

Medway School Committee
Minutes
Medway, MA
October 18, 2018

The School Committee of the Medway Public Schools held a meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the presentation room at Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway, MA. School Committee members in attendance included Chairperson, Ms. Borgatti, Ms. Dietrich, Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Nassiff. Mr. Segarra was not present. Also in attendance were Superintendent Armand Pires and Assistant Superintendent Gabrielle Abrams. The meeting was video-taped.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Borgatti called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., noting that all the members were present, with the exception of Mr. Segarra.

B. REPORT OF STUDENTS

Kyle Baker and Kaitlyn Calnan's report included the McGovern walk to school day which took place earlier this month as well as the High School Soccer charity match. Sophomores and Juniors took the PSATs. Also at the High School, students, Deans and Principal Murray played a before school basketball game.

C. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrants were signed by committee members.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

E. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Summer Program Update, Community Education
Margery Monahan, Director of Community Education, Karen Niemczyk, Assistant Director of Community Education and Sean Bertoni, Program Coordinator, Community Education presented the Community Education Summer update to the committee. The presentation also included the upcoming fall programming. Mr. Bertoni gave an overview of the supportive programs and discussed the before and after school programs. Mr. Bertoni reviewed the 2017-2018 school year supportive programs held at the McGovern Elementary school, the Burke-Memorial school and the middle school. The *Engineering is Everywhere* program at the middle school was sponsored by the Museum of Science. Ms. Monahan reported that the 51

summer programs for children and teens had almost one thousand participants and the 18 programs for adults had more than 50 participants. The summer adventures camp was held at the middle school this year due to construction at Choate Park and hosted more than 500 campers. Community Education again partnered this year with Student Services and welcomed children from the Extended Year Program. Mr. Bertoni gave an overview of the summer supportive programs for students in grades K-9, including the summer bridge program for incoming grade 9 students to help them transition from middle school to high school. Ms. Monahan and Mr. Bertoni gave a brief update on the upcoming fall programs offered, which included 27 youth programs and more than 50 adult programs. The committee inquired about enrollment targets and Ms. Monahan responded that all classes have a maximum capacity based on student safety.

b. SAT/AP Testing Presentation

Dr. John Murray, Medway High School Principal and Dot Pearl, Dean of Student Services presented the SAT/AP Assessment to the committee. Ms. Pearl discussed the benchmark for college and career readiness. Dr. Murray reported that sophomores and juniors were offered the PSAT during school and this was the first time this was offered. The committee discussed the different options for test prep including free online prep. The discussion continued around the correlation between students taking PSAT and the scores on SATs. Dr. Murray gave an overview of the AP test and reported that Medway High School offers 19 AP classes. Dr. Murray reported that 281 students took 561 tests with many students taking multiple tests. He provided an overview of the top 5 course enrollments with a qualifying score of 3 or better. Ms. Pearl and Dr. Murray discussed next steps with the committee.

F. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **For Consideration: School Choice Enrollment Capacity for Second Round Selection** – Chapter 76, Section 12B (j), mandates a random selection process for school choice selection, “...one time prior to July first and one time prior to November first...” The suggested motion below is designed to keep the district in compliance with this statute. A School Choice Analysis is enclosed for committee review.

It was moved by Ms. Dietrich, seconded by Ms. Sullivan that the school committee establish its school choice capacity for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year as recommended by the superintendent, and accept no additional students as indicated in the School Choice Analysis, dated October 4, 2018. All voted in favor.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Other- *This time is being reserved for topics that the chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.*

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. Public Comments
- b. Liaison Reports

I. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

- a. Chairperson Update
Ms. Borgatti's update included the recently formed By-Law Committee that the Board of Selectmen are looking for a school committee liaison. Earlier tonight the committee attended the Burke-Memorial Plaque Ceremony where three community members were honored. Thank you to Ms. Luizzi for hosting a great event.
- b. Superintendent Update
Dr. Pires' update included the upcoming search process for the Athletic Director. Rob Pearl has been with the district for 14 years and has made a tremendous contribution. The search committee will be comprised of booster organization representatives as well as students, coaches and school committee members. The playground replacement project committee presented to the CIPC recently and will also present to the CPC in early November. Dr. Sherman and Mr. Pearl have been working with community partners and booster organizations to fund the updates to the fitness room. The Strategic Plan Steering Committee had their final meeting and will bring their proposal to school committee for review and feedback. The Boiler project is moving on schedule and on budget. The scheduled completion date is November 1.
- c. Assistant Superintendent Update
Ms. Abrams' update included the PLTW Conference and Medway Honors! Many teachers and administrators attended the conference. Burke-Memorial was presented the "100% School" Award for engaging all students in Project Lead the Way inquiry based science lessons. Medway High School was honored along with two other high schools, for the AP+PLTW Recognition Award. Ms. Abrams had the opportunity to shadow a kindergarten student. She participated in their morning meeting as well as Foundations and math lessons before taking part in recess.
- d. Committee Members' Update

J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting, October 4, 2018

It was moved by Ms. Dietrich, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2018 Regular Meeting. All voted in favor.

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Summer Program Update, Extended School Year (EYS)
- Superintendent's Award of Academic Excellence
- NESDEC Student Award of Excellence
- Fuel Efficient Replacement Plan: Annual Policy Review (#83)
- Approval of Superintendent Contract
- FY-19 Budget Realignment Meeting with Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee and FY18 year end
- Superintendent's Goals 2018-2019
- MCAS Presentation
- Office Hours for School Committee
- Budget Process Timeline
- MASC Workshop
- School Committee workshop

L. NEXT MEETINGS

- **Regular Meeting, Thursday, November 1, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**, in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway
- **Regular Meeting, Thursday, November 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**, in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway
- **Fall Town Meeting, Monday, November 19, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**, Medway High School, 88 Summer Street, Medway
- **Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 6, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**, in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway
- **Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m., (tentative if needed)** in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway

M. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There is a need for the school committee to adjourn to executive session in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 30A, Section 21, exemption 2 to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, specifically the Superintendent.

It was moved by Ms. Dietrich, seconded by Ms. Sullivan that the school committee adjourn to executive session, in accordance with M.G.L.

Chapter 30A, Section 21, exemption 2 to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, specifically the Superintendent, with the understanding that the school committee will not return to public session.

A roll call vote was taken, voting in favor were Ms. Nassiff, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Dietrich and the Chair, Ms. Borgatti.

At approximately 8:40 p.m. the meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Quinn

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Secretary to the School Committee

Approved: November 1, 2018