

Chair, W. Sapelli, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam Junior High School auditorium.

Present: A. Bonavita, C. Mineo, K. O'Connor, S. Reed, W. Rua, & T. Wilkie
S. Lemanski, S. Hoffman, & R. Clickstein

Absent: student representative, Honesty Osbourne

During Citizen's Speak Time, Ron Wieners of 122 Leonard Street, read a letter he wrote to Athletic Director, David Stratton, regarding the baseball program at Agawam High School. Next, William Clark of 26 High Meadow Road, FH, said he hopes more emphasis will be placed on Science programs so students can score better on the MCAS test.

Under Highlights on Education, Mr. Lemanski was joined by Mrs. Hoffman, Mr. Clickstein, and the Committee in the presentation of "Certificates of Excellence" to the 13 students who earned perfect scores on the Spring 2018 MCAS test. Also joining in the presentation was City Councilor Cecelia Calabrese. Next, Mr. Sapelli read a citation to the G & L Corporation owners, Bob & Judy Asselin, and head foreman, Dave Smith, who have been instrumental in the success of the Rosie Robotics Program at Agawam High School.

Under Superintendent's Notes, Mr. Lemanski reported on the following items:

- Congratulations to those students who were selected to the *Mass. Music Educators Association Western District Junior Music Festival*:
Chorus – 6th grade students Abigail Drumm; Natalie Hall; Corabella Johnson; April Rider; David Abramchuk; Noah Manale; Dermot Piattirios; & Caleb White; 7th grade students William Gamble & Stephen Kopinsky, Jr.; 8th grade students Sean Colfer; Jacqueline Herrick; Aidan Nofall; & Anakin Piattirios.
Band – Lynn Jang, alto Saxophone; Adam Ward, Clarinet; Nicholas Nguyen, Trumpet; and Max Florian, Trombone.
- Reminder that the *Annual Kindergarten Information Night* for parents & guardians of all students who will be entering Kindergarten in September 2019, will be held on March 14th at Clark School from 6 – 7 p.m.
- Announcement that Granger School will conduct its *Annual Science & Engineering Fair* on March 14th from 6 to 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Judging of exhibits will take place from 2 to 3 p.m.
- Reminder that the Agawam Lions Club will host their annual *Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner* on March 13th from 5 to 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Adult admission is \$12 and \$5.00 for children.
- Announcement that the Budget/Finance Subcommittee will meet with the City Council's School Budget Subcommittee for the *Annual Joint Budget Subcommittee Meeting* on March 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the junior high school auditorium.
- Announcement that the *Annual Spring Bands Concert* will take place on March 27th at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.
- Announcement that *Kindergarten Screenings* will take place at Clark School on April 1st and 2nd; Robinson Park School on April 3rd and 4th; Granger School on April 8th and 9th; and at Phelps School on April 10th and 11th.
- Attendance at UMASS all-day conference entitled, "*K-12 Education in Massachusetts Re-Imagined.*" Attendance at a "*Hearing on School Finance and Chapter 70 Funding,*" on March 22nd in Boston.

Under Student Advisory Committee Representative Update, Honesty was absent so no report was given.

Under Unfinished Business, on a motion made by W. Rua, 2nd by T. Wilkie & K. O'Connor, the Committee voted to approve SCR-19-07, *Adoption of the 2019–2020 School Calendar*.

Vote: 7 – 0

Next, on a motion made by K. O'Connor, 2nd by C. Mineo, the Committee voted to approve SCR-19-08, *Request to Eliminate the Two-Day Preschool Sessions*.

Vote: 7 – 0

Then, on a motion made by S. Reed, 2nd by W. Rua, the Committee voted to approve SCR-19-09, *Acceptance of \$5,000 Donation from the Agawam Ice Hockey Booster Club*.

Vote: 7 – 0

Under Business Meeting, on a motion made by W. Rua, 2nd by T. Wilkie, the Committee voted to approve the February 26, 2019, regular meeting and March 5, 2019, Executive Session minutes.

Vote: 7 - 0

Under Correspondence, C. Mineo said he had nothing to report.

Next, on a motion made by A. Bonavita, 2nd by C. Mineo, the Committee, via roll call, voted to approve the following warrants as read: SW-19-83 in the amount of \$89,137.36; SW-19-84 in the amount of \$3,406.00; SW-19-85 in the amount of \$30,774.41; SW-19-86 in the amount of \$964,796.35; and SW-19-87 in the amount of \$61,435.69.

Vote: 7 - 0

Under Reports, the first report of the evening was a presentation by elementary Lead Teachers, Karen Albano and Mitchell Taylor. In their presentation, the following information was shared:

- Smart Goals
- Strategic Goals
- Student Engagement
- Professional Development using “Inside Out”
- Classroom makeovers to support student engagement
- Modeling Break-Out Sessions
- Student Supports
- Inclusive Schools Week
- Wellness Days
- Lunch & Recess PBIS Incentive Systems
- Supporting Zones of Regulation
- School-Wide Environmental Supports & Structures
- Technology
- MCAS Tutorials – Grades 3 & 4
- Mindfulness
- Internet Safety Lessons – Grades 3 & 4
- Impact Data

At the conclusion of their report, a question and answer session took place during which the Committee thanked both Lead Teachers for their very informative report and for explaining what their responsibilities are, and how they interact with teachers and students.

The second report was a PBIS Update as presented by Dr. Sarah Fefer from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. In her PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Fefer shared the following information with the Committee:

- Current goals and objectives
- Increased Social Emotional Supports
- Continuum of Positive Behavior Support for all
- Ongoing monitoring of implementation at each school
- Ongoing assessments of discipline referrals
- Phases of PBIS Implementation
- Critical features of PBIS
- Model for Effective Prevention
- Universal Supports
- Tier 1, 2, 3 of Supports

At the conclusion of her report a question and answer session ensued, during which the Committee thank Dr. Fefer for her phenomenal work with our district.

The third and final report was a BHN Update as presented by Sarah Rigney. The following information was presented to the Committee and viewing public:

- Current Goals and Services
- Site-Based Outpatient Therapy
- IEP Support
- Substance Use Screening

- Early Childhood Intervention
- Psychological Testing
- Professional Development Training for Staff & Administration
- Behavioral Health Trends
- Anxiety & Depression in Kids
- Primary & Secondary Themes
- FY'18 Overview
- Requests & Recommendations

A brief question and answer session took place after which the Committee thanked Ms. Rigney for her wonderful and thorough presentation.

Under Subcommittee Updates, no updates were provided to the Committee.

Under New Business, SCR-19-10, *Approval of ECC Tuition Increase*; SCR-19-11, *Approval of AHS Graduation Ceremony on June 9th at 1 p.m. in Symphony Hall*; SCR-19-12, *Approval of AJHS Trip to Washington D.C. from April 15th to April 19, 2019*; and SCR-19-13, *Approval of New District Strategic Plan*, were moved to the next meeting.

Items: K. O'Connor thanked all of the evening's presenters saying the information they shared was great. S. Reed thanked Mrs. Wilkie and the Shane Foundation for the second Parent Forum, which was outstanding. She also said she hopes to see her colleagues marching in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade. W. Rua stated she was honored to watch Dave Smith receive recognition for all the years he has helped to support the Rosie Robotics Program, noting how hard the students work evenings and weekends to build their robot. As a member of the Junior High School Safety Team, which met the previous week, she hopes to see more physical needs addressed. T. Wilkie wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and thank those who attended the second Parent Forum. She praised the Robotics program and hopes to see it grow in the future. She concluded her remarks by saying that she is serving on the District-Wide Safety Team. A. Bonavita thanked all of the presenters for their reports, which were extremely informative and helpful. C. Mineo thanked Mrs. Wilkie and the Shane Foundation for sponsoring the recent Parent Forum in conjunction with the District Attorney's office. He also thanked the Lead Teachers for their excellent presentation. Mr. Sapelli asked that a list of the three safety teams be sent to the Committee members, so everyone is aware of who is serving on which team.

There being no further business, on a motion made by W. Rua, 2nd by K. O'Connor, the Committee voted to adjourn.

Vote: 7 - 0

Time: 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Ferioli
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C. Mineo, Committee Secretary