

Vice Chair, S. Reed, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Doering School auditorium.

Present: A. Bonavita, B. Burbank, D. Juzba, C. Mineo, & W. Rua
S. Lemanski, A. LeClair, & student representative Honesty Osbourne

Absent: R. Cohen & R. Clickstein

During Citizen's Speak Time, Mayor-Elect William Sapelli of 125 Edgewater Road addressed the three Committee members, who will not be returning for another 2-year term, complimenting Mr. Burbank, Mrs. Juzba, and Mayor Cohen on their service to the students and staff of the Agawam Public Schools. He also mentioned how much he enjoyed working with the full Committee during his tenure as Superintendent of Schools and looks forward to working with them again in his new role as Mayor and School Committee Chair.

Under Highlights on Education, Mr. Lemanski, Dr. LeClair, and the Committee were entertained by 4th grade music students from Benjamin Phelps and Robinson Park Schools who performed a "Holiday Concert" of five songs under the direction of elementary music teacher, Paul Sawyer.

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

- Congratulations to AHS students Dorina Kodreanu and Diana Kulmizev who were appointed to this year's *Hampden County District Attorney's Student Advisory Board*.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Mitchell's 3rd grade class at Granger School who collected the most food items in the *5th Annual Mayflower Challenge*. Students in grades K-4 collected grocery items valued at approximately \$3,500. The food items will be donated to the Springfield Food Pantry. Special thanks to school counselor Heidi Maloni who organized the event.
- Congratulations to 8th grade student, Kailey Butler, who was selected as this year's *Project 351 Ambassador*. Kailey will attend a special ceremony with the Governor in Boston on Martin Luther King Day.
- Congratulations to 8th grade student Aurelius Liporada who solved the *Rubik's Cube* in the record time of 22.818 seconds and placed 3rd in the State for those students in grades 6 to 8.
- Congratulations to the No Named Ninjas, FIRST Lego League Team 3632, who won the *1st place Champions Award* at the December 9th qualifier. The team will advance to the State Finals at WPI on December 16th. Good luck to the team and their coaches.
- Announcement that the junior high school band will host their annual *Holiday Concert* on December 14th at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.
- Reminder that the *Annual Holiday Pops Band Concert* will take place on December 20th at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.
- Announcement that 4th grade music students from Phelps School will take their annual "*walking field trip*" to the Agawam Senior Center where they will perform holiday songs for the town's senior citizens.
- Announcement that the *6th grade Band and Chorus* will perform in concert on December 21st at 7 p.m. in the junior high school auditorium.
- Announcement that the *9th Annual Geography Bee* will take place on December 21st from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the school auditorium. The winner will compete in the State-Wide Geography Bee in early 2018.
- Reminder that December 22nd is a half-day of school for all students and staff. Schools will be closed from December 25th to January 1, 2018. Schools will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.
- Reminder that the next DWST meeting will take place on January 5th at 7:30 a.m. in the high school teacher's cafeteria.
- Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year

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

- Thank you to the community for attending the recent Winter Arts Festival at the high school
- Hope that community will support the Band at their Holiday Pops Concert on December 20th
- Music students will be caroling in the high school hallways on December 22nd
- Wish for everyone to have a happy holiday

Under Unfinished Business, on a motion made by D. Juzba, 2nd by W. Rua, the Committee voted to approve SCR-17-26, *Approval of Title I Family Engagement Coordinator Job Description*.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 absent

Under Business Meeting, on a motion made by D. Juzba, 2nd by C. Mineo, the Committee voted to approve the November 28, 2017, regular meeting minutes.

Vote: 6 – 0 1 absent

Under Correspondence, D. Juzba read a letter from Educational Team Facilitator, Tony Fazio, to Safety & Security Supervisor, John Nettis, praising the recent ALICE training that was conducted for Doering School staff.

Next, on motion made by D. Juzba, 2nd by A. Bonavita, the Committee, via roll call, voted to approve the following warrants as read: SW-18-52 in the amount of \$43,307.35; SW-18-53 in the amount of \$141,448.78; SW-18-54 in the amount of \$14,354.78; SW-18-55 in the amount of \$9,546.09; SW-18-56 in the amount of \$13,735.46; SW-18-57 in the amount of \$23,437.90; and SW-18-58 in the amount of \$11,482.84. Also approved was payroll warrant PW-17-16 in the amount of \$4,555,002.87.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 absent

Under Reports, the only report of the evening was a presentation regarding the CTEC Equivalencies as presented by Sabra Dickson who is the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative. In her PowerPoint presentation, the following information was shared with the Committee:

- Equivalencies established in 2006
- Frameworks for Vocational & Technical Education, ELA, Math, Science, as well as Technology & Engineering have been adopted by DESE
- Rationale of revisions
- Equivalencies for each district
- Inclusive practices for equivalencies
- Individual student needs
- DESE created Crosswalks with the academic frameworks that are included in the Vocational Technical Education frameworks
- Each shop listed with standards

At the conclusion of her presentation, Ms. Dickson was thanked for all of her efforts. It also was noted that the programs offered by CTEC are a godsend for some students.

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 D. Juzba, the Committee voted to approve the 1st reading of Policy JJH, *Student Travel*.

Vote: 6 – 0 1 absent

Then on a motion made by D. Juzba, 2nd by W. Rua, the Committee voted to approve the 1st reading of Policy KHC, *Distribution of Notices and Flyers*.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 absent

Items: On behalf of the entire Committee, S. Reed presented gifts to the outgoing members saying how much she enjoyed working with each of them. Then, each Committee member, in turn, thanked their departing colleagues for their service to the students and staff of the public schools noting their dedication, hard work, professionalism, collaboration, and stating the composition of the existing Committee was the most congenial to have served. B. Burbank and D. Juzba, thanked their former colleagues for their kind words, support, and fond memories. S. Lemanski concluded the remarks by noting Mr. Burbank was the voice of those who couldn't speak for themselves, Mrs. Juzba for her passion, and Mayor Cohen for always watching out for the best interest of students.

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

Vote: 6 – 0 - 1 absent

Time: 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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D. Juzba, Committee Secretary