

GATEWAY REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES****WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 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
Terri Garfield

CHESTER
Shirley Winer
Martha Otterbeck
Diane Dunn

HUNTINGTON

MIDDLEFIELD
Sarah Foley

MONTGOMERY
Madelyn Austin

RUSSELL
Tara Balboni
Paula Hepburn
Lyndsey Papillon

SECRETARY

Stacy Stewart

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Wendy Long, District Grant Writer

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

OTHERS: Bill Brown, Ruth Harper, Cheryl Wright

- Mrs. Crane opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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

III. STUDENT COUNCIL INPUT

- Meghan Crane said the senior awards ceremony is next week. It is also where they award the spirit trophy. Juniors are in the lead and seniors are in second place. Decorating the showcases is the last spirit competition. The theme is what advice you would give to other students. They just finished penny wars. Each class has a jar where pennies are collected for positive points, but silver is negative points. It raises money for student council. The softball team clenched their league. They are going to states. This week's schedule is messed up for senior exams.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/RECOGNITION - None**7:45 V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM****A. School Committee Self Evaluation**

- Mrs. Crane said this is just an item to talk about. Mrs. Stewart will send out an email with the self evaluation. Please email your responses directly to Pat at MASC. The directions will be in the email. Hopefully everyone can get this done by June 6 so Pat can have everything ready for when she comes on June 20th.

VI. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Superintendent's Evaluation Process

- Mrs. Crane said ten people have completed the evaluation. We will keep it open until Monday. She thanked everyone who did it.

B. Recommendation to approve School Choice for the 2018-2019 School Year

Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Otterbeck to suspend the two meeting rule to vote on school choice.

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

Yeas: Madelyn, Tara, Diane, Sarah, Terri, Paula, Lyndsey, Martha, Shirley, Michele

Mrs. Winer made a motion seconded by Mrs. Foley to approve school choice for the 2018-2019 School Year.

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

Yeas: Madelyn, Tara, Diane, Sarah, Terri, Paula, Lyndsey, Martha, Shirley, Michele

C. Superintendent requests authorization for the District Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer under provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 71 Section 16 (9) and with the approval of the Chairperson for the Gateway Regional Committee, to incur temporary debt (borrow from time to time) in anticipation of revenue to be received from any source for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018. This is for short-term borrowing in case assessments are not received in time, etc.

- Move to old business next time.

D. Summer Grant List

- Mrs. Long said these are grants we anticipate applying for over the summer and early fall.
- Mrs. Otterbeck asked if there is an opportunity to see about grants for additional courses or online for students who don't fall into the needs category.
- Mrs. Long said over the last few years gateway has not been eligible for a lot of grants and there has been a significant reduction in the amount that goes out. In a lot of grants they already have the school chosen to receive it when it goes out. Money is being channeled to the high needs schools. We sometimes can't compete with the bigger schools. We have fewer administrators so unless we get enough to hire someone to manage the grant we don't always apply.
- Mrs. Otterbeck just wanted to keep it as an option to look at. A little diversity such as business would be nice.
- Mrs. Long said NEASC may set a direction for us that may include business.
- Mrs. Winer asked where she applies for such grants for needy kids.
- Mrs. Long gets them from DESE who posts the grants.
- Mrs. Papillon noticed there are a couple of early childhood grants. Are these ones we've gotten in the past?
- Mrs. Long said yes. Also, one of the reasons we started the foundation was due to the lack of grants.
- Move to old business for a vote.

VII. CONSENT ITEMS 5/9/18 (Enc.)

Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Papillon to approve the minutes of 5/9/18.

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

Yeas: Madelyn, Tara, Diane, Sarah, Terri, Paula, Lyndsey, Martha, Shirley, Michele

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. School Committee

- Mrs. Papillon said Littleville had their 1st and 2nd grade musical and art show. It was phenomenal Mrs. Mosher holds a performing class. Mrs. Horton had a lot of nice artwork on display
- Mrs. Long said that project was funded by the foundation.
- Mrs. Otterbeck said the high school performance was also fabulous.

B. Chairperson

- Mrs. Crane told everyone to come to graduation if you can and make sure you rsvp to Mrs. Robbins. She also said the Mr. Welch and Mrs. Nazzaro are not here because they are attending the informational meeting in Huntington.

C. Superintendent

Central Office Update (Enc.)

- Dr. Hopson said the last town that voted was. They took the recommendation from Mike Morrissey to take money from free cash to fund the statutory method which is more so it was voted.
- Mrs. Austin said they spoke in favor of the economic coordinator.
- Mrs. Papillon said Russell held their information forum last week. The select board and finance is kind of split. Although, there were some big players who are vocal and speak out who seemed to be nodding and agreeing with the alternative method. John Baldasaro and Andy Myers of Chester said the town of Chester has offered to pay the \$40,000 to offset the assessment so Russell pays the same amount as last year.
- Dr. Hopson said Chester has a warrant article to have Russell have the same amount as last year. We have had a conversation with DOR and DESE.
- Mrs. Winer asked why they would do that.
- Dr. Hopson said Chester, under the statutory would have to pay \$90,000 more and will remain \$50,000 ahead for this year and ahead for many years.
- Dr. Hopson said the school based health center wants to bring optometry in. The room that is currently used by Southern Hilltown's Adult Education Center is where it will be. He has contacted them to see if they want to leave or lease another room in the district.
- Mrs. Long said they still need the additional space even if they don't need to optometry.
- Dr. Hopson said we haven't received anything for that adult education, so we aren't losing anything.
- Dr. Hopson said two amendments passed in the Senate today. One was for increasing regional transportation. The second was pushed by Adam Hinds to create and fund a small rural schools account for 1.5 million. It will give \$100 per student to twenty rural schools we are one of them.
- Dr. Hopson said Smitty Pignatelli has been asked to come to the facilitated discussion meeting on June 14th. He said we should move the Worthington discussion July meeting for executive session.
- Mrs. Otterbeck ran into someone who runs the KEVS foundation who said there was a new law passed effective July first that says you have to have an AED on the athletic fields.
- Ms. Fisk said we have one out there. Someone said there was one in the booster club shack.

D. Business Manager – None**E. Administration**

- Mrs. Long read the article about the student work that is posted on the library website. If you have a chance look at the projects that have been taking place.

F. Town - None**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTING****A. Superintendent's Evaluation**

- Next meeting June 6.

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

- Next meeting June 20.

D. Building Liaisons – None

Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Garfield to go into executive session at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of Negotiations- Teacher not to come back to open session.

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

Yeas: Madelyn, Tara, Diane, Sarah, Terri, Paula, Lyndsey, Martha, Shirley, Michele

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

National School Lunch Program - June
Approval of Student Activity Accounts - June

XI. INFORMATION
Information

Gateway Blood Drive May 15
11 years of recycling celebrated at Gateway!
GEF Board tanks Valley Gives donors
“The Phantom Tollbooth” May 11 and 12 at Gateway
Superintendent’s Corner May 4, 2018
Denaë Kessel Dostal receives Excellence in Teaching Award

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

Warrants

AP# 1082 \$52,672.20	PR# 023 \$366,158.91
AP# 1086 \$51,858.51	PR# 023.1 \$5,838.20
AP# 1088 \$50.47	

**8:35-9 p.m. XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
or earlier**

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A. Union Negotiations - Teachers

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Hepburn made a motion seconded by Mrs. Foley to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 9 Nays Abstain Absent 1 (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Madelyn, Tara, Diane, Sarah, Terri, Paula, Martha, Shirley, Michele

Absent: Lyndsey

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy L Stewart
School Committee Secretary