

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

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

Absent: R. Clickstein, & student representative Honesty Osbourne

During Citizen's Speak Time, no one from the public came forward.

Under Highlights on Education, W. Sapelli announced that, due to illness, the *AHS Career Center Presentation*, which was scheduled on the agenda, has been cancelled and will be rescheduled to another meeting.

Next, Mr. Lemanski was joined by Dr. LeClair, the Committee, AHS Principal Thomas Schnepf, and Athletic Director, David Stratton, in the presentation of the *MIAA Educational Athletics Achievement Awards for Community Service* to the high school's Girls and Boys Indoor Track Teams and Boys Ice Hockey Team. Making the presentation was MIAA representative Rich Riley, who said it was a great pleasure to travel to Agawam in order to recognize these athletic teams for their outstanding community service.

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

- Congratulations to the following students who were named to the *All Western Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Team* in their individual sports:
  - › Jared Durocher – Football
  - › Joe Stevens – Football
  - › Jonathan Farrell – Football
  - › Angela Garvin – Golf
  - › Madison Lockwood – Girls Volleyball
  - › Katie Dustin – Girls Cross Country
  - › Kim Beaver – Girls Cross Country
  - › Sarah Ross – Girls Cross Country
  - › Ruby Chenevert – Gymnastics
  - › Eliza Timms – Field Hockey
  - › Emily Oliver – Field Hockey
  - › Alyssa Montagna – Girls Soccer
  - › Hope Santinello – Girls Soccer
  - › Evan Corridan – Boys Soccer
  - › Sang Young Han – Boys Soccer
- Congratulations to Phelps School 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student, Chloe Pierson, whose holiday picture was selected by Berkshire Power to be their holiday card this year. Phelps School was also awarded a \$500 donation by Berkshire Power in recognition of the assistance of school art instructor, Patrick McAllister.
- Announcement that the next *Career Cluster* will take place on January 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:12 a.m. to 9:59 a.m. in the high school auditorium. This month's presentation will feature guest speakers who are in the education and training fields.
- Announcement that on January 30<sup>th</sup>, the *School Building Committee* will meet at 4 p.m. in the junior high school library.
- Reminder that the 1<sup>st</sup> semester *D.A.R.E. Graduation* ceremony will take place on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in the Doering School auditorium.
- Reminder that the next *DWST* meeting will take place on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in the high school teacher's cafeteria.
- Announcement that the *Third Annual Poetry Out Loud Competition* will take place on February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 – 11 a.m. in the high school auditorium.
- Reminder that the first *Budget/Finance Subcommittee* meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Doering School auditorium prior to the regular Committee meeting at 7 p.m.
- Reminder that schools will be closed from Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> for the *Winter Recess*. Schools will reopen on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

Under Unfinished Business, there was none on the agenda.

Under Business Meeting, on a motion made by W. Rua, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. O'Connor, the Committee voted to approve the January 9, 2018, regular meeting minutes.

Vote: 7 - 0

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

Next, on motion made by A. Bonavita, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Reed, the Committee voted to approve the following warrants as read: SW-18-67 in the amount of \$31,101.17; SW-18-68 in the amount of \$1,110,456.49; SW-18-69 in the amount of \$31,172.54; SW-18-70 in the amount of \$8,615.70; SW-18-71 in the amount of \$11,175.02; SW-18-72 in the amount of \$19,245.82; SW-18-73 in the amount of \$3,685.30, and SW-18-74 in the amount of \$218,978.58.

Vote: 7 – 0

Under Reports, W. Sapelli announced that the Committee should have received a *Financial Update* paper report and a *Personnel Update* paper report in their packet of materials. Any questions about either of those reports should be directed to the appropriate administrator. He then announced that, due to illness, the *BHN Update* presentation has been moved to the next Committee meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Under Subcommittee Updates, no reports were given.

Under New Business, SCR-18-01, *Adoption of the 2018-2019 School Calendar* and SCR-18-02, *Approval of the 2018-2019 AHS Program of Studies* were moved to the next meeting.

Items: S. Reed asked if the problem with the new bathrooms fixtures has been resolved. Mr. Lemanski said that Building Maintenance Director, Doug White, has contacted the vendor regarding repairs and is on top of the situation. W. Sapelli reminded the Committee that questions of this nature should be brought to the attention of the Superintendent prior to a school committee meeting, so Mr. Lemanski can have ample time to research the issue and obtain information with which to answer the question. W. Rua thanked Mr. Lemanski and our district Safety & Security Supervisor, John Nettis, for the excellent ALICE training that they have been providing to our staff. She noted that feedback from teachers has been extremely positive. In addition, she said that the ALICE training is just one more step in how our district is making us safe. Mrs. Rua concluded her remarks by reporting that approximately 15 people attended the recent Parent Advisory Committee meeting where Special Education Director, April Rist, was the presenter. She is encouraged by the turn out of parents and hopes that attendance for future PAC meetings will continue to grow. T. Wilkie announced that District Attorney, Anthony Gulluni will be presenting two documentaries entitled, "Just Once" and "Stop and Swerve" to high school students on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the school auditorium.

There being no further business, on a motion made by W. Rua, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Mineo, the Committee voted to adjourn.

Vote: 7 – 0

Time: 7:22 p.m.

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

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C. Mineo, Committee Secretary