

**Regular Meeting of the School Committee**  
Helen A. O'Connell Administration Building  
180 Broadway, Chicopee, MA 01020

**February 12, 2014**

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

Also present were Richard W. Rege, Jr., Deborah Drugan, Stephen Nembirkow, Sarah Hoar, Rebecca Bouchard, Esq., Samuel Karlin, Elizabeth Masse, Heather Auclair, Tama Lang, Amy Platt, Kimberley Carter, Tina Crane, Tina Prefontaine, Suzanne O'Neil, Deborah Ward, Karen Paulo, Denise Parolo, Jill Illuzi, Arielle Perry, Ruth St. Laurent, Ellen Shaw, Katie Blazejowski, Melissa Lukasik and Donna Moran.

### **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>- present</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 12 members present.*

### **Public Announcements**

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

### **Open Public Input**

*There was no public input.*

**State of the Schools Presentation**

Samuel Karlin, Principal of Belcher School and Elizabeth Masse, Principal of Sgt. Robert R. Litwin School gave PowerPoint presentations showcasing their schools activities and initiatives.

**Approval of Minutes**

**14-2-1**

Voted: On motion by Mr. Lamothe to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Committee held on January 22, 2014. ☐

*Hand vote – 12 present in favor and the motion passed.*

**Reports**

**14-2-2**

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Nawrocki to receive the Report on Personnel Action Taken. ☐

*Hand vote – 12 present in favor and the motion passed.*

**14-2-3**

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Lopes to receive the Damage to Buildings Report (October 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013). ☐

*Hand vote – 12 present in favor and the motion passed.*

**14-2-4**

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Styckiewicz to receive the minutes of the Policy and Human Resources Subcommittee held on January 29, 2014. ☐

*Hand vote – 12 present in favor and the motion passed.*

**Unfinished Business None**

**New Business**

**14-2-5**

A motion was made by Mr. Pise to approve the bills (Warrant S012414) totaling \$327,062.19. ☐

*The roll call vote was as follows:*

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

*The roll call vote was 12 yes and the motion passed.*

**New Business cont.**

**14-2-6**

A motion was made by Mrs. Costello to approve the bills (Warrant S013114) totaling \$360,890.87. 📄

*The roll call vote was as follows:*

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

*The roll call vote was 12 yes and the motion passed.*

**14-2-7**

Voted: On motion by Mr. Barsalou to approve the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school calendars.

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

*Mrs. Nawrocki was opposed to this motion.*

**14-2-8**

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Peret to authorize the Telecommunications Department to videotape for telecasting on CSC-TV, Cable Channel 5, the Chicopee Colleen Coronation Ball to be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014, at no cost to the City. 📄

*Hand vote – 12 present in favor and the motion passed.*

**14-2-9**

Voted: On motion by Mr. Cutter to send a letter to our federal and state legislators to continue to fund their commitment to the federal Race to the Top Program, federal programs for elementary schools and state educational programs and requirements in the current federal and state budgets.

*Hand vote – 12 present in favor and the motion passed.* 📄

**14-2-10**

Voted: On motion by Mr. Szetela to approve the home education plans, as listed. 📄

*Hand vote – 12 present in favor and the motion passed.*

**14-2-11**

Voted: On motion by Mr. Lamothe to refer the creation of a policy on the use of electronic devices by School Committee members to the Policy and Human Resources Subcommittee.

*Hand vote – 12 present in favor and the motion passed.*

**14-2-12**

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Nawrocki to refer the Subcommittees of the School Committee policy (File B9) to the Policy and Human Resources Subcommittee. 📄

*Hand vote – 12 present in favor and the motion passed.*

**Conference and Travel and the Use of School Vehicles**

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Costello to refer conference and travel and the use of school vehicles to the Finance and Budget Subcommittee.

*Hand vote – 12 present in favor and the motion passed.*

**New Business cont.**

**Letter of Thanks**

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Costello to send a letter of thanks to the 5 Star Bakery at Sgt. Robert R. Litwin School for the chocolate chip cookies they received.

*Hand vote – 12 present in favor and the motion passed.*

**Referrals to Subcommittee**

Voted: On motion by Mr. Barsalou to refer a discussion on Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS)/Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC), education reform/Common Core and standardized testing to the Curriculum Subcommittee.

*Hand vote – 12 present in favor and the motion passed.*

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Nawrocki to refer the Principals’ reactions to the Trial Waiver of Portable Electronic and Communication Devices Policy to the Policy and Human Resources Subcommittee.

*Hand vote – 12 present in favor and the motion passed.*

Voted: On motion by Mr. Cutter to refer Head Injuries and Concussion Policy (File J48) to the Policy and Human Resources Subcommittee for possible revisions.

*Hand vote – 12 present in favor and the motion passed*

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcik to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:10 PM for the purpose of collective bargaining (Unit A) and discussing litigation and we will not return to the regular order of business.

*The roll call vote was as follows:*

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

*The roll call vote was 12 yes and the motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Rege, Jr.  
Superintendent of Schools

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