

GATEWAY REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Gateway Regional School District will provide and exemplary education that challenges all students in an instructional setting appropriate to their needs.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018

Middle School 112/114

7:00 P.M.

(A PORTION OF THIS MEETING MAY BE HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION)

I. OPENING OF MEETING

BLANDFORD
Michele Crane
Terri Garfield

CHESTER
Shirley Winer
Diane Dunn

HUNTINGTON
Darlene McVeigh
Melissa Nazzaro
Aaron Welch

MIDDLEFIELD

MONTGOMERY

RUSSELL
Tara Balboni
Sarah Page
Lyndsey Papillon

SECRETARY
Stacy Stewart

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION
Dr. David B. Hopson, Superintendent
Stephanie Fisk, Business & Finance

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Wendy Long, District Grant Writer

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

OTHERS: Martin Lynch

- Mrs. Crane opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
- Member Introductions. Mrs. McVeigh is a new member from Huntington.

7:05 p.m. II. PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA (3 Minute Limit) - None

III. STUDENT COUNCIL INPUT - None

IV. REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Chairperson

Mrs. Garfield nominated Mrs. Crane as Chair.

Mr. Welch made a motion seconded by Mrs. Papillon to have the secretary cast one ballot for Michele Crane as chair.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Continued)

Yeas: Tara, Diane, Terri, Melissa, Sarah P., Darlene, Lyndsey, Aaron, Shirley, Michele

B. Vice-Chairperson

Mrs. Garfield nominated Mrs. Otterbeck as Vice Chair.

Mrs. Winer made a motion seconded by Mrs. Garfield to have the secretary cast one ballot for Mrs. Otterbeck as Vice Chair.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Diane, Terri, Melissa, Sarah P., Darlene, Lyndsey, Aaron, Shirley, Michele

C. Secretary (Stacy Stewart)

Mr. Welch made a motion seconded by Mrs. Nazzaro to have the secretary cast on ballot for Stacy Stewart as Secretary.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Diane, Terri, Melissa, Sarah P., Darlene, Lyndsey, Aaron, Shirley, Michele

D. District Treasurer (Deborah Kuhn)

Mrs. Nazzaro made a motion seconded by Mrs. Garfield to cast one ballot for Deb Kuhn as District Treasurer.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Diane, Terri, Melissa, Sarah P., Darlene, Lyndsey, Aaron, Shirley, Michele

E. Legislative Contact

Mrs. Papillon nominated Mr. Welch for Legislative Contact.

Mrs. Nazzaro made a motion seconded by Mrs. Papillon to have the secretary cast one ballot for Mr. Welch as Legislative Contact.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Diane, Terri, Melissa, Sarah P., Darlene, Lyndsey, Aaron, Shirley, Michele

F. Counsel for the Committee (Dupere Law Office)

G. Negotiator for the Committee (Dupere Law Office)

Mrs. Balboni made a motion seconded by Mrs. Garfield to have the secretary cast one ballot for Dupere Law Office as Counsel and Negotiator for the Committee.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Diane, Terri, Melissa, Sarah P., Darlene, Lyndsey, Aaron, Shirley, Michele

H. Sick Bank Committee (2 members) - Mrs. Crane, Mr. Welch, Mrs. Balboni as alternate

I. Negotiations Committee – Mrs. Nazzaro, Mrs. Crane

J. Superintendent’s Evaluation Committee – Mrs. Winer, Mrs. Balboni, Mrs. Page, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Garfield

K. Policy Committee – Mr. Welch, Mrs. Garfield, Mrs. Papillon, Mrs. Otterbeck as alternate

L. Warrant Signing Committee – Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Balboni, Mr. Welch, Mrs. McVeigh, Mrs. Winer, Mrs. Nazzaro

V. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/RECOGNITIONS - None

7:35 - VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

A. School Committee Goals for FY '19

Mrs. Balboni made a motion seconded by Mrs. Papillon to approve the School Committee Goals for FY '19.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 9 Nays Abstain 1 Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Diane, Terri, Melissa, Sarah P., Lyndsey, Aaron, Shirley, Michele

Abstain: Darlene

8:00 - VII. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

8:30 p.m.

A. MASS/MASC Joint Conference Attendance – November 7-10

- Mr. Welch and Mrs. McVeigh will be attending.

VIII. CONSENT ITEMS 6/20/18 (Enc.)

Mrs. Papillon made a motion seconded by Mrs. Balboni to approve the minutes of 6/20/18.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 6 Nays Abstain 4 Abstain (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Diane, Sarah P., Lyndsey, Shirley, Michele

Abstain: Terri, Melissa, Darlene, Aaron

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

A. School Committee - None

B. Chairperson - None

C. Superintendent

Central Office Update (Enc.)

- Dr. Hopson said the leadership team met today and they updated the strategic plans and updates. Very similar

D. Business Manager

- Ms. Fisk said she has been busy closing out the year and starting the next. Maintenance is working hard. Chester is finished and the high school is almost done.
- Mrs. Crane asked about Preschool.
- Ms. Fisk said the rooms look good and the rugs are down. The playground is going to take a good amount of time.
- Mrs. Nazzaro asked if it would be ready for the next meeting. It would be nice to be able to see it and talk about it.
- Mrs. Papillon asked about staffing.
- Dr. Hopson said they are in the process of hiring staff.
- Mrs. Garfield talked about having an open house for the preschool. Wendy asked people to email her with suggestions.
- Mrs. Nazzaro suggested once it is established in the spring, to kind of keep it the momentum going.

E. Administration – None

F. Town - None

X. COMMITTEE REPORTING**A. Superintendent's Evaluation**

- Evaluation met tonight. New goals will be in the packet for the next meeting.

B. Legislative Liaison

- Legislative Aaron is meeting with the education taskforce chair to see if they would be a good outlet with us, for calling reps they have an active group
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C. Policy Subcommittee

- Policy is going to meet before the next meeting.

D. Building Liaisons

- Shirley and Michele – will meet with Kurt
- Aaron and Michele - Maintenance
- Michele and Martha – Steph
- Tara will meet with Wendy
- Terri and Sarah Foley – high school
- Lyndsey –middle school and Chester
- Tara will do middle school
- Sarah page and Melissa will do Littleville
- Ed foundation rep – Terri

Mr. Welch made a motion seconded by Mrs. Nazzaro to go into executive session at 7:47 for the purpose of Litigation: Kennedy, et al. v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, et al. - No.:HSCV2014-00210 not to return to open session.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**Future Agenda Items**

XII. INFORMATION**Information**

Arel takes top prize at “Shark Tank”
Solitario accepted, attended Young Writer’s Conference at Champlain College
Second Pless to Mass STAR
Superintendent’s Corner June 14, 2018
Superintendent’s Corner June 22, 2018

The warrant signing committee had reviewed the following warrants, found them to be in order, and approved them.

Warrant

AP#1101 \$75,953.97	PR#26 \$407,626.871
AP#1102 \$64.10	PR#26.2 \$911,861.39 (lump sum)
AP#1103 \$24.13	
AP#1106 \$47,838.23	

**8:35-9 p.m. XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
or earlier**

- A. Litigation: Kennedy, et al. v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, et al. - No.:HSCV2014-00210 – In conjunction with town officials.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Garfield made a motion seconded by Mr. Welch to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Diane, Terri, Melissa, Sarah P., Darlene, Lyndsey, Aaron, Shirley, Michele

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy L Stewart
School Committee Secretary