

**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 4, 2019
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 January 22, 2019 regular session meeting minutes.

Gregory moved to approve the January 22, 2019 regular session meeting minutes , Sarah seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion?
Chair: Congratulations Ms. Celetti again, the fact that I asked Darlene for a copy of her statement, I have it right here, almost word for word, thank you.
All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), unanimous (5-0)

Committee/Sub-committee Communications

Student Rep : February is Black History Month. Mr. Polk and the Social Studies department at the High School are actively working to acknowledge the many achievements of black people throughout our nation's history. Both each morning and afternoon on the morning announcements, students are giving moments in Black History and I feel that this is a great way for students to be able to appreciate our nation's diverse history, so overall it's very informative and educational, so that's a good thing.

William : We started the secretary's negotiations, last week we had our first session. Tomorrow, Mr. Smith and I will be as part of our sub-committee duties, be meeting with the Open Space Committee.

Elizabeth : It's ELEE week. Buy your tickets, it's Saturday, they are \$75, portions of that money is a donation, the rest pays for the food. They have some really great auction items. It is at Twin Hills, and the theme is Winter Ball.

Richard : We had our first meeting "Diversity Inclusion Committee"; I'll sum it up in one word "very powerful". Great group of people, very diverse as you can imagine. Impressive group of students that we had there spoke up as much as the adults. I really felt that it's going to be the type of committee that's going to really congeal and work hard on this issue.

Opportunity for Visitors to Address the Committee: None

Superintendent's Report: None

Assistant Superintendent of Business Report :

5.2.1 Ms. Blair presented the ELEE Funded Grants for 2018-2019 school year. Ms. Blair stated that there were a total of 13 grants totaling \$23,257.70. Three for Mapleshade, one for Mapleshade/Mountain View, two for Birchland Park, three for High School, three for Mountain View and one for Meadow Brook. Mr. Freccero said that Robotics seems to be a common theme.

Elizabeth moved to accept the \$23,257.70 from ELEE granted to all of our schools , William seconded the motion

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

Chair: Looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday.

5.2.2 MV gift beneficiary of \$37.35 from the MV PTO was presented by Ms. Blair.

Gregory moved to accept the check from Square 1 Art in the amount of \$37.35 for Mountain View School , Sarah seconded the motion.

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

5.2.3 HS gift beneficiary of \$175 from Frances Fortier to purchase a brick in honor of the Class of 1969's 50th Reunion was presented by Ms. Blair.

Gregory moved to accept the check from Frances Fortier in the amount of \$175 for the Class of 1969 reunion for a brick , William seconded the motion.

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

Old Business :

6.1 Discussion of the FY2020 budget. Mr. Smith mentioned that the Governor's proposed Chapter 70 for East Longmeadow in FY2020 is \$12,082,021.00. Mr. Smith also mentioned that he met with Pat Carnivale from the Governor's Office last week. He told Mr. Carnivale that he would like to see continued funding at 75% for Circuit Breaker; it's been hovering around 73%.

6.2 Update on the HS Music Department's field trip to New York, NY on April 4, 2019 was presented by Mr. Smith

William moved to approve the High School Music field trip to New York City, NY on April 4, 2019 , Elizabeth seconded the motion

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

6.3 Update on the HS Science Department's field trip to Costa Rica on April 12-21, 2019 was presented by Mr. Smith

Sarah moved to approve the High School Science Department field trip to Costa Rica, April 12-21, 2019 , Gregory seconded the motion.

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

New Business:

7.1 Memorandum of Understanding with ELEA was presented.

Gregory moved to approve the MOU with Unit A and Unit E dated Feb 4, 2019 , William seconded the motion.

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

Chair: I have two reminders:

- February 12th at 6pm at the Council on Aging is the vote with Town Council on the SOI.
- This Thursday at 1pm we have a meeting with a volunteer Capital Planning Committee, Chaired by Denise Menard, on Capital Planning Projects at the Town Hall.

Chair: Thank you Jake and Mr. Maki

William moved to adjourn at 6.25 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

Signature