

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

Present: A. Bonavita, B. Burbank, D. Juzba, C. Mineo, & W. Rua,
W. Sapelli, A. LeClair, & student representative Joseph Joyal

Absent: R. Cohen, R. Clickstein

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

Under Highlights on Education, AJHS Principal, Norm Robbins, was joined by Assistant Principal, Michael Donovan; teachers Lisa Bruno and Sarah Kempesty; and several students in a presentation regarding the student's annual spring trip to Washington, DC. Their presentation included a short video showing some of the highlights from their 5-day trip. Each student also related their favorite part of the school trip to our nation's capital.

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

- Congratulations to AHS sophomore, Alia Godek, who finished in 2nd place with a score of 79 during the *2016 Western Mass. Girl's Golf Championship*, which took place at Franconia Country Club on October 6th.
- Congratulations to seniors Joseph Joyal and Erin Lavoie who will serve as representatives on the *District Attorney's Youth Advisory Board for Hampden County*.
- Attendance with Dr. LeClair at the annual "AP Kick-Off" at AHS on September 29th.
- Attendance at the *70th Reunion for Agawam High School's Class of 1946*, which was held on October 6th at the Monte Carlo restaurant. The *Class of 1946* banner has been presented to the high school library where it will remain on display.
- Announcement that a *Preschool & Kindergarten School Building Committee* will be established now that the Feasibility Study Committee has completed its charge. Anyone wishing to serve on this committee should contact the Superintendent's office.
- The *Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony* for the new Athletic Complex has been postponed due to a delay in the construction of bleachers. As soon as a new date and time have been scheduled, the Committee will be notified. The *Hall of Fame Induction* ceremony will still take place on October 16th at 12 noon in the AHS gymnasium.

Next, under Student Advisory Committee Representative Update, Joseph Joyal, reported on the following events and activities taking place at AHS:

- Students voted not to wear the brown and white gowns for boys and girls, respectively, at graduation. Rather, it was the consensus of students that everyone will wear black gowns.
- The Flag Ceremony on October 3rd was a nice event, which included a Veteran's Honor Guard, some band members, and class officers.
- Everyone is anxious for the new stadium bleachers to be completed.
- Students appreciated that the admission charge for the first home game on the new football field was waived.

Under Unfinished Business, the first item was SCR-16-25, *Approval of the MASC Voting and Alternate Delegates*. W. Rua nominated B. Burbank to serve as the MASC Voting Delegate, 2nd by D. Juzba. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.
Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 absent

Then, D. Juzba nominated W. Rua to serve as the MASC Alternate Delegate, 2nd by C. Mineo. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.
Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 absent

The second item was SCR-16-26, *MASC Resolutions*. Mrs. Ferioli read the following resolutions and the Committee voted on each one as follows:

- Resolution #1 – *Foundation Budget*
On a motion made by W. Rua, 2nd by D. Juzba, the Committee voted to support Resolution #1.
Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 absent
- Resolution #2 – *Tax Reform Ballot Question*
On a motion made by D. Juzba, 2nd by W. Rua, the Committee voted **not** to support Resolution #2.
Vote: 0 - 6 nay – 1 absent

- Resolution #3 – *Charter School Reform*
On a motion made by A. Bonavita, 2nd by W. Rua, the Committee voted to support Resolution #3.
Vote: 5 – 0 – 1 absent – 1 abstention (B. Burbank)
- Resolution #4 – *Social and Emotional Well-Being of Students*
On a motion made by D. Juzba, 2nd by W. Rua, the Committee voted to support Resolution #4.
Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 absent

Under Business meeting, on a motion made by W. Rua, 2nd by D. Juzba, the Committee voted to approve the September 27, 2016, regular meeting and September 29, 2016, Executive Session minutes.
Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 absent

Under Correspondence, Mrs. Juzba said she had nothing to report.

Next, on a motion made by A. Bonavita, 2nd by B. Burbank, the Committee voted to approve the following warrants as read: SW-17-16 in the amount of \$2,629.50; SW-17-17 in the amount of \$40,221.13; and SW-17-18 in the amount of \$229,948.05.
Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 absent

Under Reports, S. Reed announced that the Committee should have received two paper reports regarding *Student/Teacher Enrollment* and *HS Course Elimination* in their packet of materials.

Next, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, & HR, Dr. Allison LeClair, presented a Title I and Primary Prevention Update to the Committee and viewing public. In her report, the following information was shared:

- How Title I and Primary Prevention assists students
- Districts determine schools eligible for Title I program services based on the Free and Reduced Lunch percentages
- Students do not have to be from low income families to qualify for Title I services
- Establishment of K-12 Vertical Math Committee
- “Gap-Filling” Interventions at all schools
- Title I Math Programs
- Intervention staff includes 1 Math, 2 ELA, 3 Primary Preventionists, & 2 Paraprofessionals
- New required position of Parent Engagement Coordinator

At the conclusion of her presentation, a question and answer session took place during which Committee members thanked Dr. LeClair for pointing out the benefits of the Title I program and the importance of Primary Prevention.

Under Subcommittee Updates, none were given.

Under New Business, SCR-16-27, *Approval of AJHS Trip to Washington, DC from April 17th to April 21, 2017*, was moved to the next meeting.

Items: C. Mineo asked if all parts for the stadium bleachers were on site. Mr. Sapelli said that the cross braces have not arrived yet. Mr. Mineo also asked whether there would be a loss of revenue from having to move games to other venues and not charging admission at the first home game. Mr. Sapelli replied yes, because teams have had to rent facilities. He then asked if the construction company would be paying any compensation. Mr. Sapelli said no, as the project is basically on time. Mr. Mineo concluded his remarks by thanking the high school staff, administration, and coaches for all of their efforts with this project. B. Burbank asked if the Broadcast Journalism II class, which was eliminated due to low enrollment, could be offered in the future. Mr. Sapelli said it could if student interest in the class returns. Mr. Burbank also said he attended the home football game on the new field, which was beautiful, and the band was great. D. Juzba asked if there is a number that determines when a course is eliminated. Mr. Sapelli said that enrollment lower than 8 or 10 students would most likely cause a course to be eliminated. W. Rua announced that she has “Vote No on Question 2” signs for any of her colleagues who would like one. S. Reed asked if there will be any show of the high school’s orange & brown colors now that graduation gowns will be black. Mr. Sapelli said that decorations will be in the school colors and the mortar board tassels will remain the same colors. Mrs. Reed said she was disappointed that the robotics course had low enrollment. She concluded her remarks by saying that the new football field looks fabulous.

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

Vote: 6 – 0 – 1 absent

Time: 8:15 p.m.

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

Diane Juzba, Committee Secretary