

**CHELMSFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
September 17, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

6:00 p.m.

Chair Opening Statement

The Chair welcomed all and stated that the meeting will be recorded and televised by Chelmsford Telemedia.

Consent Agenda

None

CHS Student Representatives Announcements

The Committee welcomed Katrina Janakos from CHS who joins Sudeep Gubbala as the student representatives to The School Committee for the current school year. Sudeep shared that three CHS students qualified to be National Merit Scholarship semifinalists due to their high PSAT scores. The first CHS dance will be this Saturday from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. This week's football game will be Saturday at 3:00 instead of Friday night due to EEE in Haverhill. CHS Open House will be this Thursday from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. for parents.

Katrina reported that all three sports teams are off to a great start. The golf, swim and cross-country teams are all undefeated. All teams are required to do two community service projects, one in the school and one out in the community. The cross-country team has moved furniture for Parker. Girls on the soccer team have cleaned up the Harrington courtyard, while the boys' soccer team has cleaned up CHS.

Good News

Dr. Hirsch shared that today was the first half day allowing staff to attend professional development. Today's topic was "blended learning". Multiple levels were offered, as were multiple subjects. K through eight teachers are in their second year of iReady PD. Students in the shop in the engineering wing at CHS are working with a laser beam to engrave and cut designs. They hope to have products to market for the holidays. The CHS musical will be *Chicago* and auditions have concluded. The show runs from November 21st through the 23rd. The ropes courses at CHS are completed. The PE teachers from the high school and both middle schools will have three days of PD to prepare.

The Chair shared that there was a good article in today's *Lowell Sun* about the District's 1:1 initiative.

Public Comments

None

New Business

1. Approval of 2019/20 School Committee and Superintendent Goals

Dr. Lang shared that the Committee and Superintendent's goals from year three of the current strategic plan are included in tonight's packet. Committee goals and action steps are on the left side and the Superintendent's are on the right. These are updated from the draft presented at the meeting on September 3rd. These goals are being presented for discussion and approval at tonight's meeting. Ms. Newcomb suggested that information on the results of actions taken during the 2018/19 school year be placed on the website for the community to see. The Chair and Dr. Lang will facilitate that.

Mr. Moses motioned to approve the 2019/2020 School Committee and Superintendent goals as presented. Ms. Newcomb seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

2. Public Forum: Multi-Year Strategic Plan – Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Dr. Lang shared that the October Forum will take place at the Elks Hall on October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The Multi-Year Strategic Plan will be the topic. Dr. Lang will share "talking points" for the Forum as an agenda item for The Committee meeting on October 1, 2019. Parent and staff surveys to gather data will go out before the end of September.

3. Personnel Report – August 2019

No action required.

4. Approval of Field Trips and Conference Requests

CHS field trip request to Ordione State Park in New Hampshire on October 4, 2019. Dr. Lang requests to attend the National Conference on Education in San Diego from February 12th – 16, 2020.

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

Reports

1. Liaison Reports

Ms. Newcomb attended to South Row PTO. There was a good turn out and lots of activities are already planned. She also attended the Byam PTO and nice enrichment programs are being planned for the students. Ms. Santos attended the Harrington PTO meeting. On January 28, 2020, Harrington will hold their annual "Heritage Day" which she sees as a really, worthwhile community event. They are concerned about the large number of parents from their school that drop off and pick up their children. They are looking to The Committee for resolutions. She also attended the football game and was impressed with the Marching Band's half-time show featuring music by Bruno Mars.

Action/New Items

Public Comments

Sonya Voloboi and Sameksha Sharma, both seniors at CHS, came to the table with concerns about the recent absence of their calculus teacher, who both regarded highly. She was teaching the highest level of AP math at CHS, successfully, as demonstrated by the high scores of the AP students in her classes. They currently have no calculus teacher at the high school and are looking for answers from the School Committee and administration.

Adjournment

At 6:41 p.m. Mr. Moses motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Newcomb seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

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

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Giglio