

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

February 19, 2014

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

Absent was Deborah Styckiewicz.

Also present were Richard W. Rege, Jr., Alvin W. Morton, I, Stephen Nembirkow, Debra Schneeweis, Sarah Hoar, Rebecca Bouchard, Esq., Devin Sheehan, Jacob Oliveira, Elizabeth Lafond, and Patrick Leahy.

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>- absent</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 11 members present – 1 absent.

Public Announcements

Devin Sheehan and Jacob Oliveira from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees presented Mr. Pise with the All-State School Committee Award.

Open Public Input

There was no public input.

Approval of Minutes

14-2-13

Voted: On motion by Mr. Lamothe to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Committee held on February 12, 2014 as revised. ☐

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

Reports

14-2-14

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

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

14-2-15

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Lopes to receive the minutes of the Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting held on February 11, 2014. ☐

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

Unfinished Business None

New Business

14-2-16

A motion was made by Mr. Pise to approve the bills (Warrant S020714) totaling \$490,666.28. ☐

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>- absent</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 11 yes – 1 absent and the motion passed.

14-2-17

A motion was made by Mrs. Costello to approve the bills (Warrant S021414) totaling \$641,915.23. ☐

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>- absent</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 11 yes – 1 absent and the motion passed.

New Business cont.

14-2-18

A motion was made by Mr. Barsalou to approve the Special Education Transportation Contract between the City of Chicopee and Van Pool Transportation LLC. ☐

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>- absent</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 11 yes – 1 absent and the motion passed.

14-2-19

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Peret to approve the 2014 Summer Meeting Schedule. ☐

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

14-2-20

Voted: On motion by Mr. Cutter to approve the 2014-2015 Regular Meeting Schedule as revised. ☐

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

14-2-21

Voted: On motion by Mr. Szetela to approve the request for the Chicopee High School Boys Soccer Team to travel to Ireland, July 9, 2014 through July 16, 2014. ☐

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

14-2-22

A motion was made by Mr. Lamothe to waive the residency requirement of the Rental and Use of School Buildings policy (File D5) to allow the following rentals: A. Bodies in Motion to use Edward Bellamy Middle School, May 7, 8, 9 and 10, 2014 for their annual dance recital, B. Shooting Star Dance Center to use Edward Bellamy Middle School, June 13 and 14, 2014 for their annual dance recital, C. Academy of Dance to use Chicopee High School, June 19, 20 and 21, 2014 for their annual dance recital, D. West Side Dance Center to use Chicopee Comprehensive High School, June 20 and June 21, 2014 for their annual dance recital, and E. LHQ Danceforce to use Chicopee High School, June 27 and 28, 2014 for their annual dance recital. ☐

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>- absent</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 11 yes – 1 absent and the motion passed.

Triple I Fingerprinting

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Costello to place “Triple I Fingerprinting” on the agenda for the Regular Meeting of School Committee scheduled for March 5, 2014.

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

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcik to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:25 PM for the purpose of collective bargaining (Unit A) and we will not return to the regular order of business.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Rege, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

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