

Swampscott School Committee
Regular Session Minutes
March 28th, 2024

A meeting of the Swampscott School Committee was held in Room B129 at Swampscott High School in Swampscott, MA commencing at 6:02 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Suzanne Wright, SC Chair, Mr. John Giantis, SC Vice Chair, and Mr. Glen Paster. Also Present: Student Representatives Noelle Diehl and Samuel Oubala.

The public will be able to attend virtually in accordance with the Executive Order issued by Governor Baker on March 12, 2020, and extended by Governor Healey through March 31, 2025, 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.

I. Committee Comments

Ms. Diehl - Quarter three grades close next week, girls tennis team first game next week, and French Honor Society induction which was very nice to attend.

Mr. Giantis - Went to the National Honor Society, congratulated the inductees.

Mr. Paster - None

Mr. Oubala - Completed MCAS ELA this week and Robotics is competing this weekend.

Ms. Wright - Congrats to the student representatives for National Honor inductees.

II. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. School Calendar/Snow Days (if needed)

Ms. Wright confirmed that the last day of school is June 13th.

B. [Capital Projects Update](#) - Max Kasper

Mr. Kasper went over the town capital process and the FY25 Capital Projects. Mr. Giantis asked what schools the whiteboards and network projects were. Mr. Kasper answered that the focus would be on the Middle and High School. Mr. Paster asked how many spots were in the lower lot. Mr. Kasper wasn't sure of the number of spots but commented that the lower lot was to be redone due to the condition not to focus on adding spots. Mr. Kasper then talked about the Clarke School being used by the superintendent's office, business office and the preschool. Currently it is on the FY27 town capital budget plan. Ms. Wright asked about MSBA funding and Mr. Kasper confirmed that it does not qualify. Mr. Paster asked when the preschool would open, Mr. Kasper said it would most probably be in the fall of 2025. Mr. Kasper then moved on to the Middle

School projects. Mr. Kasper went over the completed projects of the roof, fire alarm system, BDA, and facilities office. The upcoming projects would be the parking lots, phone systems, and window replacements.

B. [Boutique Hotel License](#) - Max Kasper

Mr. Kasper explained that the town has gone through a RFP process turning Hadley into a boutique hotel. The town has selected a developer and negotiated a licensing agreement with the developer. This document allows the developer to give access to the building to begin the start of the project. A vote is required.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Paster and seconded by Mr. Giantis to sign and conditional approve hotel license agreement. It was passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

A. [Food Service Bid](#)

Ms. Herrick Stella presented the food service bid. The district went out to bid, presented to Compass group, which has been part of the district for the last ten years. Ms. Wright asked about how it was affected by the new elementary school. Ms. Herrick Stella confirmed that the RFP process did speak to the new school and it is in the contract. Ms. Wright asked if there was anybody else who submitted a bid, Ms. Herrick Stella confirmed that nobody did. There will be a vote at the next meeting to approve the bid.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR

A. Tri-Chair Update

Ms. Wright said that the meeting went well, they discussed the general fund for facilities expenses and special education reserve.

B. Budget Update - None

SUBCOMMITTEES

A. Bargaining Updates - None

B. Policy Update - Mr. Giantis commented that there was nothing new.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. ACTIONS AND VOTES (Votes and Donations)

A. [Drivers's Ed. Program Fee Increase](#) - Vote Needed

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Paster and seconded by Mr. Giantis to approve the drivers ed program fee increase. It passed unanimously.

V. 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 - [March 14, 2024](#)

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Paster and seconded by Mr. Giantis to approve the regular session minutes. It was passed unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT



MOTION: At 7:00 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Paster and seconded by Mr. Giantis to adjourn. It was passed unanimously.



Respectfully submitted,







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Superintendent of Schools
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Date: April 11, 2024


-  [2024_0328 - Hadley School Access Agreement - Clearview Signature.pdf](#) 

-  [20240328_Agenda_School Committee.pdf](#) 

-  [Agenda - March 28, 2024](#) 

-  [Food Service contract award memo.pdf](#) 

-  [Minutes March 14, 2024](#) 

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