

**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: April 9, 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: Richard Freccero; Gregory Thompson; Deirdre Mailloux; Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher; Gordon Smith, Superintendent of School, Valerie Annear, Asst. Supt. for Curr. & Instr.; Pamela Blair, Asst. Supt. for Business; Kathy Celetti, Recording Secretary; Student Rep
Absent: William Fonseca
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 March 26, 2018 executive session meeting minutes.

Richard moved to approve the March 26, 2018 executive session meeting minutes, Gregory seconded the motion.

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

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

Gregory moved to approve the March 26, 2018 regular session meeting minutes, Elizabeth seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion?

Richard: Under New Business – 7.2 there is a typo, it should be “Principal” without the apostrophe.

Gregory moved to amend the minutes to reflect Mr. Freccero suggestion, Elizabeth seconded the motion

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

Gregory moved to approve the minutes as amended, Richard seconded the motion

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

Committee/Sub-committee Communications

Student Rep: Senior banquet was Friday night; it was a lot of fun. We dedicated the yearbook to Mr. Polk. Term 4 started today, Term 3 ended on Friday, so we are starting off the last term, going to the end of the year. Also, the band and chorus are very excited for their Virginia trip, they leave on Thursday. April break is next week.

Richard: I attended the Mapleshade Learning Carnival; it really was a lot of fun. There were a lot of people there and a lot of different activities. The one caveat that really caught me was, Sgt. Dalessio was there and Officer Gaines. I asked them why they were there, they said that Chief Dalessio has really made it his passion of vision that the police interact with the schools more and the community more. They were attending just to be there and enjoy the carnival as much as anybody else. Actually, there was a disturbance and the two of them being there really worked out well. I think it's great that Chief Dalessio has this kind of vision, to have our police involved more in our community. The fact that those two were there, Sgt. Dalessio and Officer Gaines was wonderful.

Mr. Smith: You see officers at our school arrival and dismissals. In some cases, they may be at the door greeting staff, which is pretty neat.

Deirdre: Mr. Smith did send out a ConnectEd to all the parents in the district letting them know. Talking about that same thing of having the police presence, building the relationship. Letting them know that they care and to protect our students. I did make it to the second half of the Birchland/High School music night where they had the orchestra and chorus. Actually, it was cute; they called it string and sing. It was a full house, they did an amazing job. I just love going to these. Mountain View had their talent show on Friday. Again, it was a packed house. What they are looking to do with that PTO is, I think Mrs. Santaniello is going to be the first school to have 1:1. The PTO is raising money to go towards the few computers that they need left to go towards 1:1. It was great, really fun to see the kids; they had some really good shows.

Mr. Smith: We actually do have a purchasing plan too in the district, to get all the schools moving forward.

Deirdre: It's almost like a pilot program; we can see how it works out.

Mr. Smith: I think what they are looking for is building their inventory machines in the school, so it's probably not take home computers. That way you do not have to say oh I want to reserve the cart and you can't reserve the cart because it's already taken out.

Deirdre: I know that Sue and I were talking about that too, was the fact that as a parent you think these kids are going to be in front of computers all day long, from the minute they get to school to the minute they leave and it's really more about having it available when the teacher needs it. It's not like they will be in front of the computer their entire school day. It may be for a couple of lessons where the teacher may utilize a program. I think that needed to be said. There was some confusion with parents that it was going to be just plopping them down in front of it.

Elizabeth: I would have loved to have gone to the Learning Carnival at Mapleshade. It really is amazing. I went to the Delaney House, the MASC, our division, had invited Jeff Riley who will be the new Commissioner of Education to come. I know that Bill would probably have spoken about this if he were here. So he got up and spoke a little and I've got to say it to all these people, I did not roll my eyes when I heard the man speak. That's huge for me because usually, I mean do they not respect the teachers, do they not understand the hard work, I think this man gets it. I really hope he continues on the path of knowing that the teachers are there and the students are first and he knows that testing is a necessary evil if you will, but he wants to make it work. I think he may come up with some really good ideas because he's been in the trenches. He's just been in Lawrence working there, he's been a principal and a teacher; he's gone through all of these steps. I was pretty impressed. The Talent Show for Birchland is on Thursday night, and right now as we speak is March Madness at Birchland for staff and students.

Opportunity for visitors to Address the committee – Ms. Mantoni said that the community well received Mr. Smith's communication regarding the police presence in the school system. A lot of people were very pleased.

Mr. Smith said that we are going to continue that discussion at the Youth Safety Committee meeting tomorrow night. Chief Dalessio is on that committee.

Superintendent's Report: NONE

Assistant Superintendent of Business : NONE

Assistant Superintendent for Curr. and Instruct. NONE

Old Business :

6.1 Policy ACE “Non-discrimination on the Basis of Disability” was presented as a 2nd Reading. Updated language, the word “handicap” was replaced with

“disability”.
Richard moved to approve Policy ACE “Non-discrimination on the Basis of Disability ” Gregory seconded the motion Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (4), oppose (0), that carries forward (4-0)
6.2 Policy ADC “Tobacco Nicotine Products on School Premises Prohibited was presented for a 2 nd Reading. We made the revisions that were asked for in our last school committee meeting. We added nicotine to title and first sentence and electronic products, catch-all or other similar products.
Elizabeth moved to approve Policy ADC “Tobacco Nicotine Products on School Premises Prohibited , Richard seconded the motion Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (4), oppose (0), that carries forward (4-0)
6.3 Policy BBA “School Committee Powers and Duties” was presented for a 2 nd Reading. The one revision we made was we took out school nurses; they are in our Unit A contract.
Gregory moved to approve Policy BBA “School Committee Powers and Duties ”, Elizabeth seconded the motion. Chair: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (4), oppose (0), that carries forward (4-0)
6.4 Policy BBBA/BBBB - “School Committee Member Qualifications/Oath of Office” was presented for 2 nd Reading. Some language changes.
Richard moved to approve Policy BBBA/BBBB “School Committee Member Qualifications/Oath of Office ”, Gregory 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 Unit A Contract from July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021 was presented.
Gregory moved to approve the Unit A Contract for the dates of July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021, Richard seconded the motion. Chair: Any further discussion? Elizabeth: I just want to say you guys did a great job. I ’m happy you were able to sit down and talk with them and get through some sticky things with them. Richard: It wasn ’t easy, it was a good back and forth and we really worked at trying to come to a decision that was fair for both sides. It really was a lot of back and forth. Elizabeth: We do respect the teachers, there is only so much that goes around. That ’s great, excellent. Chair: All those in favor say aye (4), all those oppose (0), that carries forward (4-0)
7.2 Food Service Contract for July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021 was presented.
Richard moved to approve the Food Service Contract for July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021, Elizabeth seconded the motion Chair: Any further discussion? hearing none, all those in favor say aye (4), oppose (0) that carries forward (4-0)
7.3 Policy AC “Non-discrimination was presented for a 1 st Reading. New language added. “pregnancy or pregnancy related condition”. Richard: What is pregnancy related condition? Elizabeth: It would be someone on bed rest can’t stand on their feet all day, frequent bathroom runs, etc. Mr. Smith: It’s a catch-all covering everything.
7.4 Policy BDD “School Committee/Superintendent Relationship” was presented for a 1 st Reading. New language added “may seek”
7.5 Policy BDE “Sub-committees of the School Committee” was presented for a 1 st Reading. New language added.
7.6 Policy GBA “Equal Employment Opportunity” was presented for a 1 st Reading. New language added “pregnancy or pregnancy related condition.
7.7 Policy GCF “Professional Staff Hiring” was presented for a 1 st Reading. New language added “gender identity, genetic information, ancestry, pregnancy, or pregnancy related condition”.
7.8 Policy JB - Equal Educational Opportunity was presented for a 1 st Reading. New language added “pregnancy or pregnancy related condition.
7.9 Policy JFBB - “School Choice” was presented for a 1 st Reading. All districts have a School Choice policy. New language added “pregnancy or pregnancy related condition.
Chair: Thank you Mr. Maki and our student rep. At 7:35 P.M. Gregory motioned to adjourn, Elizabeth 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

Signature