

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
August 20, 2019**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Revere School Committee took place on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 3:30 PM in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Revere High School.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ferrante, at 3:30 PM.

Mrs. Bronsdon-Rizzo

MOVED: That the committee continues this meeting in executive session with the intent to return to the regular meeting.

VOTED

1. Discussion with Legal Counsel on Employee Preference in the Lottery

The committee returned to open session at 4:45 PM

2. Consent Calendar

a. Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were approved by the committee.

b. Communications (None)

c. Enrollment Update

Dr. Kelly reviewed the current student enrollment numbers with the committee. Dr. Kelly also informed the committee that she will provide a more detailed update at the September meeting.

d. Food Service Financials (None)

e. Financial Reports (None)

f. Warrants (Attached)

The committee asked about the new kitchen equipment. Mr. Kruse explained that there were available funds in the revolving account that need to be used for capital expenses. The committee questioned several warrants: payment to Janice Nigro-DiRamio for travel reimbursement for private schools visitation and a new science teacher desk.

Meeting continued out of order to allow Mr. Kruse to address the committee regarding the additional budgetary items.

Mr. Kruse spoke about the special fund of revolving accounts: the preschool account will see successive decreases because the grant is being reduced by 1/3 each year, the Garfield pool is at a

deficit due to no income from the pool being closed during the boiler project, The Community School revolving account will be moving to the city side since it is now funded through city, as discussed RPS is working with the Food Service Department to purchase additional kitchen equipment in the amount of \$220,000.

There was discussion about upcoming vote regarding the student activity account limits maximum amounts. Mr. Kruse also reminded the Committee that the RHS student activity account recently increased their maximum amount from \$50,000 to \$75,000 to accommodate the additional funds provided by the Mayor and City Council to each club and activity group.

Dr. Kelly informed the Committee that there are three revolving accounts that have not been used over the past few years that she would like to use these revolving accounts to work on facility maintenance, hire a secretary for the Director of Facilities and to begin inviting schools to increase the number of afterschool activities/clubs. For clubs and activities, the after school revolving account would be used at a 10% ratio ensuring a 10 year availability to this commitment. Students at each school will be voting for the extracurricular activities/clubs that they would like to have at their schools.

g. Personnel Items (Attached)

h. Acceptance of Donations/Gifts (None)

i. School Field Trips

RHS English teacher, Mrs. Nancy Barile, has requested permission to take her sophomore pre-AP students to NYC as a reward for passing the AP test. This was approved.

4. MSBA Building Committee for RHS

Dr. Kelly explained that she will give a presentation to explain the difference of the Building Committee (made up of a small group that votes to pay the bills and when to pay the bills) which is due to be submitted by August 31st vs. the Visioning Committee Team (choosing career technical programs, building design to be utilized within the community, classroom lab designs) which will be comprised of parents, students, teachers, school committee members and community leaders.

5. NEASC Haverhill Dec. 8th-11th

Dr. Kelly will be attending the NEASC Evaluation visit of Haverhill Public Schools.

6. Proposed Increases to Daily Sub Rates

The School Committee agreed to the increased rate of pay for substitute teachers as proposed by the Superintendent.

7. Additional Budget Items

Additional pay for residency checks \$5,000

Restructuring of the IT department creating a Supervisor of Technicians \$12,000

Another edition of the Revere Educator \$12,500.

RELB has asked if spirit gear tee-shirts with new logo can be purchased for every RPS employee.

Ms. Tye

MOVED: That we make a substitute motion to come back with a new proposal for spirit gear.

Roll Call:

Mr. Ferrante -	Yes	Mr. Sannella -	No
Ms. Gravellese -	Yes	Ms. Tye -	Yes
Mrs. Rizzo -	No	Mr. Visconti -	Yes
Mayor Arrigo -		Yes	

VOTED

8. Disposal of Old Gym Equipment at Garfield

It was agreed by the School Committee that the old gym equipment at Garfield School can be disposed of.

9. Other items not previously anticipated

Alphabest will have the morning program up and running for the first day of school. The Garfield and Lincoln do not have enough students to offer the morning session.

There has been a non-neighborhood request by a parent whose neighborhood school is Lincoln and whose non-neighborhood request was denied due to class size. The parent identified their work schedules as a hardship and requested further review. Hill School kindergarten enrollment is significant higher than Lincoln School. The Committee's decision is aligned with the superintendent that this request cannot be honored.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne K. Kelly, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

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