

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE STOUGHTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

TELEVISION STUDIO, STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

A regular meeting of the Stoughton School Committee was held on **Tuesday Sept 13, 2016** in the television Studio at Stoughton High School at **7:00 p.m.**

Present were Katie Pina-Enokian, Chair; Molly Cochran, Vice Chair; Joaquin Soares; Joseph McDonough; Anita Hill; Dr. Marguerite Rizzi, Superintendent; and Jonathan Ford, Deputy Superintendent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Molly Cochran;

Mr. Soares made a statement when I was not present, at a Board of Selectman's meeting July 18, in an effort to defame and discredit me. Before making public accusations of unethical conduct he should have spoken with me or our attorney Mr. Emerson. He alleged that in signing warrants along with other SC members I had a conflict of interest because some warrants may have included payments to a private, nonprofit school serving special education students with special needs. I spoke to the Ethics Commission and was told there was no conflict of interest. I did nothing to influence these placements. Mr. Soares should pay attention to the needs of children we are here to serve.

Joyce Husseini Public Comment:

At the July 18 Board of Selectmen's meeting, Mr. Soares made a public comment that was an attack on my character, and also of Ms. Cochran. Mrs. Husseini finds herself responding to baseless attacks and setting straight the record for the third time on this subject,

"On July 18th you stated Mr. Soares that "Dr. Ural pointed out in 2013 that I had a conflict of interest and was embarrassed by the discovery of Dr. Ural and I went to the Town Clerk office to report it. Nothing could be farther from the the truth."

You have made other very public and lengthy accusations about my profiting from High School building project, history of making grand accusations to large audiences that are followed by tiny, mumbled apologies. No apology necessary from you Mr. Soares and you are a bully and a liar.

Update of Opening School:

Dr. Rizzi was very happy with how the first day of school turned out. Children were very happy, energetic and engaged in activities. Dr. Rizzi along with Mr. Ford visited all of the schools in Stoughton on the first day. She is also excited about this year and it was a great kickoff.

All middle school students will receive a Chrome book.

Update on O'Donnell Middle School New Traffic Pattern

Mr. Guglia spoke about the traffic program for both pick up and drop off. It was a great start to the school year. There were some changes on the traffic flow to take a right or left into some areas. There were police presented but they cannot be there all the time, Dr. Rizzi applauded the department about working together and making it safe for the children.

Dr. Rizzi said we definitely encourage carpools to limit the amount of cars and everyone needs to stay off their cell phones, use common sense and obey any staff process. Also was stated to get to school closer to 7:00 am and we serve a wonderful breakfast.

Kimball School Discussion-

Dr. Rizzi spoke about the building committee moved into construction phase and the construction manager-Architect proceeding very well.

Also was discussed was the town might buy back the Kimball school Town sold the building and kept the land. We are looking at a possible option to buy the building for office space. Building an elevator would be the most expensive part of the project also all electrical work would need to be updated. This has definitely not been decided on but not to exceed the amount allocated. Dr. Rizzi and Katie will not request any more money from the town.

They mentioned Jones is another option and are going to examine every square foot of the beginning. Jones has a new roof, electrical

system and is a use to all of Stoughton. Jones is a possible option for offices.

Kate Pina-Enokian is not in favor of eliminating the Jones. It has a lot of services including Preschool and the extended Day. Katie would not want to disrupt this school.

They are having a walk through on Sept 23, Friday 9-11 to also look at town land and different options.

Kimball versus Jones

Ratification of Food Services Contract 2016-2019

Food Service Contract Handed out

1. Hourly Rate/Scale: Continue the 2.5% hourly pay increase between annual steps and add three more steps to the end of the pay scale reflecting the 2.5% annual increase.
2. New Section: to reflect that a part time member who fills in for a full time member will be paid at the first or next step of that full time members rate which would give an increase in the part time members rate.
3. New Section: Part-time members will be given 2 paid sick days per year, such time will not accrue or be carried over.
4. New Section: All members will receive a clothing allowance of \$100 per school year.
5. Adjust the standard shift to reflect the actual hours of worked 6.5
6. All newly hired employees will be required to be capable of lifting a minimum of 30 pounds.

4 in favor one abstain

Correspondence

Joe Soares read several attachments regarding missing minutes from several meetings and had not been approved. Mr. Soares asked committee twice by email to put Mr. Emersons letter on the agenda. The committee told me to “get in touch with the chair person” he did it and nothing happened. See attached letters from Joe Soares and Mr. Emerson.

“Dear Mr. Manganaro:

On August 5, 2016. I received a letter from Mr. Emerson, which was dated August 2, 2016. I understand a copy of this letter was also sent to your office. It appears this letter was written in response to my third Open Meeting Law Complaint against the school committee.

Mr. Emerson, is the attorney for the Stoughton School committee, and therefore I will refer to this letter as the committee response. I have tremendous respect for Mr. Emerson’s legal knowledge and professionalism. However the Committee response sent under Mr. Emerson’s name has factual errors, and is irrelevant to my complaint. Therefore, I suspect this response was ghost written by Dr. Rizzi.

In the subject line of the letter says:

“Re: Open Meeting Law Complaint
July 28, 2015 Executive Session Minutes”

The rest of the letter has nothing to do with the July 28, 2015 Executive Session Minutes.”

Joe Soares thinks there is fabrication in notes and thinks there is information missing.

Also in Correspondence

Molly Cochran read statements from MSBA welcoming Bob O'Regan and Kristen Howe to the building committee.

Open Meeting Law Complaints: Mr. Soares

Mr. Soares already read the OML complaint. See Attachment's

Joe Emerson school committee lawyer spoke regarding Joe's complaints regarding minutes. School committee will try to rectify Joe Soars complaints.

Other Matters

Speaking about the school department, Dr. Rizzi said thanks to Cosco since they gave the Stoughton School Department 400 back packs with other school supplies. Katie Pina said Moms club of Stoughton will also be donating backpacks and school supplies as well. Dr. Rizzi said it is fantastic.

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting July 26, 2016

School committee thanked Joanne Lorrette for doing the July 26, minutes.

Molly Cochran stated this would be the time to make corrections on these minutes.

Molly made an amendment on page 8, for appoint on clarification that Mr. Soares who made amendments to the minutes of March 22nd therefore voted against those minutes which the committee voted for the amended minutes.

Motion made to accept as amended: Joe McDonough

Seconded: Anita Hill

Vote: 4-1 (one abstention)

Ms. Pina-Enokian-yes

Ms. Cochran-yes

Ms. Hill-yes

Mr. Soares-no

List of documents and exhibits:

1. Molly Cochran speech
2. Joyce Huseini speech
3. Summary of changes to Stoughton Cafeteria workers
4. OML complaint Mr. Soares
5. Letter to Assistant Attorney General Manganaro
6. Two letters from MSBA

Ms. Pina-Enokian advised the Committee would be entering into Executive Session to discuss Acceptance of minutes June 7, 2016 and July 26,2016, update on Various STA Grievances, Negotiations with non-union employee-Superintendent. A unanimous roll call vote was taken. The meeting will not reconvene in open session and will adjourn from Executive Session at the conclusion of the above stated business. Minutes of Executive Session are separate in accordance and compliance with Chapter 303of the Acts of 1975, which permits the votes and proceedings in Executive Session may be kept private as long as privacy will serve the purpose for which Executive Session was called.

Next Regular meeting is September 27, 2016

Kristen Donovan

Acting Recording Secretary

Accepted as amended: 11-1-16