

# 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: October 1, 2018  
TIME: 6:00 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: 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

### Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approval of the September 17, 2018 regular session meeting minutes.

**Gregory moved to approve the September 17, 2018 regular session meeting minutes, William seconded the motion.**

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

### Committee/Sub-committee Communications

Ms. Marsian-Boucher: Spartan Run, they had a good time with that. That went well.

Mr. Thompson: I went to the high school Open House, my first one, was good. I thought two hours was going to be a lengthy amount of time, but it went really quick. Good to see a lot of new teachers I don't know that I didn't have. My daughter is thoroughly enjoying the high school. So it was good to be a part of Open House.

Ms. Truoiolo: I was able to go to both evenings at the MB Open House. It was really well attended both sessions. Students were excited, and teachers had their rooms really well provisioned and organized to welcome families. It was just really a great experience both nights.

Mr. Fonseca: I will be hosting a Division 5 meeting on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 in the morning at the Collaborative for Educational Services in Northampton. Topics will be a Resolutions Clinic for all members who will be attending. Going over the nine Resolutions prior to the delegate assembly and the discussion of future public education in the Connecticut Valley. Information is on the MASC website if anybody is interested in attending.

Student Rep: I also attended Open House at the high school. I was helping to guide parents around looking for where they needed to go. This year was something new, teachers supplied their syllabi using QR codes on their classroom doors, so parents had the opportunity to take a picture of it and through that picture they had access to class syllabus so that was something that was unique. I think that is showing that East Longmeadow is having some great technological advancement. The ELHS pep rally, the Student Council is beginning to plan this event. For the first time in a few years, we have been approved to hold it in the large gymnasium. The past few years it's been held in the auditorium, but in the name of a more crowdsource and enthusiastic atmosphere we believe the pep rally will have success being in the large gym. This past Friday in our Spartan block advisories, students had the opportunity to sign up for various activities that will occur during the October 19<sup>th</sup> Spartan Block. Some of these activities include: Spartan Acoustic with Mr. Freeman; working through college applications process with Mr. Martin and ultimate Frisbee. The National Honor Society will be offering tutoring to students.

Mr. Freccero: Two quick items. I've kept up my record of not seeing many winning games. I went to the football, field hockey and boys' soccer games, all three teams lost. I've had one parent comment that maybe I should stay away a little bit more. I was just really touched by the MCAS scores. Just looking at them individually, I can't believe how well we did or I should say, I can't believe how well we did. It's a real comment to the whole school system, how well we did. If you look at it in comparison to other school systems, we really pop it how well we achieved. So from the Superintendent right through every teacher and paraprofessional, fantastic.

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

**William moved to modify the agenda and move up agenda items 7.3; 7.4; and 7.5 as next order of business, Elizabeth seconded the motion.**

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

7.3 Request for LAX Plus to use the ELHS fields on Sunday, November 4, 2018 from 8-4pm was presented by Mr. Magee. Mr. Magee said that there are about 40 teams and over 100 college scouts that attend this well run event. He also stated that he notified them to not use the PA system until after church is out.

**Gregory moved to approve the request for LAX Plus to use the ELHS fields on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 8-4pm, Sarah seconded the motion.**

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

7.4 Request for MIAA 8<sup>th</sup> grade Athletic Waiver was presented by Mr. Magee. Mr. Magee said that this is a four step process. MIAA requires us to apply yearly. He also stated that both principal's approve it.

**Elizabeth moved to approve the 8<sup>th</sup> grade waiver for the wrestling team, Sarah seconded the motion.**

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

**Sarah moved to approve the 8<sup>th</sup> grade waiver for the girls skiing team, William seconded the motion**

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

**William moved to approve the 8<sup>th</sup> grade waiver for the boys skiing team, Gregory seconded the motion.**

**Chair: Any further discussion? Elizabeth had a question with regards to the hockey team, and Mr. Magee stated that we are meeting with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and parents.**

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

7.5 Request for MIAA to host Fall play-off games for Field Hockey from November 5-9, 2018 was presented by Mr. Magee.

**Gregory moved to approve the request to host the play-off games from November 5-9<sup>th</sup>, waiving the rental fee, Sarah seconded the motion.**

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

### Superintendent's Report:

5.1.1 Mr. Smith gave an update on the MSBA Core Program Statement of Interest. We received two letters one from Senator Eric Lesser and one from State Representative, Angelo Puppola offering their full support of Statement of Interest for the MSBA Core Program for ELHS.

Elizabeth: They were very specific in their letters. Maybe another Rep will write a letter.

### Assistant Superintendent of Business :

5.2.1 Creation of a Revolving Account for Mapleshade Before and After School Programs presented by Ms. Blair was discussed.

**William moved to approve the creation of a revolving account for the MS Before and After School Programs, Elizabeth seconded the motion.**  
**Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5), unanimous (5-0)**

5.2.2 Creation of a Revolving Account for Mountain View Before and After School Programs presented by Ms. Blair was discussed.

**Elizabeth moved to approve the creation of a revolving account for the MV Before and After School Programs, Sarah seconded the motion.**  
**Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5), unanimous (5-0)**

**Old Business :**

6.1 Mr. Smith presented the School Committee Goals for 2018-2019. Mr. Smith said there are four categories.

- a) Fiscal Management/Budget (Goal) Develop and maintain budget for ELPS that balances addressing student need and fiscal responsibility.
- b) Capital Planning (Goal) Maintain the viability of all five school buildings in order to support 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning experiences for ELPS students.
- c) Educational Program and Curriculum (Goal) Develop and support an educational program and curriculum for ELPS students that focuses on the whole child and fosters growth and consistent progress for all students.
- d) Community Relations (ELPS families, Town Council, Municipal Dept.) (Goal) Maintain strong reciprocal relationships with all ELPS constituents.

**Gregory moved to accept the 2018-2019 School Committee Goals as presented, William seconded the motion.**  
**Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor please say yes (5), unanimous (5-0)**

**New Business:**

7.1 BPMS 6<sup>th</sup> Gr field trip to Nomads Outdoor Adventure Park in S. Windsor, CT on October 29, 2018 was presented by Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith stated that this was the second group of 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Focus on team building and social emotional.

**Elizabeth moved to approve the 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Nomads Outdoor Adventure Park on October 29, Sarah seconded the motion.**

**Chair: Any further discussion?**

**Elizabeth: The Washington DC trip was very organized, well attended**

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

7.2 East Longmeadow Public Schools Five-year Capital Plan for 2018-2019 was presented by Mr. Smith. Mr. Freccero asked if Mr. Fenney has seen this report and Mr. Smith stated yes he has.

Gregory: We need to be very specific with what we want, give the HS another year and not ask for anything. Go with the ones, then two's and then the highlighted one.

Category A:

1. MS Final Phase of Full Door Renovations
2. HS Asbestos and Carpet Removal
3. MV Replace Portable Modular Classroom
4. DW Stadium Bleachers
5. MV Office Renovation
6. MS Asphalt Play Area
7. MB Parking Lot
8. MS Roof Replacement
9. MS Office Expansion

Category B:

1. MB Roof Replacement
2. HS MSBA Feasibility Study for Core Project

Category C:

1. HS Electrical Upgrade
2. HS Roof Replacement
3. HS Parking Lot/Catch Basin Renovations
4. HS Roof Skylights
5. HS Art Room Tables/Cafeteria Tables

**Gregory moved to approve the Capital Plan as discussed, William 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 6:55P.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

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Signature