

School Committee
North Adams Public Schools
North Adams, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of 07 February 2017

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the North Adams Public Schools was held on Tuesday, 07 February 2017, in the Offices of the Superintendent, 37 Main Street, Suite 200, North Adams.

Members Present: Tara Jacobs
Nicholas Fahey
Heather Boulger
Mark P. Moulton
John Hockridge
Mayor Richard Alcombright, Chairperson

Members Missing: Karen Bond

Also Present: Dr. Barbara Malkas, Superintendent
Ellen Sutherland, Assistant to the Superintendent
Sandra Cote, Principal
Amy Meehan, Principal
John Franzoni, Principal
Timothy Callahan, Interim Principal
Molly Meczywor, Interim Assistant Principal
Thomas Simon, Director of Student Support Services
Dr. Kimberly Roberts-Morandi, Director of Curriculum Instruction & Assessment
Nancy Ziter, Business Manager
J. Matthew Neville, Director of Facilities
Tammy Daniels, iBerkshires
Adam Shanks, The Berkshire Eagle
Citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Alcombright called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

HEARING OF VISITORS

There were no visitors to be heard.

READING AND APPROVAL OF RECORDS

A. Minutes of 03 January 2017 regular meeting

Minutes of the 03 January 2017 regular meeting were read and at the conclusion of which it was

MOVED by Boulger, SECONDED by Moulton
to approve the minutes of 03 January 2017 regular meeting.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes 6	<u>Minutes</u>
	Nays 0	Action No.
		6001

MOTION CARRIED

B. Balance Sheet

Superintendent Malkas reviewed the budget sheet. No action was required.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to be heard.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. Personnel

Appointments:

Nanette Schmidt, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, effective 19 December 2016.

Karina Li, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, effective 18 January 2017.

Bonnie Clements, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT, effective 03 January 2017.

Jessica Dunn, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT, effective 23 January 2017.

Jessica Cramer, ONE TO ONE TEACHER ASSISTANT, Pre-K program, effective 03 January 2017.

Linda Johnson, Tracy Piekos, Donna Sadlowski, Ashley Riordan, Lisa Ryan, Lois Hobbie-Welch, Susan Oliveri and Marie McCarron, ACADEMIC LEADERS, 21st Century After-School Program second session at Brayton Elementary School, effective 13 February 2017.

Karen Cooper, Jenny Moulton and Joann Hathaway, ENRICHMENT LEADERS, 21st Century After-School Program second session at Brayton Elementary School, effective 13 February 2017.

Pam Martischnig, Tina Radlowski, Tom Carlow, Lisa Ryan, Joann Hathaway, Ashley Mirante and Cheryl Witherell, ASSISTANTS, 21st Century After-School Program second session at Brayton Elementary School, effective 13 February 2017.

Keith Davis, Marie Kelly-Whitney and Lori Parrino, ACADEMIC LEADERS, 21st Century After-School Program second session at Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 13 February 2017.

Colleen Mulcahy, Yvonne Elder, Carissa Sacherski and Mallory Ryan, ENRICHMENT LEADERS, 21st Century After-School Program second session at Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 13 February 2017.

Maureen Zungy, Mallory Ryan, Sheri Siam, Yvonne Elder, Kathleen Dery, Peggy Shartrand and Lisa Demarsico, ASSISTANTS, 21st Century After-School Program second session at Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 13 February 2107.

Anne French, GRANT COORDINATOR, Safe and Supportive Schools Project, Colegrove Park Elementary and Drury High Schools, effective 12 December 2016.

Aldonna Girouard, Chris Barbarotta, Karen Bedard, Melanie Rancourt, Michelle Darling, Morgan Shafer and William Bryce, FACULTY TEAM MEMBERS, Safe and Supportive Schools, Drury High School, effective 12 December 2016.

Elizabeth Elder, Jill Kelley, Jonathan Slocum and Julia Richard, FACULTY TEAM MEMBERS, Safe and Supportive Schools, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 12 December 2016.

Lisa Demarsico and Tracie Gregoire, ASSISTANT TEAM MEMBERS, Safe and Supportive Schools, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 12 December 2016.

Carrie Silva, CELRICAL PARAPROFESSIONAL, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 30 January 2017.

Resignations

Eileen McKeon-Gregory, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Greylock Elementary School, effective 19 December 2016.

Jessica Dunn, TEACHER ASSISTANT, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 20 January 2017.

Retirements

Maryrose Calnan, KINDERGARTEN TEACHER, Greylock Elementary School, effective 30 June 2017.

Claire Grogan, GRADE TWO TEACHER, Colegrove Park Elementary School, effective 30 June 2017.

Marianne Bailey, CLERICAL PARAPROFESSIONAL, Brayton Elementary School, effective 30 June 2017.

Anne French, TEACHER/SAC TEAM LEADER/SERVICE LEARNING COORDINATOR, Drury High School, effective 20 July 2017.

Recommended Action: Motion to file

MOVED by Moulton, SECONDED by Boulger to place the personnel information on file and to send letters of appreciation to retirees.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	6	<u>Personnel</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			6002

MOTION CARRIED

B. 2017-2018 Proposed School Calendar and Early Release Schedule

Superintendent Malkas reviewed the proposed 2017-2018 school calendar which was driven by feedback from families and the need for professional development as part of our Coordinated Program Review. The proposed calendar provides two full days of teacher professional development prior to the opening of school for students on August 31st. It also closes school for students for two days during the school year for additional staff professional development and provides three early release days which includes two days for professional development and one day for parent teacher conferences.

John Hockridge noted a typographical error on the calendar.

It was

MOVED by Boulger, SECONDED by Hockridge to approve the proposed 2017-2018 school calendar with a correction.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	6	<u>2017-2018 Proposed School Calendar</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			6003

MOTION CARRIED

C. Consolidation of Resources

Superintendent Malkas informed the Committee of the work of the Leadership Team to create a proposal for reconfiguration for the consolidation of resources. In this proposal, the prekindergarten would be relocated from Johnson School to the elementary schools and the seventh grade would be relocated to Drury High School. Superintendent Malkas reviewed current and proposed configurations

and the rationale for the proposal. Interim Principal Callahan presented a proposal for the seventh and eighth grade students at Drury to remain separated from grades nine through twelve for much of the day. The plan would reduce the number of teachers working with these grades by creating core teams for each subject.

There was discussion among the Committee regarding the proposal.

No action was required.

D. Statement of Interest for Greylock Elementary School-Permission to Submit

Superintendent Malkas reviewed the proposed Statement of Interest (SOI) for Greylock Elementary School. Dr. Malkas reminded the Committee that the submission is non-binding and in no way obligates with the School Building Authority or the City of North Adams or North Adams Public Schools. She also stressed the timeline for these projects is lengthy citing the Colegrove Park Elementary School building project which had a submission date of 2007 and a completion date on 2016 with the final audit still to be completed.

Committee members agreed that there was a need for substantial work at Greylock Elementary School.

Chairperson Alcombright read the proposed recommended motion:

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated February 7, 2017 for Greylock Elementary School located at 100 Phelps Avenue which describes and explains the aforementioned deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future.

It was

MOVED by Moulton, SECONDED by Boulger
to approve the aforementioned motion

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes 6	<u>SOI for Greylock Elementary School</u>
	Nays 0	Action No.
		6004

MOTION CARRIED

E. Formative Assessment of Superintendent Goals

Superintendent Malkas reviewed the Mid-Cycle Goals Progress Report that she provided to the Committee. The report detailed her progress toward her professional practice goal, student learning goal, district improvement goal and compliance requirement goal. The Committee praised Dr. Malkas for the fine work she is doing in the district.

No action was required.

F. Colegrove Park LEED Certification Status

Superintendent Malkas asked Nancy Ziter, Business Manager, to speak on how Colegrove Park Elementary School attained Gold Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Ms. Ziter stated that we had four points that that were not originally accepted which put the project at 59 points. Upon the submission of additional information, the points were awarded and the project exceeded the required 60 points to achieve Gold certification.

No Action was required.

G. Grant Awards

Superintendent Malkas informed the Committee that \$1,944,066.52 in grant awards have been received by the district as of January 31, 2017. Dr. Malkas acknowledged that these grant awards were the work of many people and thanked Dr. Kimberly Roberts-Morandi, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, for her work on behalf of the district. It was

MOVED by Hockridge, SECONDED by Moulton
to place the information on file.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	6	<u>Grant Awards</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
			6005

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to be heard.

MASC UPDATE

John Hockridge updated the Committee on the work of the Berkshire County Education Task Force. The task force is entering phase two and have an intense timeline to achieve actionable recommendations by June 30, 2017.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE

Heather Boulger congratulated Hayden Bird who scored his 1000th point as a member of the Drury Basketball team earlier in the week.

Heather Boulger acknowledged the ten Drury students who were selected to participate in the high school art show at the Norman Rockwell Museum.

Tim Callahan informed the Committee that Drury students in the Student Ambassador Program went to Brayton and Colegrove Park on February 1st to work with elementary students.

On February 13, 2017 Drury will be hosting a “Paint and Chat” night at Mohawk Forest to promote community engagement.

Chairperson Alcombright informed the Committee that the North Adams Police Department recently hosted a cyber-safety presentation at Brayton Elementary School. Chairperson Alcombright praised the NAPD for the integration into the schools.

Chairperson Alcombright informed the Committee that the next Kids 4 Harmony concert will be at Brayton Elementary School on February 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Alcombright indicated that there was no more business to come before the committee and it was

MOVED by Boulger, SECONDED by Moulton
that the meeting be adjourned

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes 6	<u>Adjournment</u>
	Nays 0	

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:25

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Bond, Secretary

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