

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

January 22, 2014

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

Absent were Deborah Styckiewicz, Donald Lamothe and Chester Szetela.

Also present were Richard W. Rege, Jr., Deborah Drugan, Alvin W. Morton, I, Debra Schneeweis, Sarah Hoar, Rebecca Bouchard, Esq., Lynn Clark, Irene Lemieux, January Wilson, Cynthia Rodolakis, Terry Glusko, Ann Marie Liswell, Enaya Ogletree, Isabela Soto, Skyla Mitchell, Trinity Corrales, Paula A. Lamarre, Timmy Dominick, 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 Jeanne McGuire, longtime Senior Clerk and Typist.

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>- absent</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>- absent</i>

The roll call indicated 9 members present – 3 absent.

Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

Open Public Input None

There was no public input.

State of the Schools Presentation

Irene Lemieux, Principal of James C. Selser School, Lynn Clark, Principal of Gen. John J. Stefanik School, and January Wilson, Principal of Hugh Scott Streiber School gave PowerPoint presentations showcasing their schools activities and initiatives.

**A brief recess was held at 8:25 PM.*

Presentation of Information/Data on McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

Alvin Morton, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services, Cynthia Rodolakis, McKinney-Vento Liaison, and Terry Glusko, Transportation Manager addressed the Committee regarding the growing number of students in the Chicopee Public Schools who are aided through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. They discussed the needs of the students and the services the Chicopee Public Schools provides. 📄

Approval of Minutes

14-1-7

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Nawrocki to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the School Committee held on January 8, 2014. 📄

Hand vote – 9 present in favor – 3 absent and the motion passed.

14-1-8

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Lopes to approve the minutes of the Committee As A Whole Meeting of the School Committee held on January 15, 2014. 📄

Hand vote – 9 present in favor – 3 absent and the motion passed.

Reports

14-1-9

Voted: On motion by Mr. Pise to receive the Report on Personnel Action Taken. 📄

Hand vote – 9 present in favor – 3 absent and the motion passed.

Unfinished Business None

New Business

14-1-10

A motion was made by Mrs. Costello to approve the bills (Warrant S011014) totaling \$23,086.36. 📄

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>- absent</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>- absent</i>

The roll call vote was 9 yes – 3 absent and the motion passed.

New Business cont.

14-1-11

A motion was made by Mr. Barsalou to approve the bills (Warrant S011714) totaling \$1,013,327.44. ☐

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>- absent</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>- absent</i>

The roll call vote was 9 yes – 3 absent and the motion passed.

14-1-12

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Peret to approve the home education plan, as listed. ☐

Hand vote – 9 present in favor – 3 absent and the motion passed.

14-1-13

Voted: On motion by Mr. Cutter to refer the report on Student and Staff Ratios to the Finance and Budget Subcommittee. ☐

Hand vote – 9 present in favor – 3 absent and the motion passed.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Costello to forward the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act to the City Council for its future meeting with the School Committee and other City Departments.

Hand vote – 9 present in favor – 3 absent and the motion passed.

Referrals to Subcommittee

Voted: On motion by Mr. Barsalou to refer the following three items to the Facilities Subcommittee: the possibility of having a feasibility study completed to explore ways to remedy traffic/parking problems at Patrick E. Bowe School, the possibility of improving the landscaping at Patrick E. Bowe School to create a more visually welcoming environment (changing the culture both inside and out) and the addition of a gate directly across from the back door at Lambert-Lavoie School for emergency evacuation.

Hand vote – 9 present in favor – 3 absent and the motion passed.

Referral to the Next Regular Agenda

Voted: On motion by Mr. Pise to refer to the next agenda the possibility of sending a letter to Federal, State and local legislators, asking them to continue to commit to the funding of the Race to the Top Program.

Hand vote – 9 present in favor – 3 absent and the motion passed.

Adjournment

Voted: On motion by Mrs. Wojcik to adjourn at 9:23 PM.

Hand vote – 9 present in favor – 3 absent and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Rege, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

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