

**CHELMSFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
October 16, 2018
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Mr. Dennis King (Chair), Mr. Al Thomas (Vice Chair), Ms. Donna Newcomb (Secretary), Mr. John Moses and Ms. Barbara Skaar

Also present: Dr. Jay Lang (Superintendent), Dr. Linda Hirsch (Assistant Superintendent), and Ms. Joanna Johnson-Collins (Director of Business and Finance)

Mr. King opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Tonight's meeting is being televised and recorded by Chelmsford Telemedia.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular school committee meeting of October 2, 2018

Mr. Thomas motioned to approve the minutes of the regular school committee meeting of October 2, 2018. Ms. Newcomb seconded. Motion carries 3-0. Mr. Moses and Ms. Skaar who were not in attendance abstained.

Student Representatives

Kate reported that student mentors and mentees will meet this week. Early release day is Thursday. Sophomore guidance meetings will take place by house.

Clare stated that flu shots will be given at CHS on October 23, 2018. The "Financial Literacy Fair" will take place on October 24th. The Halloween dance for seniors is scheduled for October 27, 2018. The next flex block will take place on October 31st.

Good News

Dr. Hirsch reported that the new fitness center at CHS is almost complete. CHS received new digital manufacturing equipment that will link the robotics class, coding class and the fabrication class together. Many of our educators will attend MASS CUE at Gillette Stadium this week. Over 2,000 educators will be signing up for professional development workshops to take place on November 6, 2018.

The Chair shared that the public forum on School Safety which took place on October 9th was well attended and well received.

Public Comments

None.

New Business

1. Spotlight on the Departments: ELL, Reading & Title 1

Ms. Kelly Rogers, Department Coordinator English Language Learners, Reading and Title 1, shared her presentation and power point with all present. This presentation may be viewed in full on Chelmsford Telemedia/YouTube.

2. Update: 10 Year Capital Plan

Dr. Lang included a memorandum and detailed outline for the Chelmsford Public Schools 10-Year Capital Plan giving a time line of 1-3 years for high priority projects; 4–6 years for medium priority and 7–10 years for low priority projects. Please see the documents included in tonight's agenda packet for the details. The Committee will discuss and edit priorities during the upcoming meetings.

Mr. Thomas motioned to approve the top priority items for capital expenditures so that the administration can prepare as necessary for fiscal year 2020. Ms. Skaar seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

3. Establishment of 2018/19 Superintendent Goals

See Dr. Lang's memorandum and related documents found in tonight's agenda packet.

Mr. Thomas motioned to approve the superintendent's goals for 2018 and 2019. Ms. Skaar seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

4. Academic Update: Next Generation MCAS 2018

Dr. Hirsch's presentation and power point are included in tonight's agenda packet. To view her full presentation go to Chelmsford Telemedia/YouTube.

5. MASC Resolutions: MASC/MASS Joint Conference 2018

The complete information on the resolutions is found in tonight's agenda packet.

Resolution 1. Rejecting the Arming of Educators

Mr. Thomas motioned to accept resolution 1. Ms. Skaar seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

Resolution 2. Small and Rural Districts

Mr. Thomas motioned to accept resolution 2. Ms. Skaar seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

Resolutions 3. Elimination of the Federal Department of Education

Mr. Thomas motioned to accept resolution 3. Ms. Skaar seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

Resolution 4. Regional School Transportation

Mr. Thomas motioned to accept resolution 4. Ms. Skaar seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

Resolution 5. Reporting and Accountability Standards

Mr. Thomas motioned to accept resolution 5. Ms. Skaar seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

Resolution 6. Reproductive Health Education

Mr. Thomas motioned to accept resolution 6. Ms. Skaar seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

Resolution 7. Gender Identity Inclusive Athletic Participation Policy

Mr. Thomas motioned to accept resolution 7. Ms. Skaar seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

Resolution 8. Sports Wagering

Mr. Thomas motioned to accept resolution 8. Ms. Skaar seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

Resolution 9. Access to Information for Parents and Students Who are Clients of Special Education

Mr. Thomas motioned to accept resolution 9. Ms. Skaar seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

6. FY19 Financial Report – 1st Quarter (July – September, 2018)

The memorandum and supporting details are included in tonight's agenda packet and were presented by Joanna Johnson-Collins, Director of Business and Finance.

7. Ratification of MOA – CCA Recognition of Coordinator of School Nursing Services

Mr. Thomas motioned to authorize The Chair to implement the Memorandum of Agreement between the Chelmsford School Administrators' Association and the School Committee relating to Coordinator of School Nursing. Ms. Skaar seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

8. Personnel Report: September 2018

No action required

9. Updates: Ongoing Projects/Initiatives

Dr. Lang stated that the 2018/19 Employee Handbook has been posted to the district website and is password protected so only employees may access it.

10. Approval of Conference and Field Trip Requests

Mr. Thomas motioned to approve the Chelmsford High School International Relations Club request to attend the Model United Nations field trip to Brown University November 9 – 11, 2018, and the McCarthy Middle School eighth grade World History Trip to New York City on May 30 – 31, 2019. Ms. Skaar seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

Reports

1. Liaison Reports

Mr. Moses attended the Byam BSA meeting last week where lots of questions were asked about ALICE. This Saturday Byam will hold their annual "Boo Bash".

Action/New Items

Ms. Skaar is asking when the calendar committee will convene. Dr. Lang stated it will happen soon. She also has teachers asking where their "salary statements" are. Dr. Lang will check on this.

Dr. Lang stated that paraprofessionals have been hired to help out in the morning and afternoon at Center School with kindergarten.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Mr. Thomas moved to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 8:10 p.m. Ms. Skaar seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Giglio