

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE STOUGHTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2016**

TELEVISION STUDIO, STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

A regular meeting of the Stoughton School Committee was held on Tuesday October 18, 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

1. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. Stoughton High School Representative

Alia Robinson who is a senior at SHS introduced herself.

3. Ballot Question 2 Discussion- John Gunning, Stoughton Teachers Association

John Gunning, President of the Stoughton Teachers Association, spoke before the School Committee about how detrimental it would be to public education if the Charter School cap were lifted. Dr. Rizzi agreed

with John Gunning that lifting the Charter School cap would have a negative effect on public education and the Stoughton school budget.

Joe Soares spoke in favor of lifting the cap on Charter Schools. He stated that he is for Charter Schools and that he believes that competition is a good thing to keep public schools accountable.

Katie Pina-Enokian asked if there is a motion to adopt the MASC resolution regarding lifting the cap on Charter Schools. Molly Cochran made a motion to adopt the MASC resolution against lifting the Charter School cap.

Motion made by Molly Cochran

Seconded by Joe McDonough

Vote:

Joe McDonough: Yes

Molly Cochran: Yes

Anita Hill: Yes

Katie Pina-Enokian: Yes

Joe Soares: No

4. Tool Kits- Ashley Goldstein, Humanities Administrative Curriculum Supervisor Gr 6-12; Jenna Kelly, Stoughton High School English Teacher

Ashley and Jenna talked about the background history of the writing toolkits that have been in use for the last four years and the enhancements that are under way and the changes that have been made since implementation. The writing toolkit project began in 2012. Enhancements and revisions were made on the toolkits over the summer and Jenna Kelly (Stoughton High School English teacher) and Jeannine Giatracos (Stoughton High School Special Educator) worked on this revision project. The toolkits were previously geared more toward the humanities and focused more on writing. In revising the writing toolkits they wanted to expand the toolkits to cover all of the subjects and to open them up to include reading, speaking and listening. They also wanted to make sure that the new rubrics were properly aligned with the standards set by the state. The new toolkits provide many resources for teachers including live links that can be accessed online that offer different things to help teachers enrich their classrooms. Teachers can also modify and adapt the tool kits, which will show and measure growth over a period of time. Rollout of the new toolkits was last week. Feedback from staff has been positive and they are excited to have more resources for teaching.

Dr. Rizzi spoke about the importance of teaching writing and the amazing long-term commitment from staff that has made this project work.

5. MCAS\PARCC Update-Jonathan Ford

Deputy Superintendent Jonathan Ford spoke about the standardized testing that has been done in the schools. The CPPI (Cumulative Progress Performance Index) score that Stoughton received is the best that Stoughton has ever achieved. New science, technology, and engineering standards tests are being phased in over the next three years by the State. Mr. Ford also said that in ELA and math Stoughton had the largest student growth percentage gains that Stoughton has ever seen. Stoughton has achieved the Annual Measurable Achievement Objective for English Language Learners with the state for the three years in a row. Mr. Ford spoke about Stoughton's success with ELL and ESL and that Northeastern University has asked Stoughton to be part of a multi-district case study because of the success that Stoughton has had. Over the next few years Stoughton will have a focus on implementing the new science, technology, and engineering standards. This year Stoughton is also focusing on math at the elementary schools and middle school. Mr. Ford talked about Stoughton High School being a level two school and what makes up ratings. Stoughton High School has the highest school percentile ranking that they have ever had and have made gains for four years in a row. Stoughton High School Math department got the highest Student Growth Rating that they have ever achieved. Middle School made large gains in testing this year. South School did very well in testing results and is in the top 25% of the State and West School is improving each year. He spoke about the different reports and said we are progressing in the right direction and Stoughton district has a very strong curriculum where the students are moving forward.

6. Chapter 71 Section 96 Policy Update- Jonathan Ford

A. Adoption-SC Policy-IHAMB

B. Update- SC Policy JICH

C. Update-SC Policy GBEC

Motion made by Joe McDonough to adopt policy IHAMB and JICH and GBEC.

Motion made by Joe McDonough

Seconded by Joe Soares

Vote:

Joe McDonough: Yes

Molly Cochran: Yes

Anita Hill: Yes

Katie Pina-Enokian: Yes

Joe Soares: Yes

Mr. Ford will send the copies of these policies to the State and to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

7. SC Policy JLCD Update- Jonathan Ford

Mr. Ford spoke about the two paragraphs that had been added to this policy to be in compliance with Department of Public Health. The update adds Narcan to this policy. Mr. Ford spoke about nurses administering medication to students.

Joe McDonough made a motion to accept policy JLCD.

Motion made by Joe McDonough.

Motion seconded by Anita Hill.

Vote:

Joe McDonough: Yes

Molly Cochran: Yes

Anita Hill: Yes

Katie Pina-Enokian: Yes

Joe Soares: Yes

8. Open Meeting Law Complaint by Mr. Soares, September 28, 2016

Anita Hill read the Open Meeting Law complaint by Mr. Soares in which he alleges that the Stoughton School Committee violated the Open Meeting law on September 13th 2016 when the School Committee approved the draft minutes from Executive Session on June 7th 2016 against his objections when he claimed that they were defective. He wrote a letter with why he claims that the minutes were defective and insufficient and emailed it to Katie Pina-Enokian, Chair; Joe Emerson, School Committee Attorney; and the Attorney General's office on September 13th.

Joe McDonough made a motion to take no action on this complaint and to have it go to the Attorney General's Office.

Motion made by Joe McDonough.

Motion seconded by Molly Cochran.

Vote:

Joe McDonough: Yes

Molly Cochran: Yes

Anita Hill: Yes

Katie Pina-Enokian: Yes

Joe Soares: Yes

9. Dissolution of CHARMS Collaborative

In the Spring of 2016, the school committees of the member districts voted to terminate the Charms Agreement.

Joseph McDonough made a motion to authorize the CHARMS Board dissolve the CHARMS collaborative.

Motion made by Joe McDonough.

Motion seconded by Molly Cochran.

Vote:

Joe McDonough: Yes

Molly Cochran: Yes

Anita Hill: Yes

Katie Pina-Enokian: Yes

Joe Soares: Yes

10. Correspondence

Katie Pina-Enokian read a correspondence from the Stoughton Teachers Association that the parties convene for the purpose of the negotiations of a successor Collective Bargaining agreement. The team agreed to meet with the Stoughton Teacher's Association in December.

Molly Cochran read a letter from Attorney Emerson to Mr. Soares about the minutes from 2014-2016 that had been approved and the corrections that were made.

11. Old Business

Various Meeting Reports

Alia Robinson who is a senior at SHS spoke about all the upcoming activities in the month of October and November. Haunted Hallways at the High School on October 28th, trick or treating and games; Breast Cancer fundraiser walk on Stoughton High School Track on October 22nd; Putting for Patients fundraiser for Jimmy Fund on November 5th at O'Donnell Middle School

12. Other Matters

Dr. Rizzi said it is budget season and she will be having budget hearings with the principals and department heads and discussing their requests for the budget. Dr. Rizzi will be sitting down with the Business manager to go over the budgets and funding. Anita Hill spoke about the North River Collaborative search committee.

13. Financial Warrants:

List of Documents and Exhibits:

- Substance Abuse Update
- Hansen School Improvement Plan
- West School Improvement Plan
- Acceptance of Donation – O’Donnell Middle School PTSO
- Contract Extension
- Open Meeting Law Complaint
- Charter School Resolution

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, STA negotiation strategy, Negotiations with non-union employee - Superintendent. The meeting will not reconvene in open session and will adjourn from Executive Session at the conclusion of the above stated business.

Joe McDonough made a motion to enter into Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Vote:

Joe McDonough: Yes

Molly Cochran: Yes

Anita Hill: Yes

Joe Soares: Yes

Katie Pina-Enokian: Yes

Minutes of Executive Session are separate in accordance and compliance with Chapter 303 of 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 November 1, 2016

Kristen Donovan

Acting Recording Secretary

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