

Chair, R. Cohen, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Roberta G. Doering School auditorium.

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

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

Under Highlights on Education, Mr. Lemanski announced that, to date, 27 new teachers have been hired for the 2017-2018 academic year. He then thanked the Mayor, School Committee, and City Council for passing the FY'18 School Budget, which allowed all retirees to be replaced. Next, he introduced the building principals, who in turn, introduced the newest members of their staff to the Committee and viewing public.

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

- Announcement that parent attendance at the recently held *Back to School Nights* was very good and feedback positive. The final *Back to School Night* will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Early Childhood Center.
- Announcement that junior high school staff participated in ALICE training earlier that day as one of the district's professional development activities. The next ALICE training will be held at the high school on October 26<sup>th</sup> during the district's ½ day of professional development.
- Reminder that September 27<sup>th</sup> is *Agawam Day* at the Big E. Students in grades K-12 will receive vouchers that can be redeemed for free admission passes after 2:00 p.m. Preschool students are admitted free of charge.
- Announcement that the AHS Guidance Dept. will conduct a *College Seminar* on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Representatives from four colleges will be present to discuss the application process.
- Reminder that the next DWST meeting will take place on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 a.m. in the high school cafeteria
- Reminder that schools will be closed on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, in observance of *Columbus Day*. Schools will reopen on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Announcement that the second annual *AHS Athletic Hall of Fame* ceremony will take place on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon in the school gymnasium.
- Announcement that new colored graduation gowns are being considered for the Class of 2018, as last year's black gowns do not appropriately represent the school colors.
- Introduction of *M.A.S.S. New Superintendent Induction Program* coach, Mr. Kevin Courtney, who explained the design of the 3-year program, in which Mr. Lemanski has been enrolled.

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

- Clubs are starting up again with the addition of the Science Olympiad Club and Textiles Club.
- The pre-registration process for the PSAT's has started.
- The AP Kick-Off and Breakfast will also take place soon.
- A Naviance computer program presentation will take place in the evening on September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- School year starting off great with students setting a great tone.

Under Unfinished Business, on a motion made by A. Bonavita & D. Juzba, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Mineo, the Committee voted to approve SCR-17-12, *Acceptance of \$1,668 Donation from the Italian Government to Continue Growth of Italian Language Studies at AHS*.

Vote: 7 – 0

Next, on a motion made by D. Juzba, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Reed, the Committee voted to approve SCR-17-13, *Approval of AHS Graduation Ceremony on June 9, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at Symphony Hall*.

Vote: 7 – 0

Then, on a motion made by W. Rua, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Juzba, the Committee voted to approve SCR-17-14, *Approval of Star Wars Club as an Extracurricular Activity at AHS*.

Vote: 7 - 0

Next, on a motion made by C. Mineo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Rua, the Committee voted to approve SCR-17-15, Approval of *Let's Gogh Art* After-School Program.

Vote: 7 - 0

Under Business Meeting, on a motion made by S. Reed 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Juzba, the Committee voted to approve the September 12, 2017, regular meeting minutes.

Vote: 7 - 0

Under Correspondence, D. Juzba had nothing to report.

Next, on a motion made by A. Bonavita, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Juzba, the Committee, via roll call, voted to approve the following warrants as read: SW-18-16 in the amount of \$25,244.25; SW-18-17 in the amount of \$133,469.67; SW-18-18 in the amount of \$4,673.63; SW-18-19 in the amount of \$15,085.37; SW-18-20 in the amount of \$49,770.22; SW-18-21 in the amount of \$5,793.40; SW-18-22 in the amount of \$31,824.95; and SW-18-23 in the amount of \$844,398.15. Also approved was payroll warrant PW-17-14 in the amount of \$2,814,720.78.

Vote: 7 – 0

Under Reports, R. Cohen said the Committee should have received a Personnel Update paper report in their packet of materials.

Next, LPVEC Director, Andrew Churchill, provided the Committee with an update regarding the many programs and courses offered to students in the 7-district collaborative. In his report, the following information was shared:

- Mission & Purpose of the Collaborative
- Services such as Career Technology Education, Special & Alternative Education, School Transportation Services, Municipal Medicaid Reimbursement
- Energy Management Program
- Job-alike Groups
- Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment and other educator support services
- Geographic area served
- 7-district membership
- Career & Technical Education Center 2017 Awards and Certification
- Agawam has 95 students enrolled in Career Tech as of September 1, 2017
- Agawam has 16 special education students placed in collaborative programs

At the conclusion of his presentation, the Committee thanked Mr. Churchill for his comprehensive report.

Under Subcommittee Updates, Policy Subcommittee Chair, W. Rua, said the Policy Subcommittee will meet prior to the October 24<sup>th</sup> school committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. to discuss three new policies. She also asked that the recently approved school committee policy regarding Traditions and Rituals be read into the minutes at the next Committee meeting.

Next, Budget/Finance Subcommittee Chair, A. Bonavita said that his subcommittee will begin its work on the next year's school budget after the holidays in January.

Under New Business, due to timeliness, on a motion made by W. Rua, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Juzba, the Committee voted to suspend the rules in order to take action on SCR-17-17, *MASC Voting/Alternate Delegates*.

Vote: 7 – 0

Next, W. Rua nominated A. Bonavita to serve as *Voting Delegate* to the Annual MASC Business Meeting on November 1, 2017. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Next, D. Juzba nominated W. Rua to serve as *Alternate Delegate* to the Annual MASC Business Meeting on November 1, 2017. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Then, on a motion made by D. Juzba, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Reed, the Committee voted to approve A. Bonavita and W. Rua as the *Voting Delegate and Alternate Delegate*, respectively, to the MASC Annual Business Meeting on November 1, 2017.

Vote: 7 - 0

Next, SCR-17-18, *MASC Resolutions*, was moved to the next meeting.

Under Policy Review, on a motion made by D. Juzba, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Rua, the Committee voted to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policy ADC, *Tobacco Products on School Premises Prohibited*.

Vote: 7 – 0

Next, on a motion made by S. Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Burbank, the Committee voted to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policy FA, *Facilities Development Goals*.

Vote: 7 – 0

Then, on a motion made by D. Juzba, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Rua, the Committee voted to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policy FF, *Naming New Facilities*.

Vote: 7 – 0

Next, on a motion made by B. Burbank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Juzba, the Committee voted to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policy GBED, *Tobacco Use on School Property by Staff Members Prohibited*.

Vote: 7 - 0

Then, on a motion made by D. Juzba, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Rua, the Committee voted to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policy BBA, *School Committee Powers & Duties*.

Vote: 7 - 0

Next, on a motion made by D. Juzba, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Rua, the Committee voted to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policy BBBA/BBBB, *School Committee Member Qualifications/Oath of Office*.

Vote: 7 -0

Then, on a motion made by D. Juzba, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Burbank, the Committee voted to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policy CBD, *Superintendent's Contract*.

Vote: 7 – 0

Next, on a motion made by B. Burbank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Rua & D. Juzba, the Committee voted to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policy CE, *Administrative Councils, Cabinets, & Committees*.

Vote: 7 – 0

Next, on a motion made by S. Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Juzba, the Committee voted to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policy GBEA-1, *Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest*.

Vote: 7 – 0

Items: All Committee members welcomed the new teachers and wished them a good first year in the district. S. Reed said she is excited to learn that ALICE Training has begun at the junior high school. She also would like feedback from her colleagues regarding the color of graduation gowns. B. Burbank said he is interested in student feedback regarding the color for graduation gowns. A. Bonavita asked for information regarding the MASC Resolutions prior to his attendance at the November 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting. C. Mineo said he is looking forward to seeing everyone at Agawam Day at the Big E. W. Rua thanked the Mayor for making the lighting at the high school parking lot a safety priority. She also reminded her colleagues how much they enjoyed listening to student reports last year and hopes there will be more opportunities for student voices at Committee meetings. Mr. Lemanski said he has a few ideas for having students appear and report on their various activities.

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

Vote: 7 - 0

Time: 8:11 p.m.

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

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D. Juzba, Committee Secretary