

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE STOUGHTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

TELEVISION STUDIO, STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

A regular meeting of the Stoughton School Committee was held on Tuesday November 1, 2016 in the television Studio at Stoughton High School at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Katie Pina-Enokian, Chair; Molly Cochran, Vice Chair; 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

Lauren Bertiletti who is a senior at SHS introduced herself. She spoke about the recent Haunted Hallways event and also about an upcoming event at the O'Donnell Middle School this Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 11 am to 2 pm called Putting for Patients. At the Putting for Patients event kids play mini golf and the proceeds go to the Jimmy Fund. She also talked about the various Stoughton School athletic teams making the playoffs and the Stoughton High School play scheduled for November 18, 2016.

3. Substance Abuse Update- Stephanie Patton and Karen McDonald.

Stephanie and Karen wanted to address the concerns about Marijuana and the negative effect it could have on young adults if Ballot Question Four passes which would legalize marijuana. With the election coming up soon Question Four is one of the questions that are on the ballot. Stephanie stated that alcohol and prescription drug use among youth was down but marijuana use is up. Stephanie also talked about how today's Marijuana is much more potent than before. Karen talked about youth being more likely to develop addictions the earlier that they start using alcohol or drugs. The rise of marijuana edibles is concerning since it looks like candy and the packaging could easily be confused by our youth. Stephanie wanted to address this and educate the people to give them a better understanding of what this could do to our children and their environment.

4. Helen H. Hansen School Improvement Plan-Faye Polillio, Administrative Principal.

Faye Polillio introduced herself and she said she loves her job and getting to know her faculty and the parents. Faye also went over the Hansen school class sizes and to have an adequate teacher to student ratio. She also spoke about how each grade and children are put into communities and given a color and they are with the same group all year. It's based on every grade and the groups are mixed with different grades. She feels like it is a great program since the older children get to work with the younger ones.

5. West School Improvement Plan-Dr. Lisa Whelan, Administrative Principal

Lisa Whelan introduced herself and gave a brief mission statement about the West school and what the Motto stands for: Where Every Student Counts.

She also went over the classroom sizes and the teacher student ratio. Lisa also said she is getting to know the families as well as her faculty and plans on being there awhile. She wants the families to be involved in the children's education and is very excited for the school year.

6. Acceptance of Donation-O'Donnell Middle School PTSO-\$3,000.00

Motion made by Joe McDonough to accept \$3,000 donation from O'Donnell Middle School PTSO.

Motion made by Joe McDonough

Seconded by Molly Cochran

Vote:

Joe McDonough: Yes

Molly Cochran: Yes

Anita Hill: Yes

Katie Pina-Enokian: Yes

7. FY18 Budget Discussion

Dr. Rizzi addressed that it's budget season and in the next weeks Brian will have it all documented on what the schools will need. They have had many discussions with all of the Stoughton principals to see what their schools need and it will be determined and be documented.

8. Contract Extension- Superintendent

Extending the Superintendent's contract for two years was discussed. This would extend the contract until August 5 of 2019.

Motion made by Anita Hill to approve addendum to contract of employment for the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Rizzi.

Motion made by Anita Hill

Seconded by Molly Cochran

Vote:

Molly Cochran: Yes

Anita Hill: Yes

Katie Pina-Enokian: Yes

Joe McDonough: No

Joe McDonough then stated that he is glad that Dr. Rizzi is staying two more years and is happy with her performance but he doesn't agree with the terms of the contract.

9. Open Meeting Law Complaint by Mr. Soares, Oct 21, 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 by being delinquent in producing meeting

minutes for the dates of July 26, September 13, and September 27 and that they are not posted on the Stoughton Schools website.

Katie Pina-Enokian pointed out that the meeting minutes for September 13 and September 27 are on tonight's agenda for approval and the meeting minutes for July 26 are already posted so the Open Meeting Law has not been violated as alleged by Mr. Soares in his October 21, 2016 complaint.

Anita asked about the posting process and who does the posting. Katie Pina-Enokian then explained the posting process.

Molly Cochran stated that School Committee attorney Joe Emerson should respond that there is nothing to fix because there is no problem to fix but should still respond to Mr. Soares.

Motion made by Anita Hill to engage School Committee attorney Joe Emerson to address Mr. Soares' Open Meeting Law complaint of October 21, 2016.

Motion made by Anita Hill

Seconded by Joe McDonough

Vote:

Joe McDonough: Yes

Molly Cochran: Yes

Anita Hill: Yes

Katie Pina-Enokian: Yes

10. Correspondence

Letter from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of the Attorney General to School Committee attorney Joseph Emerson regarding Open Meeting Law complaint from Joaquin Soares dated August 8, 2016 alleging that the Stoughton School Committee violated the Open Meeting Law on two counts. The Attorney General's office reviewed the complaint by Mr. Soares and concluded that the School Committee did not violate the Open Meeting Law on both parts contained in this complaint.

11. Old Business

The School Building Committee had a recent working group but has not had a recent meeting. The building committee has been looking at properties for the school administration.

12. Other Matters- None

13. Financial Warrants

Financial warrants to be signed in Executive Session.

14. Acceptance of Minutes September 13 and September 27, 2016

September 13, 2016 minutes

Molly Cochran and Anita Hill had some amendments to the minutes.

Joe McDonough made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of September 13, 2016 as amended.

Motion made by Joe McDonough.

Motion seconded by Molly Cochran.

Vote:

Joe McDonough: Yes

Molly Cochran: Yes

Anita Hill: Yes

Katie Pina-Enokian: Yes

September 27, 2016 minutes

Anita Hill had some amendments to the minutes

Joe McDonough made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of September 27, 2016 as amended.

Motion made by Joe McDonough.

Motion seconded by Molly Cochran.

Vote:

Joe McDonough: Yes

Molly Cochran: Yes

Anita Hill: Yes

Katie Pina-Enokian: Yes

Ms. Pina-Enokian advised the Committee would be entering into Executive Session for updates on Various STA Grievances, STA

negotiation strategy, acceptance of Executive Session minutes for September 13, 2016; September 27, 2016; December 18, 2015; January 26, 2016; February 9, 2016; and February 23, 2016. The meeting will not reconvene in open session and will adjourn from Executive Session at the conclusion of the above stated business.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Vote:

Joe McDonough: Yes

Molly Cochran: Yes

Anita Hill: 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 15, 2016

Kristen Donovan

Acting Recording Secretary

Accepted: 11-29-16

