement Freshman Wing
- #8 MB Parking Lot Reconstruction (Phase 1)
- #9 HS Stadium Bleachers
- #10 BP Carpet Replacement
- #11 MV Interior Office Renovations
- #12 MS Roof Replacement
- #13 MV RTU's for AC (24) Classrooms
- #14 MS Asphalt Playground area/Basketball hoops

Gregory seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (5), all those oppose say nay (0), that motion carries (5-0)

6.2 Mr. Smith gave an update on the MB Accelerated Repair program. Last week Vertex Co. put together a binder of information that outlines the project and they provided schematic drawings. The binder is available in my office if you want to review it. It will be presented to the MSBA Board on February 14th, Pam and I will be there in Boston. If they approve, we move into 2nd phase with the town, recommend 2.2 million be appropriated for entire project. At this time, we are on schedule.

6.3 Transportation update was presented by Mr. Smith. At this point, we have had a cost analysis discussion with School Committee and Town Council. The town side seems to have most of the cost. We did speak with our drivers and UFCW letting them know that we would be making a decision on whether to continue to run transportation within EL and negotiate a new contract, or if that were not the decision, then we would be sitting down to look at the severance piece and the transition portion for the drivers. If the vote was to outsource, we still need discussions with UFCW and the Collaborative. In good faith we would like to keep the same bus drivers and keep all communications and routing in house.

Gregory moved to have the Superintendent and Asst. Superintendent for Business negotiate with LPVEC for transportations for ELPS going forward.
Elizabeth seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (5), all those oppose (0), that motion carries (5-0)

New Business

7.1. MOU with paraprofessionals Unit E - long-term sub compensation was presented

Gregory moved to approve the MOU with Paraprofessionals Unit E long-term sub compensation as discussed in executive session, William seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (5), all those oppose (0), that motion carries (5-0)

William moved to adjourn at 8:07 PM, Elizabeth seconded the motion.

Chair: Thank you Mr. Maki

Chair: All those in favor please say aye (5), oppose (0), that carries forward (5-0)

Minutes Recorded by: Kathy Celetti

Respectfully submitted by: Superintendent Smith

Signature