

PLAINVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of April 24, 2018

Regular Session

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Amy Abrams at 5:02 p.m. in the Wood School Learning Commons. Also present were Linn Caprarella, Javed Ikbal (arrival at 5:05 p.m.), Kristen Conrad-Garrity, Michele Sharpe and Superintendent Raiche.

Administrators Present: Kate Campbell, Principal, Anna Ware Jackson School
Edward Clarke, Administrator of Special Education
Robin Roberts-Pratt, Principal, Beatrice H. Wood School
Stephanie Whitaker, Technology Systems Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Linn Caprarella seconded by Michele Sharpe to approve the April 10, 2018 regular session minutes as presented. So voted.

SHOWCASE

None.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS AND FACULTY

None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND AUDIENCES

Mrs. Abrams had received an email from a parent regarding the content of a homework assignment. Mr. Raiche reported that the concerns was resolved.

COMMENDATIONS

None.

ITEMS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. King Philip School Committee-Mrs. Abrams

Mrs. Abrams attended her first meeting last evening as the representative from Plainville. Agenda items included: approval of an overnight trip for the marching band, approval of a French student exchange program, approval of a contract for football, approval of revised rental rates for facilities, and review of the community working groups.

b. Negotiations Subcommittee-Mrs. Caprarella, Mrs. Conrad-Garrity

Nothing.

c. Budget Subcommittee-Mrs. Abrams, Mr. Ikbal

Mrs. Abrams said the Committee is presenting the FY2019 budget to the Finance Committee this evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

d. Communications Subcommittee-Mr. Ikbal, Mrs. Conrad-Garrity
Nothing.

e. Town Building Committee-Mrs. Clarke
Nothing.

f. Sick Leave Bank Committee-Mrs. Conrad-Garrity
Nothing.

g. Wellness Committee-Mrs. Sharpe

Mrs. Sharpe said the spring Walk to School Event is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2018. Students, staff and parents who walk meet at Lowe's parking lot at 7:45 a.m. and walk the 1.4 mile route to school; students receive a snack upon arrival at their school. She has attended in the past and reported this is a great event and that parents who walk to school are able to take a bus back to Lowe's to retrieve their cars! Mr. Clarke said that Representative Shawn Dooley will be walking this year.

RESIGNATIONS, TRANSFERS, APPOINTMENTS AND LEAVES

a. The following appointment has been made:

Angela Guarino, Long-term substitute instructional paraprofessional in grade 2 effective April 23 – June 21, 2018

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Massachusetts Next Generation Accountability System

Superintendent Raiche shared a PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview of the MA Next Generation Accountability System. He reviewed the components, timeline and process, accountability indicators, the weighting of the accountability indicators, the criterion-referenced components, categorization of schools and districts, the accountability reports and report card information. The new accountability system is scheduled to be approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education soon. Of note: in addition to meeting targets for schools as a whole, the performance of the lowest performing 25% of students in each school will be measured, with a focus on raising the performance of each school's lowest performing students. In addition, the accountability system will be discontinuing the current state-approved level system, placing substantial weight on accountability indicators of achievement in ELA, math and science, measuring the percentage of students missing 10% or more of school days (absenteeism) and each district will be categorized either as a district without required assistance or intervention or a district requiring assistance or intervention.

b. Time Capsule

Superintendent Raiche shared with the Committee the contents of the time capsule which is being put together by the Grade 3 Jackson School Council members. Some of the items included are: DVD's of all events that have been videotaped during the 2017/2018 school year, A CD of student's favorite songs on the radio today; a Jackson School t-shirt, A Spark Note, school art work, a copy of the report card and a list of the current teachers and support staff for the 2017/2018 school year.

Mrs. Caprarella asked where the capsule will be located so in the future, someone will know where to find it.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Dare Fundraiser, Basketball Game on May 18, 2018 (Vote Required)

MOTION by Linn Caprarella seconded by Javed Ikbal, to approve the proposed fundraiser by DARE of a basketball game on May 18, 2018 between the grade 6 students and the Plainville Police. So voted.

b. BayState Textiles, Gift of \$32.25 (Vote Required)

MOTION by Linn Caprarella seconded by Javed Ikbal, to accept the gift of \$32.25 from BayState Textiles to use in future technology purchases. So voted.

c. FY2018 Grant Update (Vote Required)

There is an increase in three grants for FY2018: Federal SpEd Entitlement by \$970.00; Title I by \$135.00; and Teacher Quality by \$22.00.

MOTION by Linn Caprarella seconded by Kristen Conrad-Garrity, to approve the revised FY2018 Grant amount totaling \$285,138.00. So voted.

d. Proposed School Committee Meeting Dates for 2018/2019 (Vote Required)

The school committee meeting dates for 2018/2019 are customarily scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesday of each month; the Committee reviewed a proposed listing of dates.

MOTION by Linn Caprarella, seconded by Michele Sharpe, to approve the proposed school committee meeting dates for 2018/2019. So voted.

e. Continuation of Policies in Section G through Section I with Minor Revisions-or to adopt MASC's policy (Vote Required)

Superintendent Raiche informed the Committee that MASC undertook a year-long review of policies and many of the proposed revisions are due to updating language, cleaning up grammar, adding or changing legal references and cross references. He is recommending revisions as presented in a memo dated April 9, 2018. Mr. Ikbal questioned why policy IKF was included in the policies listed in the memo. Superintendent Raiche shared this policy, IKF, Graduation Requirements, because it was part of MASC's review, and he wanted to ensure school committee members were aware of this policy.

MOTION by Javed Ikbal, seconded by Kristen Conrad-Garrity, to approve the recommendation of Superintendent Raiche to make minor revisions and/or to adopt MASC's model policy for the policies listed in a memo dated April 9, 2018, as presented (policies in sections G through I) and to waive the second reading. So voted.

f. Continuation of Policies in Section J through Section L with minor revisions or to adopt MASC's model policies (Vote Required)

The Committee received a memo this evening from Superintendent Raiche dated April 23, 2018 recommending that the Committee keep Plainville's current policy file JEB, Entrance Age. In completing further research this past week, he realized that our current file JEB is in alignment with

Wrentham and Norfolk's policy. The Committee had previously received a memo dated April 9, 2018 recommending policies in section J through section L, including file JEB, be revised according to his recommendations.

MOTION by Linn Caprarella, seconded by Kristen Conrad-Garrity, to approve the recommendation of Superintendent Raiche to make minor revisions and/or to adopt MASC's model policy for the policies listed in a memo dated April 9, 2018, (policies in sections J through L) excluding the recommendation for policy file JEB, Entrance Age. The motion is to include approval of the recommendation to keep file JEB, Entrance Age, as contained in the memo shared this evening dated April 23, 2018, as presented, and to waive the second reading.

Some discussion, as Mrs. Caprarella asked why Superintendent Raiche recommended keeping on file policies KBBA-E, and KBBA-R but remove them from the policy manual. Superintendent Raiche said that policy KBBA, Non-Custodial Parents' Rights is sufficient and file KBBA-E and KBBA-R are the forms/letters that are referenced in the policy. Mr. Clarke, Administrator of Special Education and Support Services said that he does not currently use the letters as listed in file KBBA-E and KBBA-R. **It was decided to amend the motion above to:**

MOTION AMENDED by Mrs. Caprarella, seconded by Kristen Conrad-Garrity to remove from the listing in the memo dated April 9, 2018, policy file KBBA, KBBA-E and KBBA-R. These policies, KBBA, KBBA-E and KBBA-R will be voted separately at a future school committee meeting. So voted.

g. Policy KI, Visitors to Schools (Vote Required)

Superintendent Raiche met with the administrative team to review policy file KI, Visitors to Schools. He is recommending the Committee approve the revised policy file KI, as presented.

MOTION by Linn Caprarella, seconded by Kristen Conrad-Garrity, to approve the recommendation by Superintendent Raiche to revise Policy File KI, Visitors to Schools, as presented and waive the second reading. So voted.

h. Legislative Update

- Mrs. Abrams said The Supreme Judicial Court on Tuesday affirmed the dismissal of a case challenging the state's cap on charter schools
- Mr. Ikbal said the House added \$14 million in spending on education, libraries and some other local programs to its \$40.9 billion annual budget
- Day on the Hill-The annual MASC Day on the Hill is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2018; Superintendent Raiche and Mrs. Sharpe plan to attend

i. Any item(s) not anticipated at the time of posting

None.

INFORMATION

No discussion about these items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nothing.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Linn Caprarella, seconded by Javed Iqbal, to adjourn at 5:36 p.m. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Rieger, Recording Secretary

Meeting Handouts:

- Agenda
- Regular Minutes from April 10, 2018
- Memo on Appointment
- Superintendent's Report: Documents on items from the report
- New Business:
 - Memo and Flyer for the DARE fundraiser on May 18, 2018
 - Memo on gift of \$32.25 from BayState Textiles, Inc.
 - Memo on FY18 Budget Update
 - Proposed School Committee Meeting Dates for 2018/2019
 - Memo on Policies from Sections G through I
 - Memo on Policy JEB, Entrance Age
 - Memo on Policies from Sections J through L
 - Memo on Policy KI, Visitors to Schools
- Information::
 - School Committee Reorganization from April 10, 2018
 - Food Service Profit & Loss Statement and Participation Rates through March 2018
 - Finance Committee FY19 Budget Presentation, April 24, 2018