

# EAST LONGMEADOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES



DATE: February 6, 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.

Roll Call: 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 January 9, 2017 executive session meeting minutes.

Rich moved to approve the January 9, 2017 executive session meeting minutes, Deirdre seconded the motion.  
Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye (5 ayes), that motion carries.

2.2 Approval of the January 23, 2017 executive session meeting minutes.

Rich moved to approve the January 23, 2017 executive session meeting minutes, Deirdre seconded the motion.  
Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye (5 ayes), that motion carries.

2.3 Approval of the January 23, 2017 regular session meeting minutes.

Rich moved to approve the January 23, 2017 regular session meeting minutes, Deirdre seconded the motion  
Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor please say aye (5 ayes), that motion carries.

## **Committee/Sub-committee Communications**

Rich: Two quick items, Mr. Smith and I judged the anti-bullying slogans at Mountain View. It was quite impressive; we had a good time doing that. I finally watched a game where our team won. I went to the hockey game last Saturday, they beat Agawam. So I was very happy.

Beth: ELEEF is having it Winter Ball this Saturday. So you've got twelve hours to call me if you want to go. It should be nice. I do want to mention that I am the liaison for Willie Ross School. They participate in a Partnership with us. They had this past year, they mentioned at our last meeting, three of the 7th and 8th graders at Birchland Park participated in the Gallaudet University "Battling of the Books". It's a high school level competition and they will be competing in the Northeast Regionals in Maryland on March 4th. And four high school juniors and seniors will be on the team also. They also did the NTIDS Math Counts Competition for middle school students. Four of the 8th grade students will participate in that in Rochester. It's a nice partnership that we have had with them. The students are able to be part of the regular school system, and I think we pretty proud of that.

Bill: Next Thursday, I've been working on this for a while; I am working with a couple of members of the Board of Directors for MASC. We are putting on a panel discussion on the Foundation Budget Review Commission on the implementation of the recommendations. It will be next Thursday night, 5PM at the Delaney House in Holyoke. We have lined up Aaron Vega, John Velis and someone from Eric Lessor's office to speak to us so far. We are working on other speakers, so I just wanted to put that out to you. February 16th at 5pm, any question let me know. I also attended the basketball game Friday night, and to Rich's credit they did win.

Student Rep: Today the 9th graders began MCAS Science testing and it ends tomorrow. Feb 8th is the high school acoustic cafe. It is basically a night where students get together and sing, perform and do all sorts of things.

Mr. Smith: Is that taking place in the cafeteria? Set up like a coffee house.

Student Rep: Yes it is they will be having coffee, pizza and popcorn.

Rich: I'm a bit confused, biology isn't that a full-year course?

Mr. Smith: Yes, biology is a full-year course.

Rich: But how can they be taking MCAS?

Mr. Smith: I'll check on that for you.

Ms. Annear: They have two different assessments that happen twice a year. I would assume those taking it as a full-year course, will take the 2<sup>nd</sup> session. Whereas, those taking it first semester.

Student Rep: They are taking MCAS now and again in the Spring

Ms. Annear: May would be for the full-year course.

Rich: They also have re-test for those who failed

Ms. Annear: That is correct; it could be the 9<sup>th</sup> graders from last year taking the re-test. I will look into that.

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

**Superintendent's Report:** None

**Assistant Superintendent for Business:**

5.2.1 Ms. Blair presented the 2016 - 2017 ELEEFG Grants

HS	JP Kiernan	\$3,200	Sound beam	Assistive Music Technology
MS	Bruce Goldman	\$500	Math Games	Tied to Math Standards
MS	Danielle Larkin	\$846	STEM & Literacy (3-sets)	Fairy Tales for Makerspace
MS	John Wiedersheim	\$870.58	Learning Sci Library/Soc. Stud. Resource Boxes	Science Library & Soc Stud Boxes
MV	Megan Bargetti	\$533	Standing Desks	Special Needs Students
MV	Sara Scibelli	\$1,144	Classroom Teacher	One Set of Reference Books
BP	Dr. Allen	\$6,000	Laser Cutter for Makerspace	For Students at BP, MS and MV
MB	Carol Dunn	\$1,335	Standing Desks	
MB	Faith Wint	\$1,371.50	Let There Be Light	Table, Boxes & Materials
MB	Kelly Phillips	\$1,040	Tablets	For Pre-school
		<b>\$16,840.08</b>		

Greg motioned to accept the ELEEFG Grants for 2016-2017 school year, Beth seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? Rich, I think its nice all five schools are is represented.

Chair: All those in favor please say aye (5) ayes that motion carries.

5.2.2 High School gift donation from Mr. & Mrs. Kenison in the amount \$100 (Stop and Shop gift card) for the Life Skills classroom

Greg motioned to accept the \$100 gift card to Stop and Shop from the Kenison for Radcliffe and Arthur "Fight for Autism" donation, Deirdre seconded the motion.

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

**Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction** : None

**Old Business :**

6.1 2017-2018 school calendar with Prof Dev days and school committee meetings was discussed. Mr. Smith did mention that the committee already approved the start and end as well as the vacations day. Now we are bringing it back with the parent conference, professional development and school committee meeting date. Right now we scheduled one school committee meeting in August, August 21<sup>st</sup> due to the last few years we've cancelled the first meeting due to vacation conflicts. Rich suggested having the first meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Bill said they did discuss this in the agenda meeting; we are trying to be sensitive with vacations. Rich did compliment Mr. Smith on the calendar. Mr. Smith works very closely with the Collaborative Committee. I sit in on those meetings and it is a pain staking process. To make sure that the half-day and full-day professional development all balance, that the flow of education continues. Mr. Smith is very effective in keeping the conversation moving and what's best for our students.

Rich moved to accept the 2017-2018 school calendar which includes the Prof Dev and School Committee meetings, Deirdre seconded the motion.

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

**New Business:**

7.1 Reorganization of School Committee with the new Town Charter was discussed.

Chair: The elections will be the first Tuesday in June.

Greg said that the re-organization should be done right after the elections, have a meeting after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chair: You take office on July 1<sup>st</sup>, so you would get sworn in. We could have a meeting the following week. It would be at our convenience, whatever the five of us agree on we will write the policy to reflect on that and bring back the policy for a vote.

7.2 Policy EFDA - East Longmeadow Food Service Meal Charging Policy was discussed. Greg asked if there was a link on our web-page and was told yes there was. Will come back for a second reading.

7.3 Statement of Interest for Accelerated Repair for Meadow Brook was discussed.

Rich: It was a very complete document, well done.

Deirdre: Very specific, some of it was a surprise to me.

Ms. Blair: Just a reminder this is the Accelerated Repair Program

7.4 Mapleshade Make-up day was discussed. Mr. Smith said that he did speak with DESE, because this did not qualify for emergency, we have to make-up this day. Put a survey out to staff with possible ways to make-up day such as: spring break, Saturday or possibly a day at the end of the school year. Or if any of the staff have any creative ideas to let us know. Once we have an idea, we will let the parents know. It would be interesting to see what the teachers decide.

Greg: Who makes the decision? Shouldn't it come from us since we approve the school year calendar.

Mr. Smith: Yes you should have to approve it.

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

Deirdre moved to adjourn at 7:40, Greg seconded the motion.

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