

Chair, R. Cohen, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

Present: C. Mineo, S. Reed, W. Rua, & W. Sapelli

Absent: A. Bonavita, B. Burbank, & D. Juzba (arrived at 6:55 p.m.)

On a motion made by W. Rua, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Mineo, the Committee, via roll call, voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Vote: 4 – 0 – 3 absent

R. Cohen reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam Junior High School library.

During Citizen's Speak Time, School Business Administrator, R. Clickstein, introduced Jon-Paul Rodier, President of Rodier Irrigation & Landscaping, who presented the district with a check in the amount of \$250.00, which will be used for safety and security programs and training within the district.

Under Highlights on Education, there was none on the agenda.

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

- Thank you to all the administrators who attended the June 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting in support of the school department's portion of the FY'18 Town Budget.
- Announcement that schools closed without incident on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Schools will reopen on September 7<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 1 to 12. Preschool and Kindergarten students will return to school on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Announcement that the State has renewed the district's *Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant* application in the amount of \$45,700.00, which is an increase of approximately \$10,000.
- Reminder that the *Annual Administrator's Retreat* will take place on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Oak Ridge Golf Club. Mr. Lemanski will forward the schedule of topics for the 3-day event as soon as it is available.
- Wish for the Committee to have a happy and restful summer vacation. The first school committee meeting of the new school year will take place on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Under Student Advisory Committee Representative Update, because schools dismissed for the summer on June 26<sup>th</sup>, the Student Representative did not attend the meeting.

Under Unfinished Business, Chair R. Cohen read into the record a compilation of the Committee's responses to the "End-of-Cycle Summative Evaluation" of School Superintendent, William Sapelli. He began by announcing the following overall ratings:

- Professional Practice Goals – Met
- Student Learning Goal – Met
- District Improvement Goal - Exceeded

R. Cohen then read the following individual evaluation summaries of each Committee member:

- A. Bonavita – Exemplary
- D. Juzba – Exemplary
- C. Mineo – Exemplary
- S. Reed – Exemplary
- W. Rua – Exemplary
- B. Burbank – Proficient
- R. Cohen – Proficient

Overall rating = Exemplary

At the conclusion of the evaluation, Mr. Sapelli thanked the Committee for their kind words, encouragement, and support throughout the years stating he was truly grateful for the high marks. He said his success, in part, was due to their working together as a team. Mr. Sapelli concluded his remarks by stating it has been a true pleasure and honor to have worked for the Committee.

Under Business Meeting, on a motion made by D. Juzba, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Reed, the Committee voted to approve the June 13, 2017, regular meeting and Executive Session minutes.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 2 absent

Under Correspondence, D. Juzba read a card to the Committee from Mr. Sapelli thanking them for all of their support, collaboration, and friendship during his 6-year career as Superintendent of Schools.

Next, on a motion made by W. Rua, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Juzba, the Committee, via roll call, voted to approve the following warrants as read: SW-17-75 in the amount of \$108,185.70; SW-17-76 in the amount of \$98,851.75; SW-17-77 in the amount of \$77,128.15; SW-17-78 in the amount of \$74,109.70; and SW-17-79 in the amount of \$90,116.09.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 2 absent

Under Reports, R. Cohen said the Committee should have received four paper reports in their packet of materials that included a Wellness Committee Update, Personnel Update, Drop-Out Withdrawals report, and a Non-Graduating Seniors report.

Under Subcommittee Updates, Policy Subcommittee Chair, W. Rua, announced that MASC has sent a list of updated policies to the districts as well as some that are no longer relevant. Mrs. Ferioli will review the list during the summer and will schedule a meeting of the Policy Subcommittee in the fall to address any policy changes and to adopt any new policies.

Under New Business, due to timeliness, on a motion made by W. Rua, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Reed, the Committee voted to suspend the rules in order to take action on resolution SCR-17-11, *Approval to Designate the Native American as the Official Mascot for the Agawam Public Schools*.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 2 absent

Next, on a motion made by S. Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Rua, the Committee voted to approve SCR-17-11.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 2 absent

During discussion, Mrs. Rua explained that she and Mrs. Reed sponsored the resolution and will be taking it to the State House in the fall.

Under Policy Review, on a motion made by D. Juzba, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Rua, the Committee voted to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of Policy ECAF, *Security Cameras, Drones, and Other Surveillance Equipment in Schools*.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 2 absent

Next, on a motion made by W. Rua, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Mineo, the Committee voted to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of Policy AB-1, *School District Traditions and Rituals*.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 2

Items: All Committee members wished everyone a happy, safe, and healthy summer vacation. W. Rua said that she was very impressed by the ALICE training that she had observed at the junior high school earlier in the day, noting that Mr. Nettis did an excellent job in organizing the program. She also announced that MASC is sponsoring a Summer Institute on July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Marlboro, which she hopes to attend. S. Reed echoed her colleague's sentiments and stated that the ALICE training was excellent. She also thanked Mr. Sapelli for his service as Superintendent of Schools saying how he will be missed by many. C. Mineo also congratulated Mr. Sapelli on his well-deserved retirement. Mr. Lemanski said he is looking forward to working with the Committee in his new role as Superintendent of Schools and hopes to help the school system. Mr. Sapelli gave Committee members MASC emblems from 1947, which he found stored in the central office archives. R. Cohen concluded by wishing everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

There being no further business, on a motion made by D. Juzba, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Rua & S. Reed, the Committee voted to adjourn.  
Vote: 5 – 0 – 2 absent  
Time: 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alexis Ferioli  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & School Committee

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D. Juzba, Committee Secretary