

**CHELMSFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
February 25, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Mr. Dennis King (Chair), Mr. John Moses (Vice Chair), Ms. Maria Santos (Secretary), Mr. Jeffrey Doherty and Ms. Donna Newcomb.

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

Call to Order

6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Opening Statement

The Chair welcomed all and stated that the meeting will be recorded and televised by Chelmsford Telemedia. Mr. King shared that the focus of tonight's meeting is Dr. Lang's recommended budget for FY2021. There will be two opportunities for public comments during the meeting tonight.

Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting of February 4, 2020**

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the regular School Committee minutes of February 4, 2020. Ms. Newcomb seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

CHS Student Representative Announcements

Sudeep shared that CHS is hosting a tournament game tonight for the girls' basketball team. Evan Kinney and Evan Goodall won the Wrestling State Championship this past weekend. On February 28th, Middlesex Community College will be at CHS to discuss "dual enrollment" at 7:30 a.m. The festival play will be held on February 28th and 29th. Starting tomorrow there will be a survey on youth risk behaviors. MCAS ELA retakes will be held on March 2 – 5th, while MCAS Math retakes will be March 6 – 9th.

Katrina stated that a college night for parents of juniors will be held on March 4th at 7:00 p.m. Winter sports awards will be on March 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC. New "House Olympics" will start on March 9th, which will replace "Spirit Week" and the competition will be between the houses and not grade levels.

Good News

Dr. Hirsch shared that the CHS Physics Department received a \$1,500 stipend from the Armed forces Communication and Electronics Association to launch rockets. This week South Row will hold its science fair. Thursday morning Dr. Hirsch and Dr. Lang will be available at the Java Room starting at 8:00. The annual K-12 Youth Art Exhibit will be hosted by the Chelmsford Public Library on March 4th.

Public Comments

None.

New Business

1. Presentation: Spotlight on the Departments – Physical Education

Katie Simes along with CHS P.E. faculty and students shared recent highlights for the high school physical education program. She shared the new courses which include high ropes and low ropes courses. Also disc golf courses are new to CHS and McCarthy with nine holes being at each school. There has also been professional development at the high school and middle schools for staff on “Orienteering”. These will be introduced to the students in the 2020/2021 school year. New courses available at the high school for grades nine and ten include: yoga and fitness; lifetime sports (badminton, pickleball, disc golf, tennis and triangleball); exercise and conditioning 10; team games 10 and wellness activities 10. For juniors and seniors offerings include: strength and conditioning 11; team games 11; wellness activities 11; advanced PE; techniques and principles in athletic training and unified PE in which coaches work 1:1 with students with cognitive and physical disabilities. PE faculty and students shared what they learned during ropes course training with focus being on “safety, communication, cooperation and encouragement”. The disc golf courses are available for the public to use outside of the school hours and it is fun for all ages. This complete presentation with slides, maps and photos may be viewed by going to Chelmsford Telemedia/YouTube.

2. Recommended FY2020 budget Transfer

Mr. Moses motioned to transfer from the salary reserve cola account to the copier/admin account in the amount of \$39,960. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

3. FY2021 Budget Hearing

Dr. Lang led The Committee through the budget page by page and responded to any questions asked.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$33,400 on page 17 of the budget book for function 1110 School Committee. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$436,400 on page 18 of the budget book for function 1210 Superintendent. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$244,000 on page 19 of the budget book for function 1220 Assistant Superintendent. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$375,700 on page 20 of the budget book for function 1230 District Wide. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$409,438 on page 21 of the budget book for function 1410 Business and Finance. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$310,687 on page 22 of the budget book for function 1420 Human Resources. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$140,000 on page 23 of the budget book for function 1430 to 1435 Legal Services and Settlements. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$1,331,822 on page 24 of the budget book for function 1450 Districtwide Mis. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$1,285,956 on page 25 of the budget book for function 2110 Curriculum Directors. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$891,441 on page 26 of the budget book for function 2110 Curriculum Directors-Special Education. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$2,745,005 on page 27 of the budget book for function 2210 School Leadership. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$23,685,160 on page 28 of the budget book for function 2300 to 2305 Classroom Teachers-Regular Education. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$1,858,180 on page 29 of the budget book for function 2310 Teachers Specialist-Regular Education. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$6,378,441 on page 30 of the budget book for function 2310 Teachers Specialists-Special Education. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$399,456 on page 31 of the budget book for function 2320 Medical/Therapeutic Services. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$590,000 on page 32 of the budget book for function 2325 Substitutes. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$4,148,244 on page 33 of the budget book for function 2330 Paraprofessionals. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$761,187 on page 34 of the budget book for function 2340 Librarians/Media Center. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$165,775 on page 35 of the budget book for function 2357 Professional Development. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$795,727 on page 36 of the budget book for function 2410 to 2415 Textbooks & Instructional Materials. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$153,050 on page 37 of the budget book for function 2420 Instructional Equipment. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$552,425 on page 38 of the budget book for function 2430 General Supplies. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$192,000 on page 39 of the budget book for function 2440 Other Instructional Services-Special Ed. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$625,000 on page 40 of the budget book for function 2451 to 2455 Classroom Inst Technology & Software. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$2,383,701 on page 41 of the budget book for function 2710 to 2800 Guidance & Psychological Services. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$843,152 on page 42 of the budget book for function 3200 Medical and Health Services. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$3,842,529 on page 43 of the budget book for function 3300 Transportation. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$119,362 on page 44 of the budget book for function 3400 Food Services. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$660,502 on page 45 of the budget book for function 3510 Athletic Department. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$182,690 on page 46 of the budget book for function 3520 Other Student Activities. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$206,916 on page 47 of the budget book for function 3600 School Security. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$1,719,640 on page 48 of the budget book for function 4110 to 4230 Custodial Services. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$1,200,515 on page 49 of the budget book for function 4120 to 4130 Heating of Buildings & Utility Services. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$163,854 on page 50 of the budget book for function 5150 Employee Separation Costs. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the bottom line budget figure of \$3,168,645 on page 51 of the budget book for function 9300 Tuitions. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the \$63,000,000 local operating budget for the Chelmsford Public Schools as delineated on page 16 of the budget book, the summary level line item totals. Ms. Newcomb seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries 5-0.

4. Approval of Conference and Field Trip Requests

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the conference and field trip requests as presented. Ms. Newcomb seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

Reports

1. Liaison Reports

Mr. Doherty met with the Alumni Association and reminds all that the Alumni Hall of Fame dinner will be held on March 21, 2020. A report was shared at the meeting on the future of the Alumni Association.

Mr. King attended the Booster's Club meeting for which fund raising is going great, as is their support of athletics. MSBA has sent out a policy update newsletter. The policy subcommittee should get together to review this. The Committee is scheduled to meet with the Select Board on March 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Newcomb attended the Chelmsford Friends of Music meeting and they will be forthcoming with grant applications for teachers to support their programs. On April 9th and 10th the acapella groups will perform with others from the area.

Ms. Santos mentioned this weekend's competitive play at the PAC. Chelmsford will be performing around 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Lang shared that MSBA has approved the roof work for South Row School. The work is already underway.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

Mr. Moses motioned to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:19 p.m. Ms. Newcomb seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

Tonight's meeting may be viewed in its entirety on Chelmsford Telemedia You Tube.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Giglio*