



SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OPEN SESSION MINUTES AUGUST 8, 2017

Meeting:	School Committee
Date:	August 8, 2017
Location:	MERMHS Library
Attendees:	Pamela Beaudoin, Superintendent of Schools; Avi Urbas, Director of Finance; Ann Cameron, Chairman; Julie Riordan, Co-Chairman, Sarah Wolf, Ken Warnock, and Rachel Fitzgibbon.
Absent:	Shannon Erdmann, Adele Ardolino, Secretary
Recorded by:	Beaudoin

A. Call to Order

Ms. Cameron called the School Committee Open Session summer work session to order at 3:00 p.m.

B. Workshop

Reviewed School Committee FY18 goals and calendar for year ahead.

Middle School Handbook Approval (Continued Business) was taken out of order.

Principal Maino introduced Dean of Student Kim Provost and provided a brief overview of the role of the Dean. Together they explained the “ME” block that has been integrated into the schedule. Like the high school U block it is intended to provide time in the day for students to have time to read, begin homework, make-up work or seek assistance from teachers. Ms. Wolf raised a question about the description of SEPAC and it was agreed that this would be reviewed.

Ms. Riordan moved to approve and Mr. Warnock seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous by Ms. Cameron, Ms. Riordan, Ms. Wolf, Mr. Warnock, and Ms. Fitzgibbon.

B. Executive Session - For the purpose of discussing contract negotiation strategy.

Open: Ms. Wolf made a motion to open Executive Session and Mr. Warnock seconded the motion. **Roll Call:** Ann Cameron, Chairman; Julie Riordan, Co-Chairman; Caroline Weld, Sarah Wolf, Ken Warnock, and Rachel Fitzgibbon.

Adjourn Executive Session: Ms. Riordan made a motion to exit Executive Session, and Weld seconded the motion. **Roll Call:** Unanimous Ms. Cameron, Ms. Riordan, Ms. Erdmann, Ms. Wolf, Mr. Warnock, and Ms. Fitzgibbon.. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Business Meeting Open Session

1) Public Comment

Dan Lundergan, META Co-President inquired as to the status of the request made to the SC by letter to voluntarily recognize Administrative Assistants; Teaching Assistants; Non-Contracted Custodians, and Study Hall Monitors as an individual bargaining unit under the aegis of META as a unit B.

2) Chairman's Report

Letter from META Requesting voluntary recognition of Administrative Assistants; Teaching Assistants; Non-Contracted Custodians, and Study Hall Monitors as an individual bargaining unit under the aegis of META as a unit B.

Ms. Cameron explained that the SC was in general pro-union however would like to have greater detail on the process and there was some questions about the process grouping of employee categories. A question was raised about the actual numbers/percentages of people surveyed and interest by employee category. It was expressed again that the SC is generally supportive, but the effort would benefit from a better defined process.

Mr. Warnock moved to decline voluntary recognition and Ms. Weld seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous by Ms. Cameron, Ms. Riordan, Ms. Wolf, Mr. Warnock, and Ms. Fitzgibbon.

3) Consent Agenda

- Acceptance of Warrants: FY17 Voucher 1068 FY18 Voucher 1006, 1007
- Minutes 7/11/2017.

Mr. Warnock moved to approve and Ms. Weld seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous by Ms. Cameron, Ms. Riordan, Ms. Wolf, Mr. Warnock, and Ms. Fitzgibbon.

4) Superintendent's Report

5) New Business

- **Update On Memorial School Building Project**
- **JCJ Architecture Contract Approval**

Mr. Urbas updated the committee on the status of contract negotiation with JCJ Architecture the design firm chosen to work on the Memorial School Building Project. The contract had been finalized. As part of the formalization process both the School Committee and Memorial School Building Committee need to approve.

Ms. Riordan moved to approve and Ms. Wolf seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous by Ms. Cameron, Ms. Riordan, Ms. Wolf, Mr. Warnock, and Ms. Fitzgibbon.

- **FY18 Budget**

9) Public Comment:

None.

Adjourn

Ms. Erdmann made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Riordan seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous by Ms. Cameron, Ms. Riordan, Ms. Erdmann, Ms. Wolf, Mr. Warnock, and Ms. Fitzgibbon.