

**Tewksbury School Committee
Regular Meeting #3
Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Tewksbury Memorial High School Library
320 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Keith M. Sullivan, Chairperson
James A. Cutelis, Vice-Chairperson
Shannon M. Demos, Clerk
John R. Stadtman, Member

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED

Scott D. Wilson, Member

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Christopher J. Malone, Superintendent
Brenda T. Regan, Assistant Superintendent
David A. Libby, Business Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sullivan called the November 13, 2019, Regular School Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Sullivan announced the School Committee will be convening an Executive Session to continue discussion relative to collective bargaining with employee groups and individual employees and the strategy to be followed, and/or continued ongoing litigation.

Ms. Demos moved, seconded by Mr. Stadtman, to enter into an Executive Session to continue discussion relative to collective bargaining with employee groups and individual employees and the strategy to be followed, and/or continued ongoing litigation. The School Committee will reconvene the Regular School Committee meeting in Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote - Voting Yes: Mr. Stadtman, Mr. Cutelis, Ms. Demos, and Mr. Sullivan. All Aye. No Opposed. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:58 p.m., Mr. Cutelis moved, seconded by Mr. Stadtman, to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular School Committee meeting. All Aye. No Opposed. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Sullivan called the Regular School Committee meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Mr. Sullivan announced that the November 13, 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. Sullivan asked that if anyone is recording tonight's meeting to please identify himself/herself. Chris Huffaker, with the *Tewksbury Patch*, recorded the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The honored guests led the School Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approved
12-4-2019**

RECOGNITION

John F. Ryan Elementary School - Grade 5 & 6 MASS STEM Challenge Participants

Ms. Regan introduced Ryan School iSTEM instructors, Kimberly Hillson and Eileen Lindsey and their MASS STEM Challenge Showcase entrants from the Ryan School: Haley Shanahan, Sophie Brewster, Cam Guendner, Hunter Holloway, Ian Todd, Joanna Green, Maura Krueger, Kallie Mangan, Janina Long, Sam Berry, and Payton Holmes. Third in Place winners at the event are: Wyatt Holmes, Alyssa Flahive, Andrew Viens, Nathan Bettencourt, and Jake Cunha. The students presented their prototypes they designed for the Challenge used to remove microplastics from water in the ocean. On behalf of the School Committee, Ms. Demos presented the students and their instructors with a Resolution of Recognition.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Notes From Tewksbury Memorial High School

Jack Statdman, Student Council representative to the School Committee, presented the Notes from Tewksbury Memorial High School.

Tewksbury Redmen Football team is currently on a winning streak beating Lynn English 31-28 and Concord Carlisle 27-26.

The TMHS Marching Band came in second in their annual competition with other schools.

The price for a yearbook has increased to \$70.

The Science Club is looking for new members.

DECA is hosting their Annual Megan McCarthy Fashion Show on Wednesday November 20th.

The Drama Club will be putting on the production of *Alice in Wonderland* this Thursday at 7:00 p.m., Friday at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. They hope to see you there.

There will be a winter sports sign-up meeting on December 10th. If you are interested in joining a winter sport make sure to be at that meeting.

The Morning Update crew urges all teaches and students to tune-in every morning for daily updates.

PRESENTATIONS

Tewksbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

Mr. Malone introduced and welcomed the Tewksbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) members. Co-Chairs, Dina Mancini and Anne Seichter; Maureen Castiglione, Recording Secretary; Peg Ricardo, Publicity Secretary; and Parents at Large: Sara Cohen (TMHS / Wynn), Treasurer, Michelle Haley (Ryan), Al Mancini (Dewing / North Street), and there are two open positions one for the Heath Brook / Trahan and the other for Out-of-District families.

Ms. Mancini announced that Governor Charlie Baker signed a proclamation declaring November, SEPAC Awareness Month. Ms. Mancini read portions of the proclamation to the School Committee noting the role and relationship between the SEPAC and the School Committee. The SEPAC members presented a PowerPoint detailing Tewksbury's SEPAC accomplishments for the 2019-2020 school year, who they are, what they do, and how parents and the community can get involved.

Mr. Sullivan opened for comments and/or questions from the School Committee. Ms. Demos thanked the members of the SEPAC for the presentation. Mr. Sullivan thanked the members for all their work adding that the School Committee appreciates their efforts.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Mr. Sullivan inquired if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak on any item on the agenda. Seeing no one, Mr. Sullivan moved to the approval of meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Demos moved, seconded by Mr. Cutelis, to approve the October 16, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes. Voting Yes: Mr. Stadtman, Mr. Cutelis, Ms. Demos, and Mr. Sullivan. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 4-0.

SUBMISSION OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. Demos moved to approve the payroll period ending, October 17, 2019, to be approved and certified in the amounts and categories as shown for a total amount of \$1,363,706.97, seconded by Mr. Cutelis.

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Mr. Stadtman, Mr. Cutelis, Ms. Demos, and Mr. Sullivan. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Demos moved to approve the payroll period ending October 31, 2019, to be approved and certified in the amounts and categories as shown for a total amount of \$1,357,879.23, seconded by Mr. Cutelis.

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Mr. Stadtman, Mr. Cutelis, Ms. Demos, and Mr. Sullivan. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mr. Malone Presented the Superintendent's Report

Mr. Malone congratulated the Tewksbury Memorial High School's members in the Students Against Destructive Decisions for their presentation at the Town Hall meeting on October 29, 2019. He presented an update on the new school security upgrades and thanked Mr. Stamp for writing the grant which brought in additional funding for the upgrades. Mr. Malone thanked the School Committee and town for supporting the budget. He extended a thank you to Dr. Basteri for representing Tewksbury at the Welcome to Tewksbury reception at the Tewksbury Public Library on October 28th. Mr. Malone announced that November 19th is the Ryan Elementary School's Open House relating that there will be a presentation by the Owner's Project Manager and the Architect on the new elementary school project to keep Ryan School parents updated..

Assistant Superintendent Report

Ms. Regan announced the district received another S.T.E.M. opportunity through the Museum of Science. This took place in the beginning of November, we organized a team of our STEM teachers to participate in the Engineering and Elementary grant. She reported that yesterday was a professional development day for teachers. Ms. Regan reported that Tewksbury partnered with North Reading and North Middlesex in, *Train the Trainer*, on SEL in the classroom relating that all our counselors will be trained and they will train our teachers. Ms. Regan pointed out that on the Consent Agenda is a donation from the Eastern Bank of Tewksbury. The bank has closed and donated all the office furniture for new offices at the Center School, valued at \$7,500. Ms. Regan presented the activities and events taking place in our schools during National Education Week, November 18th through November 22nd.

Business Manager Report

Mr. Libby reported that last week he attended a meeting with representatives from DeGregorio Architects. He reported that the district has engaged their assistance for the work to be completed at the Heath Brook and Dewing Schools with the funding received from Town meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sullivan asked for a motion to remove the donation from the Eastern Bank for a Roll Call vote. Ms. Demos moved, seconded Mr. Stadtman, to take the donation from the Eastern Bank from Consent for a Roll Call vote. All Aye. No Opposec. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Demos moved, seconded by Mr. Stadtman, to approve the donation of office furniture from the Eastern Bank of Tewksbury to the Tewksbury Public Schools, valued at \$7,500.00. Mr. Sullivan called for a Roll Call vote.

Voting Yes: Mr. Stadtman, Mr. Cutelis, Ms. Demos, and Mr. Sullivan. No Opposed. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Sullivan asked if anyone would like to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. Seeing none, he called for a motion to approve. Mr. Stadtman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Ms. Demos. All Aye. No Opposed. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 4-0.

1. **Correspondence**

a. Ryan School Students Place at STEM Week Event (*Tewksbury Town Crier*)

2. **Enrollment Update**

None

3. **Monthly Expenditure Report**

None

4. **Personnel Items**

New Hires: James McLaughlin (\$35,907/*prorated*), Tewksbury Memorial High School Building Custodian, effective November 4, 2019; Thomas Benjamin (\$72,000 *prorated*), District-wide BCBA, effective November 12, 2019

Co-Curricular Positions for the 2019-2020: Thomas Morrill (\$5,000), Physical Education/Health Wellness Co-Director for the 2019-2020 school year; Ronald Drouin (\$5,000), Physical Education/Health Wellness Co-Director for the 2019-2020 school year

Transfers: None

Retirements/Resignations/Terminations: None

5. **Acceptance of Donations/Gifts:** Eastern Bank of Tewksbury, donation of office furniture to the Tewksbury Public Schools, valued at \$7,500.

6. **Fundraisers/Raffles:** TMHS Theatre Company basket raffle, November 14, 2019 through November 16, 2019

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elementary School Building Committee

Mr. Cutelis reported the Elementary School Building Committee continues to meet on a regular regular basis. He reported the architect is working with teachers and staff and the project is moving along well. He reported that the Committee will meet with the Planning Board on Monday night.

Tewksbury Education Foundation

Ms. Demos stated they have not met yet.

Tewksbury SEPAC

Mr. Sullivan thanked the SEPAC for the presentation this evening.

Wellness Advisory Committee

Mr. Stadtman reported the next Wellness Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, November 18th. They are trying to increase awareness of the Committee to increase community participation.

POLICY CHANGES, PROPOSALS, AND ADOPTION

None

OLD BUSINESS

MCAS Parent Support Video

Ms. Regan reported that the district has added helpful links on the district website for parents/guardians to help better understand MCAS results and reporting. For the MCAS parent/guardian support video, open this link.

www.tewksbury.k12.ma.us/about/curriculum

TPS Professional Development Updates

Ms. Regan presented an update on the November 5th Professional Development day workshops and NPEN offerings for our teaching staff, administrators, nurses and counselors.

NEW BUSINESS

Title 1 Year End Report

Ms. Regan reported that George Paul, Title 1 Director for the Tewksbury Public Schools, has submitted the annual Title 1 Year End report to the state. She reviewed the information contained in the report pointing out how the Title 1 funding supports the four elementary schools as well as after school support for those schools.

MA DESE Press Release MA National Assessment Educational Progress (NAEP)

Ms. Regan reported that according to the results of the National Assessment Education Progress (NAEP) test, Massachusetts is leading the nation. Ms. Regan reported the NAEP test is referred to as the Nations Report Card and given every two years relating that the Wynn Middle School participated in NAEP testing this past year.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MATTERS OF INTEREST

Ms. Demos reported she attended the Annual MASC/MASS Conference this past weekend and was able to attend several workshops. She also represented the School Committee as a voting Delegate in the Saturday meeting. Ms. Demos announced she had the opportunity to go to AppleFest as well as to attend some of the sporting events, and she is looking forward to the Fashion Show. Ms. Demos offered thanks to the coaches for their hard work this season.

Mr. Stadtman asked the community to support the students and attend the upcoming production of *Alice in Wonderland* and the DECA Fashion Show.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Red Rangers (girls ice hockey) will play Central Catholic on December 14, 2019, relating that the game will be in honor of Ryan Driscoll.

FUTURE MEETINGS

December 4, 2019; January 15, 2020

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURN

At 8:08 p.m., Mr. Sullivan adjourned the November 13, 2019 School Committee meeting with a motion from Ms. Demos, seconded by Mr. Cutelis. All Aye. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 4-0.