

EAST LONGMEADOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES

DATE: January 9, 2017

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: Superintendent's Conference Room

Meeting called to Order by: William Fonseca, Chair

Chair stated that this meeting is being both audio and video taped by ELCAT, is anyone else doing either.

Present: Richard Freccero, William Fonseca, Deirdre Mailloux, Gregory Thompson, Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher; Gordon Smith, Superintendent of School, Pamela Blair, Asst. Superintendent for Business, Valerie Annear, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Student Rep; Kathy Celetti, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approval of the December 19, 2016 regular session minutes.

Rich moved to approve the December 19, 2016 regular session meeting minutes, Greg seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? Greg asked: are we going to address the fundraising question at some point in the near future. Mr. Smith stated yes, there is going to be a policy sub-committee meeting and we are reaching out to LPVEC districts to see what other districts are doing.

Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye (5 ayes), any oppose, that passes.

Committee/Sub-committee Communications

Student Rep: College Planning Night is on January 12th at 6:30, this is to help prepare students plan for college; 1st semester is coming to an end with final exams on the 17th - 20th; Term 3 begins on January 23rd and on the 28th is the Senior Semi-formal.

Deirdre: Just a couple of things: First, we have a Health Advisory Council meeting this Thursday morning, so I'll update you on anything that comes up on that.

Second, I want to mention Wednesday night the BP band will be playing at the hockey game. There will also be a fundraiser for BP. So if you are not doing anything Wednesday night, please come to the hockey game.

Rich: A few things: I enjoyed watching the boys' basketball game, unfortunately they lost. I feel like a jinx's this year. Every time I go to a game they lose.

Compliments to Ms. Abel and the three editors for the Spartan Spectators; Ms. Craig, Ms. Goodwin and Ms. Reilly. Quite the newspaper! Compliments to that whole journalism class and Ms. Abel.

Beth: ELEE is February 11th, tickets are \$75. I will be happy to sell you all tickets.

Bill: This past weekend I attended the MASC board meeting. It's an annual event, the first meeting of the year. This year we met in Falmouth. We discussed the vision of MASC for the next upcoming year, and whatever legislative issues we might be tackling as we go forward. Everything was going good until we were ready to leave; it took me five hours to back because of the weather.

Deirdre: I got an email that Day on the Hill is going to be a little different this year.

Bill: Day on the Hill, they are undergoing extensive renovations at the senate chamber and the Gray Hall where we held the reception. What's happened is the senate has moved to Gardner Auditorium where we have the general session, so that's unavailable. We are working on across from the Boston Commons, for the name, walking on over to the State House. As we firm up the details, I'll let everyone know.

Deirdre: Will we still have a chance to meet with our elected officials?

Bill: We are going to have a chance, just working out the schedule. Unfortunately we will not be able to invite the vocations schools to cook lunch, because the facilities are not available. I will let everybody know once I get that information.

Mr. Smith: May I piggyback on something that Mr. Thomas said. Mr. Thomas was talking about final exams coming up next week. For the first time ever, the public library is attempting to do a study night for our students, am I correct Dr. Flanagan, it will be Monday evening. The final exams kick-off later in the week, the library closes somewhere around 5PM, but they will remain open for the high school students to study together. Utilize the technology and have snacks. All you have to do is show your ID and follow their rules. Some library staff will be there.

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

Superintendent's Report:

5.1.1 East Longmeadow High School Program of Studies revisions for 2017-2018 was presented by the high school administration.

The following courses are new to the Program of Studies:

Smartphone Photography - Offered to grades 10-12, 4 credits

Digital Art and Design - Offered to grades 9-12, 4 credits

AP English Language & Composition - Offered to grade 11, 4 credits

Spanish 4 - Offered to grades 11-12, 4 credits

Latin 2 Honors - Offered to grades 10-12, 4 credits

Ancient Greek Honors - Offered to grades 11-12, 4 credits

AP Music Theory - Offered to grades 9-12, 4 credits

Drum Lab - Offered to grades 9-12, 4 credits

And in the Business Dept. a name change from MS Office to Professional Business Applications

Rich moved to accept the revisions for the Program of Studies for the 2017-2018 school year, Deirdre seconded the motion.

Chair: any further discussion, hearing none. All those in favor say aye (5) ayes that motion passes.

Assistant Superintendent for Business :

5.2.1 Mountain View anonymous gift donation from parent was presented by Ms. Blair. The gift donated of \$200 with a matching gift donation of \$200 from Cornerstone Real Estate Advisors totaling \$400 is to be used in the child's classroom, health room, library and the Special Needs classroom.

Greg moved to accept the gift donation of \$400 for the MV classroom, Beth seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye (5) ayes that motion passes.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction : None

Old Business :

6.1 Prioritize Capital Projects with and without bonding for FY2018 was discussed. Mr. Smith said that he has met with Mr. Fenney and put two lists together of projects, one with bonding and one without bonding. Rich asked about busses, didn't see any on the list, and wanted to know if we are ok with not recycling at this time. Mr. Smith stated yes, we are ok. Mr. Smith said that we need to do the High School electrical panels; it's the least expensive and will not hurt our chances with MSBA. Greg said that he would like to add a few more items to the No Bonding list. The three additional items discussed were: 1.) MB-Parking Lot Lighting; 2.) MS-Asphalt Play Area and replace the basketball hoops and backboard; 3.) HS-Stadium Bleachers to be added to the No Bonding List.

Greg moved to accept the FY2018 School Department Capital Projects including the (7) items discussed for if we bond and the (7) items discussed for if we do not bond, Rich seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye (5) ayes that motion carries.

6.2 School Committee Stipend was discussed. The committee discussed raising their stipend to \$3,500 for members and \$4,000 for Chair effective July 2017.

Rich motioned to raise the School Committee stipend to \$3,500 for members and \$4,000 for the Chair to be included within our budget, effective July 1, 2017, Beth seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye (5) ayes that motion carries.

New Business: None

Chair: The Chair thanked Mr. Maki (ELCAT) and our student rep.

Rich moved to adjourn at 9:00, Greg seconded the motion.

Chair: All those in favor (5 ayes), oppose (0). That motion is unanimous