

Swampscott School Committee

Regular Session Minutes

October 27, 2022

A meeting of the Swampscott School Committee was held in Room B129 at Swampscott High School in Swampscott, MA commencing at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Glenn Paster, SC Chair, Mr. John Giantis, SC Vice Chair, Ms. Amy OConnor, Ms. Suzanne Wright and Ms. Carin Marshall. Also, Present: Pamela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools; Martha Sybert, Director of Finance. Student Representative Afia Bottari and Jessie Goodwin were absent.

The public will be able to attend virtually in accordance with the Executive Order issued by Governor Baker on March 12, 2020, and extended through March 31, 2023, suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 304, Section 20. The meeting was recorded and broadcast live on the local cable station.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Giantis - none.

Ms. OConnor reminded all of the upcoming High School Drama presentation. She stated she was impressed with the student athletes honoring teachers before games and thought it was a great thing to see teachers getting that recognition and thanked Ms. Farley for that. She also commented that she had questioned the role of the SRO during Covid and the aftermath of George Floyd but felt that the Superintendent had chosen the right person and was happy to see the work that is being done throughout the school community.

Ms. Marshall - none.

Ms. Wright said she received communication about the 7th grade Project Adventure trip and was excited that it was happening again. She also updated on the PCO of METCO Parents meeting and spoke about their upcoming fundraiser which supports the METCO program and scholarships. Ms. Angelakis stated she would forward the link to the Committee for the fundraiser.

Mr. Paster - none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Report

- i. [Academic Excellence Award - S. Andrews](#)
Ms. Angelakis gave a bio of Samantha Andrews and presented her with a certificate.
- ii. [National Merit Commendation](#) - S. Andrews and J. Oubala
Ms. Angelakis gave the Committee an overview of the commendation and congratulated Samantha Andrews and Jad Oubala for their accomplishments. Mr. Paster congratulated both on their accomplishments.
- iii. [Recommendation for Director of Finance](#)
Ms. Angelakis reminded the Committee that the current Director of Finance, Martha Sybert would be leaving the District on December 1. She introduced Cheryl Herrick Stella to the Committee and offered her recommendation for Ms. Herrick Stella as the new Director of Finance. She explained that she would be starting on January 23rd and that Ms. Sybert and Ms. Herrick Stella would be working on the transition. Mr. Paster congratulated Ms. Herrick Stella and welcomed her to the District. Mr. Giantis added that they had all met via Zoom and all were excited that Ms. Herrick Stella was onboard. Ms. Wright stated she was looking forward to working with Ms. Herrick Stella on the School Building Committee. Ms. Herrick Stella

stated she was looking forward to coming back to Swampscott and being part of the new school project. Ms. OConnor thanked Ms. Sybert for her professionalism and working to transition her role.

Motion: to approve the contract of the new Director of Finance, Cheryl Herrick Stella, by Mr. Paster, and seconded by Mr. Giants. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote; Ms. OConnor - yes; Mr. Giantis - yes; Ms. Wright, yes; Ms. Marshall - yes; Mr. Paster - yes.

iv. [Withdrawn Students Report](#)

Ms. Angelakis gave an overview of the withdrawn students from July 1, 2022 to October 12, 2022 and the breakdown at each school.

v. [October 1 Report to DESE](#)

Ms. Angelakis reviewed the reporting that is required to DESE and each of the categories.

vi. [October 1 Enrollment Report](#)

Ms. Angelakis reviewed the enrollment numbers at each school level as well as reviewed the In-District and Out-of-District placement numbers. There was a discussion regarding a potential increase of Special Education tuition placements and the concern about funding for the increases and Ms. Angelakis stated she would forward a document she received. Mr. Paster stated he would reach out and invite our representatives to a future meeting to Discuss as well. Ms. OConnor said she would extend the invitation to the Finance Committee as well. Mr. Giantis questioned the number of withdrawn students. Ms. Angelakis stated the number of withdrawn is typically equal with the new student registration and she would present the new student registration report at a future meeting. There was also a discussion regarding METCO enrollment and looking toward increasing enrollment with the new school building.

CHAIR

A. Updates

Mr. Paster stated that he was meeting with the Chair of the Selectboard and the Chair of the Finance Committee and looked forward to a more consistent Tri-Chair meeting schedule. He also added that he had recently spoken to Nomi Dreeben and said that he had invited her to come in person to our meetings. Ms. Marshall asked if she should be invited to the Budget Subcommittee and Mr. Paster thought an invitation would be a great idea.

Mr. Paster stated the Committee welcomed any sort of communication via email but reminded all to also cc the Superintendent to keep her in the loop.

Mr. Paster reminded all to be mindful of cars and to be safe on the upcoming Halloween weekend.

SUBCOMMITTEE

A. SBC Meetings Update

Ms. Wright gave an update on the SBC and the general contractor bids.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda is designed to expedite the handling of routine and miscellaneous business of the District. The School Committee may adopt the entire Consent Agenda with one motion. At the request of any committee member, any item(s) may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion.

A. [Regular Session Minutes – October 13, 2022](#)

B. [Donation - Weatherspoon Charitable Foundation - SHS Television](#)

C. WARRANT # 23-13 and 23-15

Mr. Paster spoke about the Weatherspoon donation and stated the TV program would be ecstatic with the donation. Ms. Angelakis stated they have been making a donation every year to different programs for 10 years or more.

Motion: to approve the consent agenda by Ms. OConnor and seconded by Ms. Wright. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote; Ms. OConnor - yes; Mr. Giantis - yes; Ms. Wright, yes; Ms. Marshall - yes; Mr. Paster - yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: At 6:55 p.m. it was moved by Ms. Wright to adjourn & seconded by Mr. OConnor. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pamela R.H. Angelakis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela R.H. Angelakis, M.A., M.Ed.

Superintendent of Schools



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Supporting Documents:



Date: November 17, 2022


 Completed - Donations, Grants and Gifts Form Weatherspoon Foundation.pdf 

 Copy of Andrews, Samantha Bio 10.2022 

 Copy of withdrawn students 10-12-22.pdf 



 Donation - Weatherspoon Charitable Donation - SHS Television Program.pdf 


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 Herrick-Stella, Cheryl Resume.pdf 

 October 1 Enrollment Report.xlsx - enrollment.pdf 

 OSD FAQ.pdf 

 SC summary 10-12-22.pdf 

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