

GATEWAY REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018

Middle School 112/114

7:00 P.M.

All visitors attending the school committee meeting should sign in at the security booth.

(A PORTION OF THIS MEETING MAY BE HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION)

I. OPENING OF MEETING

BLANDFORD
Michele Crane

CHESTER
Shirley Winer
Martha Otterbeck
Diane Dunn

HUNTINGTON
Aaron Welch
Melissa Nazzaro

MIDDLEFIELD
Sarah Foley

MONTGOMERY
Madelyn Austin

RUSSELL
Tara Balboni
Paula Hepburn

SECRETARY
Stacy Stewart

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION
Dr. David B. Hopson, Superintendent
Stephanie Fisk, Business & Finance

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Wendy Long, District Grant Writer

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

OTHERS: Melissa McCaul, Jason Forgue, Darlene McVeigh, Kala Brady, Dan Jacques, Derrick Mason

7:05 p.m. **II. PUBLIC INPUT (3 Minute Limit) - None**

III. STUDENT COUNCIL INPUT - None

IV. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/RECOGNITION - None

7:45 **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM**

A. Health Services Mission Statement: "Our mission is to enhance, support, and improve the overall health of students because healthy students learn."

Mrs. Nazzaro made a motion seconded by Mrs. Foley to approve the Health Services Mission Statement.

Motion Carried (VOTE) 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Madelyn, Tara, Diane, Sarah, Paula, Melissa, Martha, Aaron, Shirley, Michele

B. 2018-2019 School Calendar

Mrs. Balboni made a motion seconded by Mrs. Foley to approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar.

Motion Carried (VOTE) 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Madelyn, Tara, Diane, Sarah, Paula, Melissa, Martha, Aaron, Shirley, Michele

C. ASBO Conference September 2018

Mrs. Dunn made a motion seconded by Mrs. Foley to approve the Superintendent to attend the ASBO Conference in September 2018.

Motion Carried (VOTE) 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Madelyn, Tara, Diane, Sarah, Paula, Melissa, Martha, Aaron, Shirley, Michele

VI. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

A. School Committee Self Evaluation

- Mrs. Crane said information was included in packet. If anyone has any questions or additions, please let her know. She will contact MASC to help facilitate the evaluation.
- Dr. Hopson said Mrs. Crane has updated the goals so you can see you are making progress. Once all the pieces are added to the strategic plan school committee will complete the self-evaluation.
- Mrs. Otterbeck asked if we are reviewing old and new.
- Dr. Hopson said yes, you might want to include anything that comes out of the self-evaluation.

VII. CONSENT ITEMS 3/14/18 budget hearing and regular meeting (Enc.)

Mrs. Dunn made a motion seconded by Mrs. Foley to approve the both sets of minutes from 3/14/18.

Motion Carried (VOTE) 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Madelyn, Tara, Diane, Sarah, Paula, Melissa, Martha, Aaron, Shirley, Michele

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. School Committee – None

B. Chairperson

- Mrs. Crane asked if our retirement reception is May 23rd.
- Mrs. Long said sure.
- Mrs. Balboni offered to coordinate food.

C. Superintendent

Central Office Update (Enc.)

- Dr. Hopson said we have been looking at the findings from the preschool survey and will be sharing it with school committee and Andy Myers. The EEC coordinator came in and we may have a room that only needs little modifications here in the high school. We will compare both here and Russell. We received 48 or 49 responses but we don't have that many people on the radar. Staff is concerned if you open a full-day preschool will you have to close something else. Preschool screening is in May.
- Mrs. Otterbeck asked if there was any discussion on reconfiguring the school. If the 5th grade came back would it free up space.
- Dr. Hopson said no. Grades 1-5 don't have to have a bathroom in the room. There is one classroom with a bathroom here in this building.

D. Business Manager

Audit and Cover Letter (Enc.)

- Ms. Fisk said they are looking at expanding the summer wrap-around program with field trips, probably bringing in presentations and doing themes such as sports. We will be getting information out to parents right after April vacation. Right now it will include grades K-5.
- Ms. Fisk said two more pieces of the audit will be coming. She thinks they will be coming in May.

E. Administration

- Mrs. Long said the Cabaret is Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. In addition to MARS next Thursday is the Model United Nations multicultural dinner. The cost is \$5 for kids and \$8 for adults. This helps them fray the costs of Model UN functions. Also that night is the Chester elementary musical sponsored by the Foundation. This is a K-5 performance about the Wright brothers. This is a free event with a student art exhibit. Also that night is the College planning workshop for parents of juniors and seniors.
- Mrs. Winer said now that we've been having all these gatherings, it would be nice if the towns came to the Cabaret to see what our students are doing.

F. Town - None

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTING**A. Superintendent's Evaluation**

- Next meeting April 25, 2018

B. Legislative Liaison – None**C. Policy Subcommittee**

- Next meeting June 20, 2018

D. Building Liaisons

- Mrs. Balboni said 7th grade did their own ted talk. They had to create a video and edit it. It was based on a nonfiction book. Some of them are going on the website.

Mrs. Winer made a motion seconded by Mrs. Otterbeck to go into executive session at 7:18 p.m. for the purpose of Negotiations – Teachers and Litigation: Kennedy, et al. v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, et al. - No.:HSCV2014-00210, not to return to open session

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X. OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**Future Agenda Items**

GYAA Building Use – April 25

XI. INFORMATION**Information**

Alumni sought for “where are they now?” series
 Superintendent's Corner March 9, 2018
 NHS members lead “Seussabration”
 Gateway student athletes shine at Special Olympics
 Gateway singers featured at Thunderbirds hockey game
 Congressman Neal visits Gateway to congratulate graduate
 Last call for Thunderbirds Tickets for Gateway Night!
 Cabaret date change
 Gateway students take part in national movement
 Schools, offices closed for Good Friday
 Superintendent's Corner March 16, 2018

The warrant signing committee had reviewed the following warrants, found them to be in order, and approved them.

Warrants

AP# 1055 \$175,549.12

PR# 017 \$379,937.67

AP# 1058 \$42.93

PR# 018 \$340,131.81

AP# 1059 \$111,214.51
 AP# 1063 \$42.94
 AP# 1062 \$106,717.67

PR# 019 \$377,534.16

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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A. Union Negotiations - Teachers

B. Litigation: Kennedy, et al. v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, et al. - No.:HSCV2014-00210

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Welch made a motion seconded by Mrs. Nazzaro to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

Motion Carried (VOTE) 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Madelyn, Tara, Diane, Sarah, Paula, Melissa, Martha, Aaron, Shirley, Michele

Respectfully Submitted,
 Stacy L Stewart
 School Committee Secretary