

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: May 6, 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

Recognition of Student Rep - Jake Brady

Chair: Jake, speaking for the School Committee, we all feel that the student rep is vital to our effectiveness and you my friend exceeded our expectations. For example, you committee communications were always prepared, organized and purposeful. Your comments, even in a heated discussion were valuable and insightful. Truly, you were one of us and we really appreciated it. We know you are going to be successful in life and I'm glad we could all be a part of it. Mr. Jake Brady, thank you so much.

Recognition of School Committee Chair - Mr. Freccero

Mr. Smith: I know you have a few more meetings Mr. Freccero and as chair, we would like to recognize your hard work throughout this year. It's been an interesting year, there have been some times, and we had to dig in and roll-up our sleeves and do some good work. Thank you for all you've done.

Mr. Freccero: I'll feel much better about this, once we have our budget. Thank you all very much.

Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approval of the April 22, 2019 executive session meeting minutes.

Gregory moved to approve the April 22, 2019 executive session meeting minutes, Sarah seconded the motion

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

2.2 Approval of the April 22, 2019 regular meeting minutes

William moved to approve the April 22, 2019 regular meeting minutes, Elizabeth seconded the motion

Chair: Any further discussion?

Chair: Jake, how was the superhero day at the HS?

Student Rep: It was really great.

Chair: What about the STEM night that you presented.

Student Rep: Yes, good

Mr. Fonseca: I will be talking about that

All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), unanimous (5-0)

Committee/Sub-committee Communications

Student Rep: As you just mentioned, we had the STEM night at Meadow Brook about a week ago. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to share what I have learned and develop during my high school career, with upcoming bright minds. We had awards night at the high school last Thursday. That was wonderful, a great night. The month of May is very busy; today marked the beginning of AP exams for students. Those will be going on this week and next week. Senior's last day is May 24th and then we have the prom at the Log Cabin, May 30th with graduation on May 31st.

Richard Freccero: So the prom is the night before graduation?

Student Rep: Yes

William Fonseca: Piggybacking on what Jake said, the STEM night was phenomenal. All the schools were represented and it's amazing to see kids from Meadow Brook coding and figuring it all out. Jake is right, they were able to display what they have learned and the parents were amazed, it was truly a phenomenal night. I attended the Arbor Day Celebration at both schools. The student's did a great job, band and chorus. And once again as Jake has mentioned congratulations to all the award winners from last Thursday. Good things going on in all the schools.

Sarah Truoiolo: I also was at STEM night at Meadow Brook and echo the comments; it was really a wonderful experience. When you think about the digital literacy and computer science standards and the progression that those are charting from K-12, to really see what each one of those standards means in action was quiet a testament to they are being implemented within the district, so that was a really wonderful event. I did get beat horribly by Jake's game, I could not make it past I think three seconds, trying to actually master that. The kids did better than I did so kudos to you Jake for really creating a doozy there. I was able to attend the Youth Advisory Board breakfast which was my first time. That was really nice to see the connections between the community agencies like the District Attorney's office and local high schools. It's truly a great experience to see. Again, even digital literacy and computer science standards, health and safety standards being addressed, and so wonderful opportunity.

Gregory Thompson: We held a day here with some of our state representatives regarding state funding for education and we has Superintendents and School Committee members from across the Pioneer Valley. It was a good turnout. A lot of information and a lot of suggestions on what certain districts would like to see going forward. We are somewhat of a unique situation in terms of our funding for this year, so we didn't have as much to complain about as others. But some years are better than other for others. I think the State Reps that were in attendance including our own State Rep, Eric Lesser our State Senator I should say, certainly took away a lot from that meeting. It was certainly worthwhile.

Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher: I did go to the talent show at Birchland Park that was fun. We have all the concerts going on at all the schools, all the kids coming up in May that'll good. On the 21st I believe at Bentley's is going to be the ELEEf celebrity bartender.

Gregory: Are you in?

Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher: No

Gregory Thompson: They didn't pick any of us

Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher: No, but they got some good ones.

Richard Freccero: Just to wrap up here, it was a very busy time. I attended with Sarah and Gordon, the District Attorney's Youth Advisory Committee breakfast. We had a collaborative meeting, and just put June 6th will be the teacher/staff recognition day; Awards Night went very well; the Diversity Committee moving forward look at a new vendor for next year, and so I was helping us with diversity and inclusion; we had a sick leave bank meeting and athletics is doing wonderful, absolutely wonderful.

William Fonseca: And are you still attending

Richard Freccero: Still attending, still winning.

William Fonseca: Well we are going to keep it going.

Superintendent's Report: None

Assistant Superintendent of Business Report : None

Old Business- None

New Business:

7.1 Rotary Summer Concert Series request for use of ELHS field was discussed.

Gregory moved to approve the Rotary Summer Concert Series , Sarah seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), oppose (0), unanimous (5-0)

7.2 National Night Out request for use of ELHS grounds on August 6, 2019 from 5-8PM was discussed.

William moved to approve the Nat 'l Night Out request for use of HS grounds on August 6, 2019 from 5-8PM, Sarah seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), unanimous (5-0)

7.3 Waiver of 12 month retirement notice for a Unit D member was presented.

Gregory moved to waive the 12 month retirement notice as discussed in executive session, Elizabeth seconded the motion
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), oppose (0), unanimous (5-0)

Chair: Thank you Jake and Mr. Maki and Jake, I guess we will see you at graduation.
William moved to adjourn at 6:09 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