

**Tewksbury School Committee
Regular Meeting #11
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
Tewksbury Memorial High School, LGI 1
320 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dennis G. Francis, Chairman
Keith M. Sullivan, Vice-Chairman
Shannon M. Demos, Clerk
James A. Cutelis, Member
John R. Stadtman, Member

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Christopher J. Malone, Superintendent
Brenda T. Regan, Assistant Superintendent

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS EXCUSED

David A. Libby, Business Manager

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:15 p.m., Mr. Francis called the April 10, 2019 Regular School Committee meeting to order.

Mr. Francis announced that the April 10, 2019 Regular School Committee Meeting will be televised and recorded. Under the Open Meeting Law, the public is permitted to make an audio or video recording of an open session at a public meeting. At this time, Mr. Francis asked that if anyone is recording tonight's meeting to please identify himself/herself. Seeing none Mr. Francis invited Mr. Malone to introduce the volunteers.

RECOGNITION

District-wide Volunteers/Senior Tax Program Participants (See attached list)

Mr. Malone recognized the importance of the school volunteers introducing the volunteers participating in the Senior Tax Program relating that volunteers are the backbone of the district. He thanked the Town of Tewksbury for continuing the program.

Mr. Malone announced the next recognition will be outstanding volunteers throughout the Tewksbury Public Schools. He reported that the volunteers have a terrific impact on our students and schools. He thanked them for all they do in our schools.

The School Committee presented a pin to the volunteers and the participants in the Senior Tax Program.

Tewksbury Memorial High School - Athletics

Boston Globe and Boston Herald All Scholastic - Makayla Paige

Mr. Malone invited Mr. Drouin to come forward to introduce Makayla Paige, the Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic for track. Mr. Malone stated that Makayla is the record holder for the 600 meter in the state of Massachusetts and all of New England. Mr. Drouin reported that Makayla is an outstanding young lady and a great student; she now holds the 7th fastest time in the country. On behalf of the School Committee, Shannon Demos presented Makayla with a Proclamation of Resolution.

Boston Herald All-Scholastic - Erin Galella

Mr. Malone invited Erin Galella and Coach Bradley to come forward for recognition. Erin is an outstanding example of our athletes. Mr. Malone reported the TMHS Girls Basketball Team did an outstanding performance this year. Mr. Drouin reported the Tewksbury Girls Basketball team had the best year in the history of school. He stated that Erin is Captain of the Team, a first year starter, and scored just shy of 1,000 points. She also participated in the reading program at the North Street School. Mr. Drouin announced that Coach Bradley was name Coach of the Year. Coach Bradley commented on Erin saying that she has done incredible things for the past four years, she is a phenomenal basketball player and will be playing basketball at Worcester State next year with her sisters, he added that she will be hard to replace. On behalf of the School Committee, Mr. Sullivan presented Erin with a Proclamation of Resolution.

TMHS Boys Ice Hockey Team

Boston Herald All-Scholastic - Michael Arsenault

Mr. Malone invited Michael Arsenault, captain of the TMHS Boys Ice Hockey team, to come forward for recognition, relating that Michael was named Boston Herald All-Scholastic. Mr. Malone invited the members of the TMHS Boys Ice Hockey team forward for recognition. He reported that the team made it to the championship playoffs at TD Gardens this year. Mr. Drouin reported that Michael stating that he is great in school. Coach Doherty believes the kids are going to play great hockey relating that Michael sets the tone for the younger playings so that they know the expectations. On behalf of the School Committee, Mr. Stadtman presented Michael with a Proclamation of Recognition.

Methuen/Tewksbury Red Rangers Girls Ice Hockey Team

Boston Globe All-Scholastic & Boston Herald All-Scholastic

Cassidy Gruning

Julia Masotta

Boston Globe All-Scholastic

Kaia Hollingsworth

Mr. Malone invited Cassidy Gruning, Julia Masotta, and Kaia Hollingsworth to come forward for recognition of their outstanding performance on the Methuen/Tewksbury Girls Ice Hockey Team. Mr. Drouin reported that it was a great year by the Girls Ice Hockey team. He introduced the players, from Methuen High School, Kaia Hollingsworth is a five year starter and named Boston Globe All-Scholastic; from Tewksbury Memorial High School, Cassidy Gruning, named Boston Herald All-Scholastic, she is CO-MVP, and named MVC/DLC All Conference; and also from TMHS, Julia Masotta, the leading scorer in Massachusetts, the Boston Herald Dream Team selection, Boston Globe All-Scholastic, and CO-Team MVP. Mr. Drouin invited the coaches up for recognition announcing that Coach Sarah Oteri, has been selected Lowell Sun Coach of the Year. Mr. Francis presented the Methuen/Tewksbury Red Rangers Girls Hockey Team with individual and a team Proclamation of Recognition.

Methuen-Tewksbury Red Rangers Girls Ice Hockey Team

Mr. Malone invited the Red Rangers to come up for recognition. Mr. Drouin reported the team did an outstanding job all season and won the State Championship, Division 1. On behalf of the School Committee, Mr. Cutelis presented the the Methuen-Tewksbury Red Rangers Girls Ice Hockey team with a Proclamation of Recognition for their outstanding performance.

Mr. Malone announced that Mr. Douin is the recipient of the Ted Danco award.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Notes From Tewksbury Memorial High School

Grace Morris reported on the news from Tewksbury Memorial High School:

DECA are still doing some planning for next year. They are having a 99's fundraiser next Wednesday to help raise funds for the international competition on April 27-May 2nd. They would also like to thank School Committee for their continuing support.

Student Council are preparing for Secretary's Day and Teacher Appreciation Week. The spring NEMASC conference is on Thursday April 25th. They will also be helping out at the Heath Brook Ice Cream Social on May 17th.

Math Team won the Division 3 Championship in Lynnfield, beating seven other schools.

Robotics are going to the District Championship at WPI from Thursday to Saturday.

Peer Leadership are continuing writing their letters for the Pen Pal program at the Ryan School.

SADD held their mock crash on Tuesday and they are still working on their Mass Media project which will be finished by the end of April.

Book Buddies are still continuing to go to the Trahan and Dewing and are excited for their last few trips.

Best Buddies went to the Best Buddies Birthday Bash on Saturday night with 45 students. On May 31st, they will be attending the Tom Brady Football Challenge at Harvard Stadium.

NHS- The new executive board for the class of 2020 has been elected, with Emily Butler and Gianna Ragucci as Presidents, Sydney Crowley as Vice President, Sophie Eskenas as Secretary, and Kylie Tibbits as Treasurer. They are still working on the Lowell Wish Project drive, and NHS members are continuing to tutor at the Ryan School.

She's the First are in the process of planning the Equity Conference at TMHS on December 4, 2019. They are working with GSA and are actively recruiting interested students.

International Club- The next event will be Earth Day which is the first weekend in May. They are working with beatification people of the town to help with planting.

The Puerto Rico trip is coming up! They are leaving at 6am this Friday and they get back the following Friday, they are excited to report how the trip goes!

Ms. Morris introduced Jack Stadtman, freshmen at Tewksbury Memorial High School, relating that Jack will be taking over for her beginning in the 2019-2020 school year.

PRESENTATIONS

None

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Mr. Francis inquired if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak on any item on the agenda. Seeing none, Mr. Francis moved onto approval of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Demos moved, seconded by Mr. Cutelis, to approve the March 20, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes. All Aye. No Opposed. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

SUBMISSION OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. Demos moved to approve the payroll period ending March 21, 2019, to be approved and certified in the amount and categories as shown (\$1,348,630.84), seconded by Mr. Cutelis.

Roll Call Vote - Voting Yes: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Stadtman, Mr. Cutelis, Ms. Demos, and Mr. Francis. All Aye. No Opposed. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Demos moved to approve the payroll period ending April 4, 2019, to be approved and certified in the amount and categories as shown (\$1,369,876.47), seconded by Mr. Cutelis.

Roll Call Vote - Voting Yes: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Stadtman, Mr. Cutelis, Ms. Demos, and Mr. Francis. All Aye. No Opposed. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mr. Malone reported that he hopes everyone is supporting Autism Awareness month. The district is working on an app for the district's website. Mr. Malone thanked Representative Dave Robertson for supporting and working with him on events in support of school funding. He reported the district is working forward on upgrades to school security, installing a new alarm system at the Center School, a video camera overhaul at the Wynn School, and seeking a quote to overhaul and institute security cameras in the Dewing School, Ryan School, and Heath Brook. Mr. Stamp has written a grant for over \$100,000 to support the camera systems. Mr. Malone offered congratulations to those that attended the Town-wide PAC meeting on Monday night relating that they were trained on the Stop the Bleed program adding that school administrators and nurses have also been trained as well as he and Mr. Regan.

Mr. Malone reported on upcoming events relating that the Junior Prom will be held tomorrow evening at Tewksbury Memorial High School and the TMHS Theater Company are presenting *Godspell*, April 25th through April 27th. Mr. Malone reminded the school community that AlphaBest, the new company that will be coming in to work on the summer program and Extended-day program, have messaged out the information to parents/guardians.

Ms. Regan reported that March 26th and 27th, at TMHS, the 10th graders will be taking the Next-Generation ELA MCAS online relating this is the first time for 10th graders to take that test online. She reported the district received new news from the Commissioner regarding an issue submitted by administrators about reactions from students regarding one of the essay questions on the 10th grade ELA MCAS. The issue is being reviewed, the results will not be used from this particular question, and adding that the test will still count. Ms. Regan reported that Science Night at the Trahan School is being held tonight and the North Street School is hosting the Wax Museum this week. May 1st is Day on the Hill, which is an advocacy day hosted by the MASC. School Committee members and students will be attending and will be able to meet with state Legislatures. She reported the Girls Ice Hockey, State Champions, will be recognized at the Day on the Hill event. Ms. Regan reported grades 5-12 are exploring new math resources and history, grades 5-8, are researching new resources. Ms. Regan reported the School Committee will be given preliminary information at the May 15th meeting, textbooks will be on display in the Curriculum Office and online resources are also available. The items will be on the June 12th meeting for the consideration of the School Committee. She reported that Friday, April 12th is a half-day, early release day for students and kicks off April vacation. Ms. Regan added that April 12th is report card day.

Mr. Malone reported on an item Mr. Libby gave him that the district has received our audit from the end of year financial report which ended on June 30 2018 and received on February 28 2019. It is a one page report with no findings.

Ms. Regan reported on a donation on the Consent Agenda announcing that the Ryan School PAC donated 24 Chromebooks to the Ryan School, valued at \$5,376.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Francis asked if anyone would like to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. Seeing none, Mr. Francis asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Cutelis.

All Aye. No Opposed. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence

None

Enrollment Update

None

Monthly Expenditure Report

None

Personnel Items

New Hires: Katie Pouliopoulos (\$19,940.00/*prorated*), Classroom Instructional Aide, Tewksbury Memorial High School, effective March 25, 2019.

Appendix B: None

Leave of Absence: Lauren Auciello, Special Education Teacher, Ryan Elementary School, leave of absence for the 2019-2020 school year with a return to work date on the first day of the 2020-2021 school year.

Transfer: None

Retirements/Resignations/Terminations: Kaleigh O'Connor, Classroom Instructional Aide, Dewing Elementary School, effective March 29, 2019

Out-of-State Field Trips: John Wynn Middle School out-of-state 8th grade field trip request to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH, on June 12th, 2019.

Acceptance of Donation/Gift: Ryan School PAC donation of 24 new Chromebook laptops for the Ryan School, valued at \$5,376.

Fundraiser/Raffle: TMHS Dance Team clinic fundraiser request, proceeds to support purchase of costumes and scholarships, April 28, 2019; TMHS Track & XC Boosters mattress sale fundraiser request, on April 13, 2019; Dewing/North Street PAC reusable shopping bags fundraiser request, April 1, 2019 through April 12, 2019.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Francis presented the ESBC updates relating the project is still in the Schematic Design phase which will end on May 6th, the day of the Annual Town Meeting. He reported on progress updates and milestones reached.

Mr. Francis reported the town election was held on April 6th, it was successful for the new elementary school with 2,587 favorable votes out of 3,949. The Annual Town meeting will be held on May 6th, Article 8, will be the vote on the school project, and on May 2nd, 7:00 p.m., there will be a Community Forum at TMHS. Mr. Francis thanked the town for all

who voted for the new School Committee members and the elementary school project. Mr. Cutelis thanked the Friends of the Tewksbury Elementary Project and others that worked to get the word out about the vote.

TEWKSBURY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

No report this evening.

WELLNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No report this evening.

POLICY CHANGES, PROPOSALS, AND ADOPTION

MASC Policy Reference Manual Review and Recommended Updates

Mr. Cutelis moved, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to approve policy JEB- Entrance Age, on second and final reading. All Aye. No Opposed. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Cutelis reported that policy JF, School Admissions, is presented on first reading relating that questions may be addressed to the Superintendent's office.

OLD BUSINESS

FY20 Budget Review Approval

At the recommendation of Mr. Malone, Mr. Cutelis moved, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve the FY20 Budget in the amount of \$62,479,769.00.

Roll Call Vote - Voting Yes: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Stadtman, Mr. Cutelis, Ms. Demos, and Mr. Francis. All Aye. No Opposed. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Last Day of School

Mr. Malone reported the district used only one snow day, on March 4, 2019, recommending the Committee move to establish June 14, 2019 as the last day of school for the 2018-2019 school year, adding that the last day will follow the early release schedule.

Mr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Ms. Demos, to establish June 14, 2019 as the last day of school adding that this will be a half-day of school following the early release schedule.

Roll Call Vote - Voting Yes: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Stadtman, Mr. Cutelis, Ms. Demos, and Mr. Francis. All Aye. No Opposed. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

2019-2020 Register Periods

At the recommendation of Ms. Regan, Mr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Ms. Demos, to accept the 2019-2020 Register Periods for the 2019-2020 school year.

Roll Call Vote - Voting Yes: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Stadtman, Mr. Cutelis, Ms. Demos, and Mr. Francis. All Aye. No Opposed. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

School Choice

Mr. Malone recommends the School Committee vote not to participate in the School Choice as it would not be beneficial to the Tewksbury Public Schools. Ms. Demos moved not to participate in School Choice for the 2019-2020 school year, second by Mr. Cutelis.

Roll Call Vote - Voting Yes: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Stadtman, Mr. Cutelis, Ms. Demos, and Mr. Francis. All Aye. No Opposed. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MATTERS OF INTEREST

Mr. Sullivan welcomed and congratulated the two new School Committee members. Mr. Sullivan reported on upcoming events relating that the Harlem Wizards will be at TMHS on Sunday, at 6:00 p.m., adding that this event is a benefit for Habitat Build. The Town Clean-up event will be held on Saturday, May 4th, sign-up at the Town Hall or on their website, and Friends of the Elementary School will host a meeting about the new elementary school project at 8:00 p.m., on April 24th, at the Tewksbury Country Club.

Mr. Stadtman encouraged people to attend the Harlem Wizards game to support the Habitat Build.

Ms. Demos reached out to the community asking them to get out and vote adding that the community may reach out to any School Committee member if they have questions.

Mr. Francis requested the School Committee members review the School Committee sub-committee list and let him know what which sub-committee they would like to serve on. He added that the ESBC will remain the same with Mr. Cutelis and himself. The sub-committee list will be on the next School Committee meeting agenda. He reported that April 24th is the Finance Committee Public Hearing relating that he will attend with the meeting with the OPM and the Designer.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The School Committee will be attending the May 6th Annual Town Meeting and May 8th Special Town Meeting. The next School Committee meetings will be held on May 15, 2019 and June 12, 2019

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

At 8:28 p.m., Mr. Francis moved to adjourn the April 10, 2019, School Committee meeting with a motion from Mr. Cutelis, seconded by Mr. Sullivan. All Aye. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 5-0.