

Chair, R. Cohen, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Roberta G. Doering School auditorium.

Present: A. Bonavita, B. Burbank, D. Juzba, C. Mineo, W. Rua, & S. Reed
W. Sapelli, A. LeClair, R. Clickstein, & student representative Joseph Joyal (arrived at 6:55 p.m.)

On a motion made by D. Juzba, 2nd by S. Reed, the Committee, via roll call, voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

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R. Cohen reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

During Citizen's Speak Time, Amy Lunden of 123 Hendom Drive, was accompanied by members of her Junior Girl Scout Troup #11248, who spoke to the Committee about their concerns and suggestions as part of the requirement for earning their badge in government. The Girl Scouts also led the Committee in the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*.

Under Highlights on Education, AHS junior, Jake Wieners, discussed his Public Service Announcement, which won the Hampden County District Attorney's Youth Advisory Board Contest. Introduced by AHS Principal, Steven Lemanski, Jake said the prize money of \$10,000.00 will be used for technology at the high school. He also shared that his goal is to be a film director.

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

- Congratulations to Advisor Scott Trahan, his committee, and all those students who attend the *Annual Junior Senior Prom* at the Log Cabin on April 28th. The event was a great success.
- Congratulations to those students who were recently inducted into the *French and Spanish National Honor Society* as well as the *National Honor Society*.
- Congratulations to everyone involved with the *Annual Spring Arts Festival* which took place at the high school on May 4th.
- Congratulations to junior high school teacher, Sandra Johnson, who was awarded the *Secretary's Award for Excellence in Community Garden, Outdoor Classroom, and Beautification Project*.
- Attendance with Mr. Lemanski at the *Hampden County District Attorney's Youth Advisory Board Conference* at the Mass Mutual Center on May 11th.
- Attendance with Mr. Lemanski at the *Annual M.A.S.S. Spring Conference* in Marlborough on May 18th.
- Announcement that Granger School will host its annual *Ice Cream Social* on May 25th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Announcement that Robinson Park School will conduct its annual *Career Week* from May 30th to June 2nd.

Under Student Advisory Committee Representative Update, Joe reported on the following activities and events taking place at AHS:

- The baseball and softball teams are enjoying playing their games on the new ball fields and being able to hit home runs.
- Food Service Director, Joel Illouz, has introduced several new options at lunch and even has offered students free samples of new food items. He should be given an award for being so proactive and for working with the Student Council.
- The new broadcast studio has been busy with the *Brownie Broadcast* and interviews with several administrators.

Under Unfinished Business, there was none on the agenda.

Under Business Meeting, on a motion made by S. Reed, 2nd by C. Mineo, the Committee voted to approve the April 25, 2017, regular meeting, Executive Session, and Public Hearing minutes.

Vote: 7 - 0

Under Correspondence, D. Juzba said she had nothing to report.

Next, on a motion made by D. Juzba, 2nd by A. Bonavita, the Committee, via roll call, voted to approve the following warrants as read: SW-17-62 in the amount of \$32,239.13; SW-17-63 in the amount of \$9,372.00; and SW-17-64 in the amount of \$257,069.08.

Vote: 7 - 0

Under Reports, R. Cohen said the Committee should have received a Curriculum Writing/Delivery paper report in their packet of materials.

Under Subcommittee Updates, none were given.

Under New Business, due to timeliness, on a motion made by S. Reed, 2nd by A. Bonavita, the Committee voted to suspend the rules in order to take action on SCR-17-06, *Approval to Name the New AHS Baseball Field after Gerald Smith*.

Vote: 7 - 0

Next, on a motion made by A. Bonavita, 2nd by W. Rua, the Committee voted to approve SCR-17-06.

Vote: 7 – 0

During discussion, Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Rua read the resolution into the record, noting all of Mr. Smith's accomplishments.

Next, SCR-17-07, *Approval of Continued Participation in the School Choice Program* and SCR-17-08, *Acceptance of \$1,000 Donation from CDA Roofing for Safety Programs and Equipment*, were moved to the next meeting.

Items: All Committee members thanked the junior girl scouts for attending the school committee meeting and wished them well in earning their government badge. W. Rua praised the monthly District Wide Support Team meetings proclaiming them open and honest. She said that she is also looking forward to all of the end-of-year events and activities which will be taking place at the various schools. D. Juzba reported attending the end-of-year report at the LPVEC. She said that she was very impressed to learn how the money is being sent. S. Reed congratulated Mr. Illouz for all the improvements he has made in the school lunch program. She also thanked Dr. LeClair for a very thorough curriculum writing/delivery report. In her closing remarks, Mrs. Reed thanked Mr. Bernier for a great Principal's Report. B. Burbank asked if the Committee recognizes the LPVEC's Outstanding Students who are from Agawam. Mr. Sapelli explained that an award ceremony is held at the collaborative for that purpose. Mr. Burbank also thanked Jake Wieners for winning the award, thereby helping his school. Mr. Bonavita said that he agrees with the girl scouts who said they did not like having to take the MCAS test using a computer. He also suggested asking other school groups to come before the Committee to share their ideas and suggestions. C. Mineo reported that the IT Department is presently working on the problems associated with taking the MCAS test on a computer. He also noted that the IT Department has purchased 100 new laptop computers for the elementary schools.

There being no further business, on a motion made by S. Reed, 2nd by A. Bonavita, the Committee voted to adjourn.

Vote: 7 - 0

Time: 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Ferioli
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D. Juzba, Committee Secretary