

**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
100 MAPLE AVENUE
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Present: Mr. Jason Palitsch, Chairperson; Ms. Erin Canzano, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Sandy Fryc, Secretary; Mr. Jon Wensky; Dr. B. Dale Magee; Mr. Patrick Collins, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Ms. Amy B. Clouter, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; Ms. Barb Malone, Director of Human Resources; and Dr. Joseph Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools.

A complete audio/visual recording of this meeting is available on the Shrewsbury Public Schools website.

The meeting was convened by Mr. Palitsch at 7:01 pm.

I. Public Participation

None.

II. Chairperson's Report & Members' Reports

None.

III. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sawyer noted that multiple first-ever Shrewsbury High School (SHS) Esports teams will be participating on January 25 in the Massachusetts Esports State Championships at Gillette Stadium. He noted that the annual Shrewsbury Education Foundation Awards Dinner on January 26, 2019, will include recognition of Paula and Jim Buonomo as the recipients of the 2019 Community Service Award, and Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Meg Belsito; Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment, Amy Clouter; and Beal Early Childhood Center Principal, Chris Girardi, as recipients of the the 2019 Impact Award.

IV. Time Scheduled Appointments:

A. Beal School Building Project Update: Report from the Architect

In their report, Ms. Kathryn Crockett, President, Lamoureux Pagano Associates, and Mr. Paul Queeney, Owner's Project Manager, PMA Associates, noted that Fontaine Brothers, Inc. recently joined the Project Team after being chosen via the Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) delivery method; gave an overview of the MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority) process with detailed information on its Design Development phase (noting upcoming

presentation dates would be March 13, June 5, and September 4, and that incorrect dates were included in their report due to a typographical error); and presented two- and three-dimensional renderings of the school in the Design Development project phase.

In response to questions from the Committee, they provided additional information on the ability to separate academic from public spaces in the building, and on their work with other town boards and departments around site development relative to areas including construction, storage, and the Lake Street realignment.

B. State of the District: Report from the Superintendent

Dr. Sawyer noted in his annual report that the district has much to celebrate, and also has work to do to achieve its collective aspirations for students. He went on to describe student successes in academic and extracurricular activities; contributions from educators, staff, the leadership team, the School Committee, parents, town government and the community-at-large; and specific examples of efforts being employed to realize the vision and values established in the district's Portrait of a Shrewsbury Graduate and and 2018-2022 Strategic Priorities: space and resources to support effective learning; learning environments where everyone's success matters; enhanced well-being of all; and connected learning for a complex world.

Committee members commented on the innovative and collaborative approach to learning at SPS and its inherent flexibility; the sustained success enjoyed by the district; the use of technology by students and educators and the associated challenges; and the district's commitment to its Portrait of a Shrewsbury Graduate and and 2018-2022 Strategic Priorities.

V. Curriculum

A. SHS Program of Studies for 2019-2020: Vote

Mr. Palitsch noted that the School Committee heard a presentation of proposed changes to the SHS Program of Studies (POS) at its January 9, 2019 meeting and that no feedback had been received from the community since the document was posted for public viewing. Dr. Sawyer advised that no changes had been made to the proposed POS since its initial presentation on January 9.

On a motion by Dr. Magee, seconded by Mr. Wensky, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Shrewsbury High School 2019-2020 Program of Studies as presented.

VI. Policy

A. Enrollment of Non-Resident Students Policy Revision: Second Reading & Vote

Mr. Palitsch advised that the first reading of a draft of revised Policy 621: Enrollment of Non-Resident Pupils was held at the School Committee meeting on January 9, 2019, that the draft of the policy was posted for public viewing and comment, and that the Committee did not receive feedback from the public. He noted that additional changes were made based on feedback from

the Committee and that he and Ms. Canzano are members of the Policy Subcommittee. Ms. Canzano then presented a detailed description of the four changes made since the first reading.

Mr. Palitsch noted that Dr. Magee requested one technical correction be made to the draft so that the phrase “parent or guardian” be used consistently versus “family or guardian” where relevant. Dr. Sawyer noted that the draft had been reviewed by legal counsel and recommended that the Committee vote to approve the updated policy draft. Dr. Magee added that he likes the provision included that directs policies to be reviewed every five years, and recommended that other districts’ policies be reviewed when updates to those in Shrewsbury are being considered.

On a motion by Mr. Wensky, seconded by Dr. Magee, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the updated Policy 621: Enrollment of Non Resident Pupils, with the stipulation that the phrase “parent or guardian” will be used in place of “family or guardian.”

VII. Finance & Operations

None.

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. New Business

None.

X. Approval of Minutes

Without objections from the Committee, the minutes from the School Committee Meeting held on January 9, 2019 were accepted as distributed.

XI. Executive Session

Mr. Palitsch requested a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining with cafeteria workers, for the purpose of collective bargaining with the Shrewsbury Education Association, and for the purpose of negotiations with non-represented school administrators, where deliberation in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body; for the purpose of reviewing and acting on student residency issues; and for the purpose of reviewing, approving, and/or releasing executive session minutes, and return to Open Session only for the purpose of adjourning for the evening. On a motion by Mr. Wensky, seconded by Dr. Magee, on a roll call vote: Dr. Magee, yes; Mr. Wensky, yes; Ms. Fryc, yes; Ms. Canzano, yes; and Mr. Palitsch, yes, the School Committee voted to adjourn to executive session at 8:08 pm.

XII. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Canzano, seconded by Dr. Magee, the committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm. Roll call votes were as follows: Dr. Magee, yes; Ms. Canzano, yes; Mr. Wensky, yes; Ms. Fryc, yes; and Mr. Palitsch, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth McCollum, Clerk

Documents referenced:

1. Beal Project Update Slide Presentation
2. Superintendent's State of the District Report
3. Superintendent's State of the District Slide Presentation
4. SHS Program of Studies 2019-2020
5. Updated Draft Policy 621: Enrollment of Non-Resident Pupils
6. Set(s) of Minutes as referenced above