

**Revere School Committee
March 26, 2019**

A meeting of the **Revere School Committee** was called to order on **Tuesday, March 26, 2019** at **6:05 PM** in the Ferrante School Committee Room at Revere High School.

1. Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair; Mr. Michael Ferrante, Vice Chair; Ms. Susan Gravellese, Mrs. Stacey Rizzo, Ms. Carol Tye, Mr. Gerry Visconti, Secretary.

Mayor Brian Arrigo-absent
Mr. Fred Sannella-absent

2. Recognition (None)

3. Superintendent's Report

a. RHS Student Presentation: G20 Summit in Beijing

Revere High School teacher, Mr. Mark Fellows, Model Un advisor, expressed his gratitude in being afforded the opportunity to chaperone the students as they made their way to Beijing China. Students were exposed to international diplomacy, met other students from other countries and were exposed to new ideas to take forward to help get RHS into the 21st century. Several students from Revere High School Model UN expressed their gratitude and shared their amazing experiences through videos and stories that they made as they took on Beijing, China.

Committee members questioned the students regarding the positive things that they learned and brought back to Revere. Mr. Fellowes also shared that he noticed that the students had their world views broadened as well as exposed them to explore leadership skills needed to make the positive changes that this Summit imparts to the students. Several RHS students were also awarded scholarships for their contributions to the Summit. Dr. Kelly also applauded, Ms. Tiffany Currie for helping the students with fundraising and chaperone this trip.

b. Class of 2019 Commencement Exercises are scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2019 (Rain Date Thursday, June 6, 2019).

c. Regional Spelling Bee

Dr. Kelly shared that Revere sent several students to the Regional Scripts Spelling Bee this year. The criteria for the Spelling Bee have changed to include a writing sample in order to qualify for Regionals. Revere represented with seven of our nine schools sending one student. School Committee will recognize the top three winners from each elementary and middle school at the April meeting.

d. Lottery Update

Dr. Kelly and Dr. Vadala stated that the Middle School Placement Lottery is scheduled for April 11, 2019 at 5:00 PM in the Ferrante School Committee Room at Revere High School. The lottery will also be broadcasted live on RevereTV, Channel 22. She also reminded parents that there should be no children in attendance. There will be 8 lotteries conducted in order of school with the largest number of student. Requests for sibling/employee and twin requests will be honored. As of tonight, there will be no changes to school requests. New students entering the city will be offered their choice of school.

e. Planned Restructuring of Student Support Services

Dr. Vadala shared a presentation that would restructure RPS Student Support Services. Dr. Kelly did state that any changes made to the Student Support Services will be dependent on budget figures released from the state. The plan would be to pilot this restructuring at a couple of schools. Central Office will be looking for suggestions from School Committee, teachers and school leaders as this moves forward.

The premise of this change would be to establish a student support team at each school to be comprised of guidance counselors, adjustment counselors/social workers, school psychologists and BCBA behavioral specialist. Currently the adjustment counselors/social workers have been filling the gap with the rolls of what would typically be done by school psychologists and behavioral specialists.

Ms. Tye questioned the ease of being able to find qualified BCBA behavioral specialists. Dr. Vadala expressed that he felt that the school schedule will fill the need. Ms. Gravellese questioned how the pilot schools would be chosen. Dr. Vadala suggested that it would be based on size of school and the possibility of BCBA behavioral specialist splitting the week between two schools.

4. Student Representative Report

Wallid Sikouki congratulated the AP Language students who completed in this year's Myopoly competition, Ava Hawk-1st, Michael Ronceovich-2nd, Jason Acosta and Coby Everton-tied for 3rd

Congratulations to the JROTC Marksmanship Team who placed 1st in the COMAL competition

Congratulations to RHS Varsity Cheerleading Team that placed 2nd in the State Competition with the highest score in RHS history

Congratulations to the RHS Robotics Team who competed at Regionals in New York. Also, congratulations to the team with a first place win at the competition held at Revere High School. Good Luck to the team at the next competition in Shrewsbury.

RHS Speech and Debate Team represented RHS in competition in Needham. Marcus Evans reached Impromptu Finals. Minnah Sheikh and Jason Acosta who placed second in mixed duo and Kevin Cano who placed 2nd in Declamation and Jason Acosta who placed 4th in Group Discussion and Anthony Insogna reached Novice World Finals. Good Luck to the team in the state finals.

Shout out to all the RHS students who participated in the Talent Show. Walk for Health will be taking place on March 27th at the Revere High School Field House 2:30-4:30. Junior Prom is Friday, March 29th at Danversport Yacht Club.

5. Public Participation

Jose Fajardo, 14 Tuttle Avenue, Revere, an employee of M&M Cleaning. At this time M&M Cleaning is in violation of maintaining accurate and consistent payroll, living and just wages for its employees. Mr. Fajardo appealed to the School Committee to not allow subpar companies be hired going forward. Dr. Kelly explained that this case is in the city solicitor's office, who is working with the Attorney General and Revere Public Schools is no longer under contract with M& M Cleaning.

Ms. Madeline Santana, 5 Eastern Avenue Revere spoke on behalf of Ms. Joselin Lainez, who was appealing to the School Committee to allow her children (kindergarten and first grader) to attend an out of district school, Hill School, instead of their neighborhood school, Lincoln School. Dr. Kelly explained that the Hill School is overcrowded and therefore, placing the children at that school is not an option. Dr. Kelly shared that the afterschool program AlphaBest is piloting a before school option to help parents who have earlier start times at work than the school day. Gloria, 111 Franklin Street, Revere spoke on behalf of Ms. Lainez, regarding the possibility of allowing the first grader to attend the Hill School and the kindergartener would be cared for by her. Dr. Kelly agreed to look at the numbers of first graders at the Hill School to see if allowing another student would be possible. Dr. Kelly will reach out to Ms. Lainez after looking at those numbers.

6. Consent Calendar (Vote Required)

Ms. Gravellese asked to remove several items from the consent calendar: MassPort grant for SeaCoast High School, Aramark Food Services extension of contract, vehicle disposal for Dept. of Maintenance.

Mr. Visconti made a motion to dispose of a 2004 Chevy Express van by the department of maintenance by Mr. Carl Svendsen Director of Maintenance.

Motion to have the School Committee vote to exercise their renewal option to extend the existing food service management contract with Aramark Educational Services for a second year. This is the first extension. This extension is for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion to approve the acceptance of a grant from the Massachusetts Port Authority, written by Mr. Michael Flynn, SeaCoast High School. The amount of the grant is \$5705 to purchase 25 Chrome Books.

Mr. Visconti

MOVED: That we approve the disposal of a 2004 Chevy Express van as requested by Mr. Carl Svendsen, Director of Maintenance

VOTED

Mr. Visconti

MOVED: That we exercise our renewal option as requested by Mr. Matt Kruse to extend the existing food service management contract with Aramark Educational Services for the 2019-2020 school year. This is the first of two possible extensions.

VOTED

Mr. Visconti

MOVED: That we accept and a grant from the Massachusetts Port Authority, written by Mr. Michael Flynn, SeaCoast High School, in the amount of \$5705 to purchase 25 Chrome Books.

VOTED

Ms. Tye

MOVED: That we accept and approve the consent calendar with those items having been removed.

Roll Call:

Mr. Ferrante -	Yes	Mr. Sannella -	Absent
Ms. Gravellese -	Yes	Ms. Tye -	Yes
Mrs. Rizzo -	Yes	Mr. Visconti -	Yes

Mayor Arrigo - Absent

VOTED

7. Report of Sub-Committees

- a. Policy and Procedure Sub Committee

Mrs. Rizzo

MOVED: That we approve the amendment to policy BEDH: Public Participation at School Committee Meeting with the following highlights: the incorporation of guidelines from the state and federal free speech laws, ensuring all remarks are respectful and addressed through the Chair of the Meeting and comments must concern the educational goals, policies, budget, or performance of the Superintendent. These portions of the meetings will be called Public Speak.

Roll Call:

Mr. Ferrante -	Yes	Mr. Sannella -	Absent
Ms. Gravellese -	Yes	Ms. Tye -	Yes
Mrs. Rizzo -	Yes	Mr. Visconti -	Yes

Mayor Arrigo - Absent

VOTED

Mrs. Rizzo

MOVED: That we approve the amendment to policy JFABD: Homeless Student Enrollment Rights and Services to comply with Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) with the following highlights: Transportation will last until the end of the school year during which a student is permanently housed,

preschool students can remain I the school they attended after they became permanently housed and preschool students have the right to receive transportation.

Roll Call:

Mr. Ferrante -	Yes	Mr. Sannella -	Absent
Ms. Gravellese -	Yes	Ms. Tye -	Yes
Mrs. Rizzo -	Yes	Mr. Visconti -	Yes

Mayor Arrigo - Absent

VOTED

Mrs. Rizzo

MOVED: That we adopt policy KHAA: Distribution of Literature and Information with the following highlights: The School Committee does not endorse or sponsor agencies, the superintendent’s approval must be obtained and timelines met, information must be provided in all of the major languages used by Revere Public Schools, programs and events must be held within the City of Revere. E-flyers will be an alternative to distribution of paper flyers and have fewer parameters.

Roll Call:

Mr. Ferrante -	Yes	Mr. Sannella -	Absent
Ms. Gravellese -	Yes	Ms. Tye -	Yes
Mrs. Rizzo -	Yes	Mr. Visconti -	Yes

Mayor Arrigo - Absent

VOTED

8. Old Business

Ms. Tye

MOVED: That we move to award all non-union employees of the Revere Public Schools the same percentage increase in salary granted to all union employees to it over a period of three years; 2.5%, 3% and 2.25%.

VOTED

Roll Call:

Mr. Ferrante -	Yes	Mr. Sannella -	Absent
Ms. Gravellese -	Yes	Ms. Tye -	Yes
Mrs. Rizzo -	Yes	Mr. Visconti -	Yes

Mayor Arrigo - Absent

VOTED

9. New Business (None)

10. School Committee Interests

Mrs. Rizzo attended The National School Board Conference. Mrs. Rizzo is looking forward to attending the workshop by Sir Ken Robinson who is a TED speaker, on Creativity and Innovation and Student Engagement in School Culture and the Impact on the Spanish Population and the 2020 Census. Also a workshop by, Michelle Gay, who is a mom of a student from Sandy Hook Elementary School as she presents the Safe and Sound School Program.

Ms. Tye attended a legislative conference where kudos were shared for Dr. Kelly who has been spoken highly by Representative RoseLee Vincent and other legislators. Dr. Kelly is leading the way from the Women Innovation to the current work on getting a fair and equitable budget passed.

11. Motions (None)

12. Executive Sessions (None)

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM

The next regular meeting of the School Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2019 @ 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DK/rp

Dianne K. Kelly, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools