

**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: March 12, 2018  
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, Valerie Annear, Asst. Supt. for Curr. & Instr.; Pamela Blair, Asst. Supt. for Business; Student Rep  
Absent: Elizabeth Marsian- Boucher, Kathy Celetti, Recording Secretary  
Chair stated that this meeting is being both audio and video taped, and asked if anyone else was taping the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

2.1 Approval of the February 26, 2018 executive session meeting minutes.

**Richard moved to approve the February 26, 2018 executive session meeting minutes, William seconded the motion.  
Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (4), oppose (0), that carries forward (4-0)**

2.2 Approval of the February 26, 2018 regular session meeting minutes.

**Gregory moved to approve the February 26, 2018 regular session meeting minutes, William seconded the motion.  
Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (4), oppose (0), that carries forward (4-0)**

**Committee/Sub-committee Communications**

**Student Rep :** We had Spartanium on Friday and Saturday night, which went really well. I went on Friday night and thought that it was just amazing. It's really great how everybody pulls that all together. It was really, really funny. At the high school we are still honoring Women's History Month, it's going well.  
**William:** Last Friday, I attended the Poverty Summit put on by MASC at Clark University in Worcester, MA. It was a very good program. The key points were, at some level every district is doing and dealing with some sort of poverty, how you include all students. Very well run, well organized program. At the end of the day I had the opportunity to spend a few minutes with our new Education Commissioner, Jeff Riley. I had a nice conversation with him. I am involved in the early planning of a possible reception, inviting him out to Western MA, sometime this month. I'll keep you updated on that.  
**Richard :** I have three items: I was the MC for the Mountain View Dr. Seuss contest in the cafeteria that went very well. My colleague to my right and I continue with Unit A negotiations, we are progressing. I went to the girls' basketball game, the tournament game and they won, it was a blast. One add on, when we get to the vote on 7.3, a couple of questions I want to ask the administration about the state of the high school.  
**Gregory:** Just as Ms. Mailloux knows, we had an opportunity to visit a couple of the schools in the past couple of weeks. Birchland Park, Mountain View, High School were today and Mapleshade as well, I wasn't able to go. Thank you for hosting us and letting us just walk around and ask questions. Putting up with us for a brief period of time. All is well at the schools.  
**Deirdre :** It's so helpful to go through the schools, so again, thank you. The only other thing I want to add on is Spartanium. I was able to go on Friday night and it was just fantastic. It was packed, the amount of support that they get, even people who didn't have kids in the school were there. I even saw a couple of lunch workers coming out to watch it too. So it really is just fantastic the way everyone supports the show. I had a great time; I think it was really just a fun show.  
**Dr. Flanagan :** Your daughter was a Rock Star!  
**Deirdre :** That's right; exactly what is she doing now. Oh yeah, it was a little to my heart that one.

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

**Superintendent's Report:**

5.1.1 Technology Planning: Expansion 1:1 was presented by: Dr. Flanagan, Dr. Allen, Ryan Quimby and Ms. Santaniello. Mr. Smith stated that this has been an ongoing partnership between IT and the school department. Infusing more technology into our instructional setting. Over the next two years build up inventory equipment for all schools. Students to have a laptop with them on a daily basis. Mr. Smith said that they continue discussions with the Town Manager and Town Finance Director. Mr. Quimby said that he has a presentation meeting with Denise Menard tomorrow.

5.2.1 Digital Literacy and Computer Sciences courses were presented by Dr. Allen. Class catalog (STEAM, TV Studio, Computer Science, Intro to Media and Print Literacy, Media and Print Literacy, Coding) what we are offering, not every student will get all these classes. A lot of math standards. Would like to start this in September 2018. This does fit into the Master Schedule.

**Richard motioned to approve the Digital Literacy and Computer Science (DLCS) courses at BPMS for September 2018, William seconded the motion.  
Chair: Any further discussion, hearing none all those in favor say aye (4) oppose (0), that carries forward (4-0)**

5.3.1 The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Project presentation was presented by Dr. Allen. Beginning in 2018-2019 school year, every 8<sup>th</sup> grader will complete a Passion Project. Choosing a topic that they feel passionate about. They will research and make connections with someone to learn more about their topic and making a presentation synthesizing their research on their topic in June. Students will be given time in their Thursday Advisory class to work on this project from March through June.

**Assistant Superintendent of Business : NONE**

**Assistant Superintendent for Curr. and Instruct. NONE**

**Old Business :**

6.1 Superintendent's Mid-cycle review was presented by Ms. Mailloux, Chair. Ms. Mailloux thanked everyone for their submissions. So we as a committee feel that Mr. Smith has set solid goals for himself, the leadership team and the schools. At this point of the mid-cycle review all seems to be progressing well. The district continues to work towards the goal set and we look forward to the end of the year review. I just want to mention that we evaluate for standards, we look at instructional leadership, management and operation, family and community engagement and professional culture. Mr. Smith clearly outlines the work he does and provides much evidence for this. Thank you Mr. Smith.

6.2 An update on the FY2019 budget development was presented by Mr. Smith. You have two documents, the goal sheet that we developed in October and the spreadsheet that gives you an idea where we are with our budget regarding contractual obligations. I wanted to bring them back to you as sort of how they are prioritized right now, how we think we can achieve them. First and foremost with any budget we want to achieve maintaining our existing staff and our successful programing and move that into the next fiscal year. So that's the number one item up there. There was some discussion around the Math Coach/Interventionist. Ms. Blair said that she received an email from Ms. Sara Menard stating that the template is due on Friday at noon. Also discussed was the school committee stipend.

**Gregory motioned to approve the FY19 priority list as presented including the school committee stipend as discussed, William seconded the motion. Chair: Any further discussion, hearing none all those in favor say aye (4) oppose (0), that carries forward (4-0)**

**New Business:**

7.1 Revised Policy JICH (Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use) was presented by Mr. Smith for a first reading. MASC recommending this change.

7.2 Policy EDE - Recycling was presented for a first reading. This is not an MASC policy, but area school districts do have a policy. We already recycle, and the town does have a Recycling Coordinator.

7.3 MSBA vote language for approval to submit a Statement of Interest to the CORE program was presented by Mr. Smith.

**Richard moved having convened in an open meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018, prior to the closing date, the East Longmeadow School Committee of the Town of East Longmeadow, in accordance with its Charter by-laws and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest form dated on or before April 6, 2018 for the East Longmeadow High School located at 180 Maple Street which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:**

- Priority 3 - Loss of Accreditation
- Priority 5 - Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility
- Priority 7 - Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements

**And hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the East Longmeadow Public School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority, William seconded the motion.**

**Chair: Any further discussion, hearing none all those in favor say aye (4) oppose (0), that carries forward (4-0)**

**Chair: Thank you Mr. Maki**

**At 9:40 P.M. Gregory moved to go into executive session to discuss strategy for negotiations with non-union personnel, William seconded the motion.**

**Chair: All those in favor please say aye ( 4), oppose (0), that carries forward ( 4-0)**

Minutes Recorded by: Kathy Celetti  
Respectfully submitted by: Superintendent Smith

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Signature