

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, R. Clickstein, & student representative Honesty Osbourne

The first item on the agenda was the *Organization of the School Committee - Election of Officers*. S. Reed nominated W. Rua for Vice Chair. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Then, on a motion made by S. Reed, 2nd by K. O'Connor, the Committee voted to elect W. Rua as Vice Chair.

Vote: 7 – 0

Next, A. Bonavita nominated C. Mineo for Secretary. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Then, on a motion made by A. Bonavita, 2nd by W. Rua, the Committee voted to elect C. Mineo as Secretary.

Vote: 7 - 0

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

Under Highlights on Education, Mr. Lemanski was joined by Dr. LeClair, Mr. Clickstein, & the Committee in the presentation of "Certificates of Excellence" to the eight students who earned perfect MCAS scores on the Spring 2017 MCAS test.

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

- Congratulations to junior high school 7th grade student, Christopher Rondinelli, who was among 10 finalists in the *Annual National Geographic Geography Bee*. Good luck to Chris who will be taking the state qualifying test later in January.
- Reminder that schools will be closed on Monday, January 15th, in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday. Schools will reopen on Tuesday, January 16th.
- Announcement of *Joint School Council* meeting on January 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Robinson Park School cafeteria.
- Attendance at the *Annual M.A.S.S. Mid-Winter Conference* in Marlborough on January 25th.
- Reminder that the 1st semester *D.A.R.E Graduation* will take place on Friday, January 26th, at 1 p.m. in the Doering School auditorium.
- Thank you to the Hope Community Church for "adopting" the Clifford Granger School as an organization to whom they would like to donate. Church members have been providing needed supplies to staff members and also have provided them with gifts and food items throughout the school year.

Under Student Advisory Committee Representative Update, Honesty reported on the following activities and events taking place at the high school:

- Mid-terms and final exams will be held the week of January 22nd.
- Prom tickets will go on sale from January 29th to February 2nd. The Prom will be held on April 27th at the Log Cabin in Holyoke. The theme of this year's prom is *Beauty & the Beast*.
- The *Western Mass. District Choir Concert* will take place on January 13th from 3 – 5 p.m. at UMASS in Amherst. Eight of our high school students will be competing in the event. Admission is \$15.00 with tickets sold at the door.
- Members of *Model Congress* will be attending their annual conference at AIC on January 11th and 12th. Good luck to the team members who hope to pass their bills.

Under Unfinished Business, there was none on the agenda.

Under Business Meeting, on a motion made by S. Reed, 2nd by W. Rua, the Committee voted to approve the December 12, 2017, regular meeting minutes.

Vote: 4 – 0 – 3 abstention (W. Sapelli, K. O'Connor, T. Wilkie – all new to the Committee)

Under Correspondence, newly-elected C. Mineo had nothing to report.

Next, on motion made by W. Rua, 2nd by A. Bonavita, the Committee voted to approve the following warrants as read: SW-18-59 in the amount of \$23,893.23; SW-18-60 in the amount of \$169,401.41; SW-18-61 in the amount of \$44,364.80; SW-18-62 in the amount of \$2,826.43; SW-18-63 in the amount of \$53,310.85; SW-18-64 in the amount of \$126,711.44; SW-18-65 in the amount of \$29,115.57, and SW-18-66 in the amount of \$36,631.85. Also approved was payroll warrant PW-18-01 in the amount of \$2,937,234.80.

Vote: 7 – 0

Under Reports, the only report of the evening was the presentation of the *AHS 2018-2019 Program of Studies* as presented by Principal Thomas Schnepf, who was joined by Technology Education instructor, Christophe Huestis. In his report, Mr. Schnepf reviewed the following course changes and additions by department:

- The inside cover now includes the school's Mission Statement, Core Values, and Targeted Student Learning Expectations
- Plus Portals will replace Edline
- *ELA Department* – Broadcast Journalism classes moved to the Business Education Department. Targeted Student Expectations for the department's courses are numbers 1 & 2.
- *Math Department* - Algebra II is now the pre-requisite for Statistics. Targeted Student Expectations for the department are numbers 3 & 4.
- *Science Department* – The course description for Advanced Placement Physics has been updated and Honors Organic Chemistry has been added. Targeted Student Learning Expectations for the department are numbers 3 & 4.
- *Social Studies* – No changes. Targeted Student Learning Expectations for the department are numbers 2 & 3.
- *Foreign Language* – No changes. Targeted Student Learning Expectations for the department are numbers 1 & 2.
- *Business, Instructional Technology, Career* – Addition of AP Computer Science and Honors Broadcast Journalism. Web Design and Media course description was updated. The Marketing Course will now have an emphasis on Sports Marketing. Targeted Student Learning Expectations vary for each course in this department.
- *Health Education* – No changes. Targeted Student Learning Expectations for courses in this department are numbers 1 & 4.
- *Physical Education* – No changes. Target Student Learning Expectations for courses in this department are numbers 1 & 4.
- *Technology Education* – There were three course name changes (Construction was changed to Structural Engineering, Electrical Applications was changed to Digital Electronics, and Engineering by Design is now Welding, Woodworking, & Plastic Processing/Production). STEM has been changed to STEAM with the addition of Arts to the curriculum. The Robotics class description was updated. Agricultural Engineering was added, as well as Computer Integrated Engineering. Targeted Student Learning Expectations for courses in this department are numbers 3 & 4.

At the conclusion of their report, the Committee thanked Mr. Schnepf and Mr. Huestis for thoroughly explaining the course changes as well as the proposed new courses. They also complimented them on their commitment to offer the district's students the most up-to-date courses, which will better prepare them for life after graduation, especially those in the manufacturing field.

Under Subcommittee Updates, no reports were given.

Under New Business, there was none on the agenda.

Under Policy Review, on a motion made by W. Rua, 2nd by S. Reed, the Committee voted to approve the 2nd & 3rd readings of Policy JH, *Student Travel*.

Vote: 4 – 0 – 3 abstention (W. Sapelli, K. O'Connor, T. Wilkie – all new to the Committee)

Then on a motion made by W. Rua, 2nd by C. Mineo, the Committee voted to approve the 2nd & 3rd readings of Policy KHC, *Distribution of Notices and Flyers*.

Vote: 4 – 0 – 3 abstentions – (W. Sapelli, K. O'Connor, T. Wilkie - all new to the Committee)

Items: All Committee members welcomed the two new members saying they look forward to working with them for the next 2 years. C. Mineo expressed his dismay that the search for a new Commissioner of Education is not public as required when a school committee searches for a new Superintendent of Schools. T. Wilkie and K. O'Connor stated that they were thankful for the opportunity to work with their veteran Committee members. W. Rua announced that the Parent Advisory Council will conduct a

meeting on January 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the junior high school library. S. Reed also welcomed newly-elected Mayor, William Sapelli, as Chair of the school committee. W. Sapelli commended T. Wilkie and K. O'Connor for completing *Charting the Course*, which is the mandated course for all new school committee members sponsored by the Mass. Association of School Committees. He also reminded the Committee members that Friday, June 19th, is the deadline for submitting their form indicating on which subcommittee they would like to serve. He concluded his remarks by noting that the focus of the school committee has always been to put the welfare of the children they serve first. To that end, Committees should always work together in a professional manner with respect and courtesy heedless of any difference of opinion. He looks forward to working with the members of this group who are committed to ensuring students receive a quality education.

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

Vote: 7 – 0

Time: 7:50 p.m.

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

C. Mineo, Committee Secretary