

## Organizational Meeting of the School Committee

Helen A. O'Connell Administration Building  
180 Broadway, Chicopee, MA 01020

January 8, 2014

The following members were present: Mayor Richard Kos, Dana Cutter, David Barsalou, Marjorie Wojcik, Sandra Peret, Deborah Styckiewicz, Donald Lamothe, Sharon Nawrocki, Mary Beth Costello, Michael Pise and Chester Szetela.

Absent was Susan Lopes.

Also present were Richard W. Rege, Jr., Deborah Drugan, Alvin W. Morton, I, Stephen Nembirkow, Debra Schneeweis, Sarah Hoar, Rebecca Bouchard, Esq., Jonathan Endelos, Ginger Coleman, Norman Burgess, Sandy Stasiowski, Brittney Cherpak, Casey Nadeau, Mia Craven, Allyson Sederland, Diane Dean, Kathy Nadeau, Krystal DeJesus, Abbie Meulemans, Diane Lynch, Rebecca Wolanczyk, Geri Labay, Tammy Roy, Grace Schofield, Kristin Desmarais, Kate Lyons, Allison Swiatlowski, Donna Moran and Jeannette DeForge (*The Republican*).

### Superintendent's Briefing

The Superintendent's briefing convened at 6:30 PM. Mr. Rege, Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the evening's agenda.

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kos, Chairperson, at 7:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kos announced that the meeting was being recorded by the Telecommunications Department for broadcasting on CSC Cable Channel 5.

### Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed for those who serve in the military and for others who help to protect us.

### Roll Call Board Attendance

<i>Mayor Kos</i>	<i>- present</i>	<i>Mr. Cutter</i>	<i>- present</i>
<i>Mr. Barsalou</i>	<i>- present</i>	<i>Mrs. Wojcik</i>	<i>- present</i>
<i>Mrs. Peret</i>	<i>- present</i>	<i>Mrs. Styckiewicz</i>	<i>- present</i>
<i>Mrs. Lopes</i>	<i>- absent</i>	<i>Mr. Lamothe</i>	<i>- present</i>
<i>Mrs. Nawrocki</i>	<i>- present</i>	<i>Mrs. Costello</i>	<i>- present</i>
<i>Mr. Pise</i>	<i>- present</i>	<i>Mr. Szetela</i>	<i>- present</i>

*The roll call indicated 11 members present – 1 absent.*

### Election of Officers

Mayor Kos opened nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mrs. Nawrocki nominated Mrs. Wojcik.

Voted: On motion by Mr. Pise to close nominations for Vice Chairperson.

*Hand vote – 11 present in favor – 1 absent and the motion passed.*

## **Election of Officers cont.**

*\*Mrs. Wojcik was elected Vice Chairperson.*

Mayor Kos opened nominations for Representative to City Government. Mrs. Costello nominated Mrs. Peret.

Voted: On motion by Mr. Lamothe to close nominations for Representative to City Government.  
*Hand vote – 11 present in favor – 1 absent and the motion passed.*

*\*Mrs. Peret was elected Representative to City Government.*

## **Public Announcements**

Mr. Rege announced school-related news, awards, and activities of interest to the viewing public.

**Open Public Input** None

## **State of the Schools Presentation**

Mr. Endelos, Principal of Anna E. Barry School, Mrs. Coleman, Principal of Lambert-Lavoie School, and Mr. Burgess, Principal of Herbert V. Bowie School each gave a brief presentation on their school's initiatives and activities.

*\*A brief recess was held at 8:34 PM.*

## **Approval of Minutes**

### **14-1-1**

Voted: On motion by Mr. Lamothe to approve the minutes of the Committee As A Whole Meeting of the School Committee held on November 19, 2013. ☐  
*Hand vote – 11 present in favor – 1 absent and the motion passed.*

### **14-1-2**

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Nawrocki to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Committee held on December 18, 2013. ☐  
*Hand vote – 11 present in favor – 1 absent and the motion passed.*

## **Reports**

### **14-1-3**

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Styckiewicz to receive the Report on Personnel Action Taken. ☐  
*Hand vote – 11 present in favor – 1 absent and the motion passed.*

**Unfinished Business** None

## New Business

### 14-1-4

A motion was made by Mr. Pise to approve the bills (Warrant S122013) totaling \$211,298.05. ☐

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Kos	- yes	Mr. Cutter	- yes
Mr. Barsalou	- yes	Mrs. Wojcik	- yes
Mrs. Peret	- yes	Mrs. Styckiewicz	- yes
Mrs. Lopes	- absent	Mr. Lamothe	- yes
Mrs. Nawrocki	- yes	Mrs. Costello	- yes
Mr. Pise	- yes	Mrs. Szetela	- yes

The roll call vote was 11 yes – 1 absent and the motion passed.

### 14-1-5

A motion was made by Mrs. Costello to approve the bills (Warrant S122713) totaling \$332,779.18. ☐

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Kos	- yes	Mr. Cutter	- yes
Mr. Barsalou	- yes	Mrs. Wojcik	- yes
Mrs. Peret	- yes	Mrs. Styckiewicz	- yes
Mrs. Lopes	- absent	Mr. Lamothe	- yes
Mrs. Nawrocki	- yes	Mrs. Costello	- yes
Mr. Pise	- yes	Mrs. Szetela	- yes

The roll call vote was 11 yes – 1 absent and the motion passed.

### 14-1-6

A motion was made by Mr. Barsalou to approve the bills (Warrant S010314) totaling \$90,568.73. ☐

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Kos	- yes	Mr. Cutter	- yes
Mr. Barsalou	- yes	Mrs. Wojcik	- yes
Mrs. Peret	- yes	Mrs. Styckiewicz	- yes
Mrs. Lopes	- absent	Mr. Lamothe	- yes
Mrs. Nawrocki	- yes	Mrs. Costello	- yes
Mr. Pise	- yes	Mrs. Szetela	- yes

The roll call vote was 11 yes – 1 absent and the motion passed.

## Former Westover AFB Housing

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Costello to have Administration give a report to the School Committee by April 30, 2014 on the transition of base housing from military to public availability.

Hand vote – 11 present in favor – 1 absent and the motion passed.

## Six-Year High School/Post-Graduate Program

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Costello to refer the six-year high school concept and the expansion of the post-graduate program to the Curriculum Subcommittee.

Hand vote – 11 present in favor – 1 absent and the motion passed.

## Adjournment

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Wojcik to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Hand vote – 11 present in favor – 1 absent and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Rege, Jr.  
Superintendent of Schools

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