

# Swampscott School Committee

## Regular Session Meetings

January 26, 2022

A meeting of the Swampscott School Committee was held virtually in Swampscott, MA, commencing at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Amy OConnor, Chair, Mrs. Carin Marshall, Mr. John Giantis, Mr. Glenn Paster and Mrs. Suzanne Wright, School Committee members. Also, Present: Pamela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools, Martha Raymond, Assistant Superintendent, Jean Bacon, Director of Teaching & Learning, and Martha Sybert, Director of Finance. Madison Diehl and Meggie Jensen, Student Representatives, were present.

The School Committee and Superintendent were in-person. The public will be able to attend virtually in accordance with the executive order issued by Governor Baker on March 12, 2020, suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c.304, Section 20. The meeting was being recorded and broadcast live on the local cable station.

### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Mrs. OConnor - Wanted to thank all school nurses and Amanda Mulcahy for all of their hard work.

Mr. Paster - Mentioned how great it was to listen to all the student athlete stories and specifically the success of Unified Basketball.

Mrs. Marshall - None

Mr. Giantis - Reminded all of the zoning board meeting coming up on 2/15/22 and encouraged people to attend if interested.

Mrs. Wright - Wanted to echo what Mr. Paster said. She mentioned that she forgot how much she loved seeing the kids and remembering what the priority is, and to see the unified basketball team and how well they spoke, and the cheer squad with its diversity. She mentioned all of those items made her very happy to see.

Madison Diehl - Mentioned how happy she was for all the student athletes who were recognized. She also mentioned how positive the pool testing situation at the high school had become.

Meggie Jensen - Mentioned how high school spirit is at the high school and how positive the vibe is.

### **I. STUDENT RECOGNITION**

- A. [Varsity Cheer Team](#) and Coaches. Coach Shannon Dullea and her team spoke about their accomplishments this season.
- B. METCO Program - Al Bangura. High School senior Al Bangura spoke about his personal success and the overall effectiveness and importance of the METCO Program. Ms. Angelakis and Mrs. OConnor mentioned how very proud they were of Al and all that he has accomplished.
- C. [Unified Basketball](#) and Coaches - Coach Britney Coppinger and some members of her team including Hannah Burns spoke about what a wonderful experience they had with Unified Basketball this year.
- D. [Boys Cross Country](#) - Anton Khripko and Coaches. Coach Joe Tenney spoke about the success of the Cross Country team this year, and specifically student Anton Khripko who spoke about his love for running.

### **II. SUPERINTENDENT**

Ms. Angelakis mentioned that many of the district's staff and teachers are being largely affected by COVID-19 including ESPs, support staff and principals. She mentioned that it takes more than a couple of days for most people to recover and the impact has slowed down the workings of daily business. She also mentioned that we are in a nation-wide substitute teacher crisis, with principals and staff bearing the brunt of the sub shortage by utilizing

creative ways to keep their buildings running. She mentioned that she met with Mrs. Mulcahy to discuss the roll out of the new home testing Covid program that will eliminate the test to stay program. Pool testing will remain.

Ms. Angelakis discussed the new School Building project in relation to information about Stanley School. She mentioned that it was her intent to have information to bring to parents by the end of January but that there is no new information at this time. She did send a letter home to parents with this information as well as have a very productive meeting with the staff of Stanley School. She mentioned that she was waiting on the Town to negotiate a location for Stanley students and could not move forward without that piece.

- A. [20-21 Northshore Education Consortium Annual Report](#) - Ms. Angelakis spoke about the importance of our membership in the Northshore Education Consortium, and how cost effective and efficient it is compared with sending our students out to other outplacement schools. Mrs. Raymond mentioned two important aspects of our membership is the benefit to our students to remain connected to their local community and also the short distance of the Consortium in relation to students' homes which helps to reduce transportation costs.
- B. [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging](#) (DEIB) 5-Year Plan - Ms. Angelakis spoke about how important the DEIB initiatives are, and how it has become a buzz word in the state. Dr. Bacon commended Mr. Mastone at the high school who has been a leader in this area and who has made it clear that although we have a five year plan, it is much more than five years of work that is necessary. Ms. Angelakis made the point that this initiative is one that the Leadership has committed to for the long term, and she is quite proud of that. Mr. Giantis asked about how the priorities of the initiative were developed. Dr. Bacon mentioned that she would be happy to detail the history.

### **III. CHAIR**

- A. [\(SWAC\) Solid Waste Advisory Committee Liaison](#) - appointed
  - i. Chair - Wayne Spritz joined by Dr. Polizzotti, Sam Snitkovsky, and Max Kasper. They spoke about who they are and what they do in terms of advising about solid waste. They provided a slideshow detailing how they are working with the schools and what the impact is to the school system. Dr. Polizzotti discussed the setup and success of her composting program at the middle school. They asked for a liaison from the School Committee to their Advisory Committee.

### **IV. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

- A. [FY23 Budget](#)

Ms. Sybert presented the FY23 budget. Ms. Angelakis spoke about the shortfall of \$175,000. Ms. Sybert outlined the timeline for the remainder of the budget season.

### **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 – [December 8, 2021](#)
- B. Emergency Meeting Minutes - [December 13, 2021](#)
- C. Executive Session Minutes - [January 20, 2022](#)
- D. WARRANT # 22-24, 22-26, 22-28, & 22-30

**Motion:** It was moved by Suzanne Wright to accept the consent agenda and seconded by Carin Marshall, unanimous vote 5-0.

**Public Comment:** NONE.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** At 10:15 p.m. It was moved by Carin Marshall to accept the motion to adjourn & seconded by Suzanne Wright, unanimous vote 5-0.



Respectfully submitted,

Pamela R.H. Angelakis, M.A., M.Ed.  
Superintendent of Schools  
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Date:

Approved: February 9, 2022



Supporting Documentation:

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-  [Agenda January 26, 2022, School Committee Meeting Updated](#) 



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  -  [FY23 Budget 01.26.2022 Overview, Admin and SE Cost Centers.pdf](#) 



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  -  [SWAC Presentation to School Com 1-26-22 \(final\).pdf](#) 



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  -  [Communication for New Elementary School.pdf](#) 



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  -  [Copy of Emergency Exec Session Minutes 13-Dec-2021.docx](#) 



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  -  [DRAFT MINUTES 20-Jan-2022 Executive Session Bargaining.docx](#) 



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  -  [DEIB Plan One Pager - PUBLIC.pdf](#) 



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  -  [December 8, 2021 Regular Session Meeting Minutes FINAL](#) 

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  -  [2020-21 Northshore Education Consortium Annual Report\\_FINAL.pdf](#) 

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