

Chair, W. Sapelli, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Roberta G. Doering School auditorium.

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

Absent: A. LeClair, W. Rua, & student representative Honesty Osbourne

During Citizen's Speak Time, Angela Bonavita of 109 Liberty Street in Feeding Hills, spoke on behalf of those parents who would like the district to consider implementing the use of "Blizzard Bags" next winter, so the school year will not end later than most districts.

Under Highlights on Education, Mr. Lemanski introduced Agawam Rotary Club president, Michele Calvanese, and president-elect, Sara Chaffee, who presented the district with a check in the amount of \$4,672.61, which will be used to purchase additional security cameras and intercoms for the schools.

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

- Thank you to all the administrators who attended the June 18, 2018, City Council meeting in support of the school department's portion of the FY'19 Town Budget
- Announcement that schools closed without incident on June 26<sup>th</sup>. School will reopen for students in grades 1-12 on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten and preschool students will return to school on September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Attendance at a full-day of *Reunification Training* at Hampshire Regional High School on June 27<sup>th</sup>
- Attendance at the *Annual M.A.S.S. Executive Institute* at Mashpee High School from July 11<sup>th</sup> through July 13, 2018. The theme of this year's conference is "Redefining What Success Looks Like for all Students: Pathways, Opportunities, and Resources."
- Reminder that the *Annual Administrator's Retreat* will take place on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Oak Ridge Golf Club from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.
- Attendance at the "*See Something, Say Something*" Conference sponsored by the Sandy Hook Association on August 20<sup>th</sup> at West Springfield High School.
- Wish to the Committee for a safe, happy, and restful summer vacation. The first school committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

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

Under Unfinished Business, on a motion made by K. O'Connor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Mineo, the Committee voted to approve SCR-18-14, *Resolution to Establish a Choral Director Position at the AJHS*.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 absent

Next, Chair W. Sapelli read into the record a compilation of the Committee's responses to the "End-of-Cycle Summative Evaluation" of School Superintendent, Steven Lemanski. He began by announcing the following overall ratings:

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

W. Sapelli then read the following individual evaluation summaries of each Committee member:

- A. Bonavita – Exemplary
- C. Mineo – Proficient
- K. O'Connor - Proficient
- S. Reed – Proficient
- W. Rua – Proficient
- T. Wilkie – Proficient
- W. Sapelli – Proficient

Overall rating = Proficient

At the conclusion of the evaluation, Mr. Lemanski thanked the Committee for their kind words, encouragement, and support throughout the year 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. Lemanski concluded his remarks by thanking the Committee members for their suggestions, which will assist him as he prepares the district's new Strategic Plan.

Under Business Meeting, on a motion made by S. Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Wilkie, the Committee voted to approve the June 12, 2018, regular meeting minutes.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 absent

Under Correspondence, C. Mineo had nothing to report.

Next, on motion made by S. Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Bonavita & T. Wilkie, the Committee, via roll call, voted to approve the following warrants as read: SW-18-129 in the amount of \$38,720.14; SW-18-130 in the amount of \$7,067.62; SW-18-131 in the amount of \$14,093.23; SW-18-132 in the amount of \$124,968.39; SW-18-133 in the amount of \$25,018.87; and SW-18-134 in the amount of \$67,173.06.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 absent

Under Reports, W. Sapelli said that the Committee should have received a Financial Update paper report and a Personnel Update paper report in their packet of materials.

Next, Food Service Director, Joel Illouz presented a *Wellness Committee/Food Service Update*. In his PowerPoint presentation, the following information was shared with the Committee:

- A well-nourished meal is important to support the district's motto of "Put Children First."
- Foods are locally sourced whenever possible.
- Hot breakfasts are offered at all schools with increased participation.
- No pricing increase for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Never refuse a meal to any student whose account has a negative balance.
- Much progress made in curtailing negative accounts.
- His vision includes sustainability, involving students in creating menus, and farm to table products.
- The junior high school grew, cultivated, and consumed their own food.
- Agawam Public Schools is the only district to grow, cultivate, and eat their own food.
- Back to baking products from scratch rather than preprocessed items.
- Overall participation is growing.
- Continue to work with grants and Wellness Committee

At the conclusion of his report, a question and answer session took place during which Committee members thanked Mr. Illouz for the phenomenal job he is doing with the district's Food Service Department. They also acknowledged his dedication and his excellence in communicating all the new and wonderful things taking place in his department that benefit students.

The second report was a *School Safety Update* as presented by the district's Safety Supervisor, John Nettis. His report to the Committee included the following information:

- Over 4,000 students and 843 staff members have received ALICE training
- 10 drills have been completed
- The high school's ASPIRE class made signs for the school's ALICE drill
- To date, drills have been conducted at the high school, Clark, Granger, Doering, and Robinson Park School. More drills will take place in the fall.
- The goal is to be able to evacuate the building in under 4 minutes.
- Piloting metal detectors at three schools
- Stop the Bleed is a program whereby all teachers and staff will be trained in how to stop a person from bleeding out.
- Supplies /Go-Kits
- Signs will be placed at each school stating the building is protected by armed police officers

At the conclusion of his report, Committee member thanked Mr. Nettis for all his efforts saying how fortunate the district is to have him. Committee members also pointed out that, because of Mr. Nettis' efforts, our district is way ahead of other districts relating to safety and security. Mr. Nettis thank the members for their kind words and said he will continue to work collaboratively with the Agawam Police Department and Hampden County Sherriff's Department to make sure that all of the district's students and staff feel safe while in school.

Under Subcommittee Updates, no reports were given.

Under New Business, there was none on the agenda.

Items: All Committee members wished students, staff, parents, administrators, and their colleagues a happy, safe, and restful summer vacation. A. Bonavita said how pleased he was with hearing the two reports presented earlier that evening, noting how important it is for the community to hear about what is going on in the schools. He also said he is hopeful that next year's meetings will be held in the junior high school auditorium with new microphones that work. W. Sapelli said that Mr. Hulbert and the camera operators are investigating new equipment, and a plan for relocation to the junior high school is in progress. T. Wilkie thanked her colleagues for making her first year on the Committee so enjoyable. S. Reed also thanked those who came out to support the budget at the June 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. K. O'Connor said serving on the Committee was a phenomenal experience this year and looks forward to working together again next year as a team. S. Lemanski said it was a pleasure working with the Committee during his first year as Superintendent. He looks forward to working on the Strategic Plan with the Committee, pointing out that stakeholders identified three common areas that he will incorporate in his 5-year plan. Those areas are Social Emotional Learning, College/Career, and Communication. W. Sapelli concluded the remarks by thanking the City Council for passing the Town Budget and Mr. Bonavita for doing a great job chairing the Committee's Budget/Finance Subcommittee. He also noted that everyone on the Committee is so respectful and professional that it has been pleasure to work with them. In his final remarks, he reminded the viewing public that the Committee does not meet during July and August, but will return on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, on a motion made by S. Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. O'Connor, the Committee voted to adjourn.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 absent

Time: 8:32 p.m.

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

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C. Mineo, Committee Secretary