

GATEWAY REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016

**Middlefield Town Hall – Outside Meeting
7:00 P.M.**

(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

Ron Damon
Kara Rousseau

MIDDLEFIELD

MONTGOMERY

Madelyn Austin

RUSSELL

Tara Balboni
Heather Morgan
Lyndsey Papillon

SECRETARY

Stacy Stewart

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Joanne Blocker, Director of Academics
Megan Coburn, Chs,Lit,Ms Principal
Jason Finnie, High/Jr. High Principal
Wendy Long, District Grant Writer
Anthony Sabonis, High/Jr. High Assistant Principal

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

OTHERS: _____

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

- Mrs. Crane opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.
- The reporter is recording the meeting.
- Mrs. Crane read a note of appreciation about the Education at the Gateway Regional School District written by Mrs. Foley who couldn't be her today.

III. STUDENT COUNCIL INPUT - None

IV. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Questions – Strategic Planning Information

- Dr. Hopson's said he sent it the document as a link in the central office update. These are the issues we faced and how we can move forward. He thought school committee should see this before they meet with MASC in October regarding school committee goals.
- Mrs. Crane spoke to Pat Corriera and would like to establish Wednesday meeting that is opposite a school committee week. Tentatively school committee decided on October 19 at 7:00 p.m.

7:45 V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

8:00 - VI. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

8:30 p.m.

A. Fall Grants FY '17 (Enc.)

- Mrs. Long presented the following grants: Food Services Equipment Grant, Teen Dating Violence Continuation Grant, and The Autism Speaks Local Grant. These will be moved to Old Business for the next meeting.

B. HS Program of Studies Changes (Enc.)

- Mr. Finnie went over the changes to the Program of Studies: Course numbering do to Rediker transition, Renaming and defining courses, deletion of courses no longer offered, Addition of pull out sped classes, Deletion of School Service and addition of Directed/Independent Study, and P.E. Waiver.

C. Prom/Semi Guest Form (Enc.)

- Mr. Sabonis said there have been an exurbanite amount of 23 or 24 year olds who want to attend our prom. Up to 30 in the past 5 years. We don't have a lot of control of over 23 or 24 year olds. A lot of it is not new. Not over 20 years. Special circumstances will be taken on a case by case basis. You need to be in good school standing wherever you might go.
- Mrs. Garfield asked about parents of the 20 year old. They might not be living with a parent.
- Mr. Sabonis said they would ask for a point of contact.

D. Physical Education Waiver (Enc.)

- This would allow students to waive up to 5 of their total P.E. Credits.
- Mr. Finnie asked if we could have a vote on the Handbook Changes so we can get the information out.

Mrs. Balboni made a motion seconded by Mrs. Otterbeck to suspend the two meeting rule.

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

Yeas: Michele, Terri, Shirley, Martha, Diane, Ron, Kara, Madelyn, Tara, Lyndsey

Mr. Damon made a motion seconded by Mrs. Otterbeck to approve the changes to the program of studies, Prom/Semi guest form and the physical education waiver.

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

Yeas: Michele, Terri, Shirley, Martha, Diane, Ron, Kara, Madelyn, Tara, Lyndsey

E. Approval for Superintendent to Attend the Future of Educational Technology Conference (FETC)

- Dr. Hopson said Mr. Parker has been trying to get him to go to one of these for years. This would be a benefit since he has been acting as the Technology Director.
- Move to old business for a vote at the next meeting.

VII. CONSENT ITEMS 7/13/16 (Enc.)

Mr. Damon made a motion seconded by Otterbeck to approve the meeting minutes of 7/13/2016.

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

Yeas: Michele, Terri, Shirley, Diane, Ron, Kara, Madelyn, Tara, Lyndsey

Abstain: Martha

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. School Committee

- Mrs. Otterbeck asked if we should bring up the gateway parents of Gateway Facebook Page
- Mrs. Papillon said it is monitored by a parent who is a member of the communications committee.
- Mrs. Otterbeck is worried. She doesn't want it be a ranting platform.
- Mrs. Papillon and Mrs. Balboni said they want to see that parent concerns are addressed on it.
- Mrs. Long will bring it up at the next communications council.
- Mrs. Papillon said the class lists were on the library window. They were concerned about parents taking pictures and posting it on Facebook.

- Dr. Hopson said we can legally post the information.
- Mrs. Austin asked if there is a 6th grade supply list.
- Mrs. Balboni said she has one.
- Mrs. Finnie said there is no official list.
- Mrs. Otterbeck said Any Myers did a great video of the hill towns and asked if anyone had a really good picture of the school.

B. Chairperson – Building Liaisons

- Mrs. Crane asked about having people be building liaisons again the year. This is what we came up with: Mrs. Crane with Kurt Grivaltis in Pupil Services, Mrs. Balboni with Mrs. Long in communications, Mrs. Otterbeck with Ms. Fisk in Business and Finance, Mrs. Papillon and Mrs. Rousseau with Littleville, Mrs. Dunn with Chester, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Balboni with Middle School, Mrs. Foley and Mrs. Garfield with High School, and Mrs. Crane and Mr. Wyand with Mr. Quinn in Facilities, and Mrs. Garfield with the Education Foundation..

C. Superintendent

Central Office Update (Enc.)

- MARS will be at the October GTAC meeting. They have been out a couple times. They will be out in two weeks. We thought we were done with staffing but we've lost a couple during this past week. We are getting responses for the postings. We should be all set in the next week or so.
- Dr. Hopson said Mr. Austin was part of negotiations for the secretaries.
- She asked him why can't you send an email for what took place, so we could move things along.
- Dr. Hopson said he asked the representative. He said we need to meet. Which is why he was surprised that he asked if they wanted to do proposals. Dr. Hopson said no, because he said he didn't want to.
- Dr. Hopson said the reason this took so long is the person they had, left, then the next person retired, and then they hired a lawyer.

D. Business Manager

- Ms. Fisk said the buildings are ready. The bus lists are out. They have revamped them. We have about 20 new students.
- Dr. Hopson said they are all not native English speaking.
- Ms. Fisk said this year we will look at the parent portal so we are not posting bus lists on the website.

E. Administration

- Mrs. Long said we are holding a homecoming weekend. The Shipman Memorial Concert is Friday and the alumni soccer game is Saturday, and there will be a Sunday brunch at the Chester Common Table. 15 % of the tab goes to the Gateway Education Foundation.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTING

A. Superintendent's Evaluation

- Evaluation will meet before the 9/14/16 meeting.

B. Legislative Liaison

C. Policy Subcommittee

- Policy will meet before 9/28/16 in Chester.

D. Building Liaisons

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Future Agenda Items

XI. INFORMATION

Information

Fourth term honor roll for high school

Jr. High Effort Awards

Schools, Libraries kick off summer reading

Middle School Effort Awards
 Sixth grade end of year STEM projects
 Superintendent's Corner June 24, 2016
 July School Committee meeting
 Public 'Meet & Greet' for Kurt Garivaltis July 13
 Superintendent's Corner July 1, 2016
 Superintendent's Corner July 18, 2016

Warrant

AP#1100 \$42.42	PR# 01 \$90,625.06
AP#1099 \$99,658.73	PR# 02 \$88,604.22
AP#1002 \$21,951.50	PR# 03 \$91,016.36
AP#1101 \$30,670.55	PR# 04 \$89,064.09
AP#1004 \$148,013.62	
AP#1008 \$96,261.15	

**8:35-9 p.m. XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None
 or earlier**

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Damon made a motion seconded by Mrs. Otterbeck to adjourn the first outdoor school committee meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

Yeas: Michele, Terri, Shirley, Martha, Diane, Ron, Kara, Madelyn, Tara, Lyndsey

Respectfully Submitted,
 Stacy L Stewart
 School Committee Secretary