

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: September 17, 2018
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: Superintendent's Conference Room

Meeting called to Order by: Richard Freccero
Chair stated that this meeting is being both audio and video taped, and asked if anyone else was taping the meeting.
Roll Call: Kathy Celetti, Recording Secretary; Pamela Blair, Asst. Superintendent for Business; Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher; Gordon Smith, Superintendent of Schools; Richard Freccero; Gregory Thompson; Sarah Truoiolo; William Fonseca; Jake Brady, Student Rep

Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approval of the August 20, 2018 regular session meeting minutes.

William moved to approve the August 20, 2018 regular session meeting minutes, Sarah seconded the motion.

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

Committee/Sub-committee Communications

Student Rep: The first three days of school this year at ELHS, the theme was "Good Vibes Only". This theme was throughout the HS building, focus on team building. Tuesday, the first day of school the students were met walking to class by all the teachers. Spreading good vibes by high five, good experience that day.

Thursday, the seniors took a class trip to Pine Knoll. They engaged in team building and leadership, very enjoyable for many students. The other classes also had some activities at the school. So that was really good. This past Friday in our Spartan Block Advisory, we celebrated Constitutional Day. A presentation formatted by Mr. Polk was on voting. Students ages 16 and older had the opportunity to pre-register/register to vote. A lot of students went on-line to pre-register/register to vote. I believe it's a good initiative to encourage good citizenship among our youths.

Mr. Smith: What did you think of the video on student rights? Did many students know about that or not know about it, in terms of what rights students have.

Student Rep: It was informative. ELHS Key Club hosted a blood drive which was on Friday, September 7, all-day from 8-3pm. Students were given passes from their classes to donate blood. Students have to be at least 17 years old, and weigh 120 lbs. We had a decent turnout of 35 people, so that was good.

Mr. Fonseca: A couple of weeks ago was the home opener for football. The team looked good, good crowd, they won. It was a good night. Good vibes! Also, I am planning a Division V meeting for Saturday, October 27th at CES (Collaborative Educational Service) in Northampton. I want to do a Resolution clinic because we only have (9) of them to go through. Mr. Chair, I will be contacting you to put this on the agenda soon.

Ms. Truoiolo: I was able to attend the Open House at Mountain View. It was very well attended by families. Parents and students were in great spirits. The book fair was busy, students were excited to be greeting their teachers and bring their families along as they toured the schools. I participated in the scavenger hunt. I saw Mr. Smith there, it was a nice event to welcome families and students back. I will be attending Meadow Brook and the High School Open House.

Mr. Thompson: I have (2) issues/updates. Entrance into the sports games at the high school dirt field. We talked about other students and how they are charged \$3 for entrance. Current procedure from what I am told, those playing the same sport in the same season can now get in (there will be a roster at the main gate) at no charge. We are going to look at other opportunities and how we may change/provide no charge for student athletes that season. The other issue is field maintenance. Just so people know we are on top of that. We have some soccer families here tonight. The fields were a little bit long to start off the season. We contacted the Dept. of Public Works, and as always they are willing to work with us. It sounds like we have some sort of compromise in terms of schedule cutting and might not be able to cut. We will continue to take a look at that. And as always, they take great care of our fields. But if we can give them some feedback, we can help them better to be prepared for when we have athletic events on the fields. So those were the two things I just wanted to let people know. Thank you

Ms. Marsian-Boucher: I went to Birchland Open House. I just love that school! It was well attended; the teachers are great this year. As always the teachers are enthusiastic and had a lot of positive things to say. Not only about where they work, but about curriculum and teaching. Especially the new staff coming from different districts. I just love it there, which is nice. The Spartan Spirit Run is this Sunday, and that is through ELEE. You can go online through Facebook or their website and join. I think they might be able to get you in. I don't know if they can get your name on certain stuff, but they would certainly like to have anyone who would like to attend.

Mr. Freccero: I was at Meadow Brook and was able to talk with the Project Manager (Charlie) about the construction. I was taken aback on how positive everyone was. Ms. Lodi told me that the workers that come in for the 2nd shift are extremely accommodating. Even when there was trouble in the car line, they worked around it. The workmanship that this gentleman Charlie has showed me, how exact he is being, in making sure that it's high quality. The teachers said that there is very little disruption to the school day. Believe me; it makes the building look that nice. I recommend you to hook up with this gentleman (Charlie) in the afternoon and ask him for a tour. It's very impressive in what they are doing there. The craftsmanship is outstanding? I'm really amazed at how positive and how good it's going over there.

Mr. Smith: Charlie is an employee of Vertex who is our owner Project Manager. He has been incredible. He is always there at Meadow Brook all the time. We had some challenges, but we are on schedule. As you said they are working 2nd shift. I heard they worked right through to the evening to give their guys a break on Saturday.

Ms. Blair: The project is estimated to be finished by end of October.

Mr. Smith: Last part of the project will be the gymnasium; they will enter that gym in October.

Ms. Marsian-Boucher: Any transitioning of the classrooms yet?

Mr. Smith: They build a temporary wall and 2nd shift, they do their own demolition. The wall is set-up with a workable door, similar to a regular classroom. They finish when they get into a good rhythm, roughly two days per classroom.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chair, one more thing if I may. Come to find out, at night time you can turn on the light at the tennis court. I didn't know that. There are two buttons to the lift (silver buttons).

Mr. Smith: Out on the Panel.

Mr. Thompson: Yes, outside the courts in the back of the sign there are two buttons you can play until 10pm at night. It's good to know that, we ended up going to neighboring town because the lights were not on.

Ms. Blair: Are they on a timer.

Mr. Thompson: No, the lights will stay on for 20 minutes, and you go and hit the button and turn them on again.

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

Superintendent's Report: None

Assistant Superintendent of Business :

5.2.1 ELHS Chorus "Class of 2018" brick donation of \$100 in honor of Ms. Carol Forward was presented.

Elizabeth moved to approve the ELHS Chorus "Class of 2018" brick donation of \$ 100 in honor of Ms. Carol Forward , William seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion?
Chair: Where is it going?
Mr. Smith: Spartan walkway .
Elizabeth: There were other people who made donations; I was wondering where there brick is.
Ms. Blair said that she will follow up on that.
Chair: All those in favor please say yes (5), unanimous (5-0)

5.2.2 The FY17 End of Year Financial Report Audit was presented by Ms. Blair.

Gregory moved to approve the FY17 End of Year Financial Report Audit , Sarah seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5) , unanimous (5-0)

5.2.3 The FY18 4th Quarter Report was presented by Ms. Blair

Sarah moved to approve the FY18 4th Quarter Report , Gregory seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5) , unanimous (5-0)
Gregory moved to close out the kinder garten revolving account, William seconded the motion
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5), unanimous (5-0)

5.2.4 Ms. Blair presented the Student Activity Account Audit.

Elizabeth moved to approve the Student Activity Account Audit , Sarah seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion?
Chair: The High School and Birchland will be done yearly by Scanlon and Elementary will be done by Ms. Blair.
Ms. Blair: That is correct; each school has their own gift account.
All those in favor please say yes (5) , unanimous (5-0)

5.2.5 The creation of a Revolving Account for the Entrepreneurship Program was presented

Elizabeth moved to approve the creation of a Revolving Account for the Entrepreneurship Program, William seconded the motion
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5), unanimous (5-0)

5.2.6 Revised form for the Event Financial Report was presented

William moved to approve the revised Event Financial Report, Sarah seconded the motion
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5), unanimous (5-0)

5.2.7 Approval of the FY19 Grants presented by Ms. Blair

Gregory moved to approve the FY19 Grants, William seconded the motion
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5), unanimous (5-0)

Old Business : None

New Business:

7.1 School Committee Rep for reopening of Para negotiations due to the minimum wage increase. Sarah said that she wouldn't mind doing it.

Elizabeth moved to appoint Sarah as School Committee Rep for the Para negotiations , William seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5), unanimous (5-0)

7.2 School Committee Rep for Secretaries negotiations. William said that he would do it.

Gregory moved to appoint William as School Committee Rep for the secretary's negotiations, Sarah seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5) , unanimous (5-0)

7.3 School Committee Rep for Custodian negotiations. Elizabeth said that she wouldn't mind doing it.

Gregory moved to appoint Elizabeth as School Committee Rep for the custodian negotiations, William seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5) , unanimous (5-0)

7.4 School Committee Rep for the EL 125th Birthday Committee. Elizabeth said that she would do it. Mr. Freccero said that he is willing to be the back-up rep if needed.

William moved to appoint Elizabeth as School Committee Rep, and Richard as back-up for the EL 125th Birthday Committee, Gregory seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5) , unanimous (5-0)

7.5 The BPMS 6th Gr. field trip to Nomads Outdoor Adventure Park in S. Windsor, CT on October 22, 2018 was presented.
Elizabeth: Why aren't the other 6th grade teams going?
Chair: It's only one team. Mr. Smith said yes, only the one team.
Gregory asked that we check on the other 6th grade teams to see if they have any plans.
Sarah: How many teams each day are taken out of the classroom from academics? Just want to make sure there is a balance.

Gregory moved to approved the BPMS 6th Gr. field trip to Nomads Outdoor Adventure Park in S. Windsor, CT on October 22, 2018, Elizabeth seconded the motion
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5), unanimous (5-0)

7.7 Approval for Pickle Ball lines to be added to one tennis court at ELHS was presented. Mr. Smith said, take one tennis court and put permanent lines on it. The cost is \$990; the money will come from the rental account. Elizabeth asked if they ever did the board on the back and Mr. Smith stated no, that he had reached out to them, but haven't heard back.

Gregory moved to approve Pickle Ball lines to be added to one tennis court at ELHS , the \$990 to be taken from the Revolving Acct., Elizabeth seconded the motion.

Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5) unanimous (5-0)

Chair: Thank you Mr. Make, Thank you Jake

William moved to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. , Elizabeth seconded the motion.

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

Minutes Recorded by: Kathy Celetti

Respectfully submitted by: Superintendent Smith

Signature