

GATEWAY REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016

**Stanton Hall - Huntington
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
Martha Otterbeck
Diane Dunn

HUNTINGTON
Ron Damon
Kara Rousseau
Jeff Wyand

MIDDLEFIELD
Sarah Foley

MONTGOMERY
Anne-Marie Buikus
Madelyn Austin

RUSSELL
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: _____

- Mrs. Crane opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Buikus, Mrs. Austin, and the reporter are recording the meeting.

Mr. Damon made a motion seconded by Mrs Foley to go into executive session for the purpose of Litigation: Kennedy, et al. v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, et al. - No.:HSCV2014-00210 at or before 7:30 p.m. to return to open session.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 11 Nays Abstain Absent 1 (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Madelyn, Anne-Marie, Ron, Diane, Sarah, Terri, Lyndsey, Martha, Kara, Jeff, Michele
Absent: Shirley

7:05 p.m. II. PUBLIC INPUT (3 Minute Limit) - None

III. STUDENT COUNCIL INPUT

- Anna Pless said this Friday’s spirit day is flannel Friday. Currently the seniors are in the lead for spirit points. They are planning the semi formal for January. The SWAMP (student store) is open now and it is very busy. They purchased a new cash register. They are organizing a food drive for November. Mr. Mosher the new history teacher is setting up a mock election. They will distribute ballots and tally them up. They are voting on both the Presidential candidates and the questions. They spoke about the blizzard bags. Students don’t want to do work on snow days. The Red Cross club is organizing a blood drive for November 1 from 8-11 a.m. There is a goal for seniors to be eligible for scholarships. 8-11 in the gym.

The middle school is having a bandster bash on Friday. Two senior night games are coming up for soccer. Boys' is Friday and girls' is Saturday.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/RECOGNITIONS

A. MCAS/PARCC Assessments

- School Committee received an electronic presentation.
- Mrs. Crane asked if anyone had any questions.
- Dr. Hopson said the video will be posted on the website.

7:45 V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

A. GYAA

- Dr. Hopson said we have nothing tonight for GYAA. We did not receive the information requested from them.
- Mr. Forgue was upset, that they went off of a four bullet response from the district.
- Ms. Fisk said Cindy said she sent out the information, and Ms. Fisk was sending the information GYAA requested.
- Mr. Forgue asked what meeting we would be addressing this.
- Dr. Hopson said hopefully we will have the information for the 9th, which is being held here at Gateway.

B. Policy Approval: Draft Minutes, DBG Budget Adoption Procedures; DD Funding Proposals and Applications; DJE Bidding Requirements; IJOA Field Trips; IHAMB Teaching about Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs; JICH Drug and Alcohol Policy; JLCD Administering Medicines to Students; GBEC Drug-Free Workplace; JKAA Physical Restraint; ECAF Security Cameras in Schools

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VI. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Blizzard Bags

- Dr. Hopson met with GTA executive committee. He is meeting with entire staff next Tuesday. Middle school is giving pushback. We need to ask and answer some of the questions from the teachers. Dr. Hopson is hoping school committee can approve this at the December meeting. He has no idea how long it will take DESE to approve it. This is not every lesson plan, just a few from each level.
- Mr. Damon said if we are able to get this in place, can it be retroactive when it does get approved.
- Dr. Hopson said there are a lot of questions if it does get approved we need to see how it goes. We will need to look at what we would change and get parent input as we go along.
- Mrs. Papillon asked if we are looking at it as a pilot.
- Dr. Hopson would call it a pilot, but the MTA rep doesn't see it that way. We need to see if it works and if we can make it better. If not we will stop using them.
- Mrs. Austin how many days have we used.
- Dr. Hopson is going to ask for 6.
- Mrs. Austin asked if it is up to the state how many we use.
- Dr. Hopson said yes and all schools do it differently.
- Mrs. Kennedy asked what is a blizzard bag?
- Dr. Hopson explained that instead of having snow days made up in June, teachers create work for the students to do so they don't have to make up the days. Lesson plans comprise the number of hours in school and are in line with the curriculum. Students who don't have internet can still do the work.
- Mrs. Otterbeck asked about the pusback from the middle school.

- Dr. Hopson said they are saying you can't make up for having teachers in front of students. High school said it is really hard to teach the last five or six days of school so they like the idea. Another concern is the special education students. Teachers can have the liaisons look at them to make sure they are okay. Another concern was, is the community going to think we are getting a day off. It is less work to go to school then not. This is going to be more work.
- Ms. Papillon asked about the people who are not paid on snow days.
- Dr. Hopson said in terms of paraprofessionals we are looking at things like professional development at a later time. Café is different.

VII. CONSENT ITEMS 10/12/16 (Enc.)

Mr. Damon made a motion seconded by Mrs. Otterbeck to approve the minutes of 10/12/16.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 9 Nays Abstain 2 Absent 1 (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Madelyn, Anne-Marie, Ron, Diane, Sarah, Terri, Martha, Jeff, Michele

Abstain: Lyndsey, Kara

Absent: Shirley

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. School Committee

- Mrs. Papillon spoke about the MASS/MASC Joint Conference. She is not sure if she will be able to go and asked if anyone else would be interested in going in her place. Mrs. Rousseau is interested and will let Mrs. Stewart know.

B. Chairperson - None

C. Superintendent

Central Office Update (Enc.)

- MARS will be in over the next couple weeks to work on the curriculum aspect.
- We settled with secretaries yesterday.

D. Business Manager

- Ms. Fisk received the draft of sped transportation. It is pretty in depth.

E. Administration - None

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTING

A. Superintendent's Evaluation

- Their next meeting is January 11, 2017.

B. Legislative Liaison

- Dr. Hopson spoke to Stan Rosenburg. The House and Senate are not in agreement with the Governor. We are not that far in the hole. They are going to try to keep cuts away from the schools.

C. Policy Subcommittee

- Policy met tonight. The meet again November 9.

D. Building Liaisons

- Mrs. Foley said the boys' soccer had a tough loss against Renaissance 2-1. In the spirit of solidarity all the boys dyed their hair blonde. Coach said he would go blonde if they went to states.
- Mrs. Papillon attended bingo for books. It was the best turnout ever. There was a large bake sale, and doantions were generous.
- Mrs. Long said the books that the kids win were purchased by the Gateway Education Foundation..

Went into executive session at 7:32 p.m.

Returned to open session at 8:44 p.m.

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
Future Agenda Items

XI. INFORMATION
Information

Vocal improve seminar at Gateway
 Coats for the community
 Save-the-date for Gateway 'Penny Social'
 Last play on 'Booster'
 Bingo for Books October 26
 Magazine Drive benefits Middle School
 Coding comes to life at Gateway
 Superintendent's Corner October 14, 2016

Warrant

AP#1028	\$240,393.62	PR# 08	\$351,696.93
AP#1031	\$65.12		

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

- A. Executive Session Minutes Approval: Cover letter and 12/17/14, 1/28/15, 2/11/15, 6/10/15, 6/24/15, 9/23/15, 10/21/15, 11/18/15, 12/19/15, 1/6/16, 1/20/16, 2/10/16, 3/9/16, 3/23/16, 4/27/16 (Enc. 's)
- B. Union Negotiations: Secretarial
- C. Non- Union and Administrative Negotiations
- D. Litigation: Kennedy, et al. v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, et al. - No.:HSCV2014-00210

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 Absent: Shirley

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Otterbeck to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Motion Carried (VOTE) 12 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Madelyn, Anne-Marie, Ron, Diane, Sarah, Terri, Lyndsey, Martha, Kara, Shirley, Jeff, Michele

Respectfully Submitted,
 Stacy L Stewart
 School Committee Secretary