

**Revere School Committee
August 20, 2019**

A meeting of the **Revere School Committee** was called to order on **Tuesday, August 20, 2019** at **6:10 PM** in the Ferrante School Committee Room at Revere High School.

1. Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

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

2. Recognition (None)

3. Superintendent's Report

a. Review of draft district goals

Dr. Kelly presented a review of new district goals for the school year 2019-2020. The three objectives being worked on are building community, teaching all children and assessment of/for student learning. The presentation showed areas within these initiatives that have been complete as well as areas that are still being worked on.

Building community objective will be done by working within the Revere community on projects and city initiatives that impact students and families.

Teaching all children will be accomplished by having increased opportunities for students to have a voice and choice in their academic progress. Provide opportunities for targeted intervention to close the achievement gap for all student groups.

Assessment of/for student learning will be shown by developing consistency with grading practices across subject areas, classes and schools within the district to ensure equity for all students.

The committee questioned what was meant by equitable and fairness within the grading policies as mentioned previously in the initiative goals.

b. Start of school year information

Dr. Kelly shared some general information about the start of the school year (i.e. first day of school for grades 1-12 is August 27th, Early Child Hood and Kindergarten first day is September 4th). Dr. Kelly also encouraged parents to reach out to their child's school regarding start/end times as each school has their own starting time. Dr. Kelly also shared that there is a Parent Orientation for EC parents is scheduled for August 29th, there is no school on August 30th and September 2nd, Meet the Teacher Nights are September 4th for elementary schools, September 5th for middle school and September 10th for Revere High School and Seacoast High School.

c. New Revere High School Building Project

Dr. Kelly shared the next steps in the new building project. Dr. Kelly will be reaching out in mid-September to parents, teachers, committee members and community leaders (50 individuals) to be part of the Visioning Team.

4. Student Representative Report (None)

5. Public Participation (None)

6. Consent Calendar (Vote Required)

Mrs. Bronsdon-Rizzo

MOVED: That we accept and approve the consent calendar.

Roll Call:

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

VOTED

7. Report of Sub-Committees

a. Policy Subcommittee

The committee reviewed the policy in regards to school admissions in regards to proof of vaccinations/immunizations.

Mrs. Bronsdon-Rizzo

MOVED: That we would like to make a motion that the superintendent’s office communicates with the school nurses and their professional knowledge to implement a thirty day timeline and all information and timelines will be shared with departments necessary including principals, PIC Center and city nurses.

Roll Call:

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

VOTED

Entrance Age-kindergarten entrance age and the possibility of student who misses September 1st entrance date be allowed to enter kindergarten based on student readiness and at a time that is most appropriate for the individual student.

Mrs. Bronsdon-Rizzo

MOVED: That we not explore changes to the Entrance Age Policy at this time.

Roll Call:

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

VOTED

Mrs. Bronsdon-Rizzo

MOVED: That the student handbooks be accepted with all grammar and changes requested.**Roll Call:**

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

VOTED**8. Old Business (None)****9. New Business**

Mr. Visconti

MOVED: That we approve the Revere High School student activity accounts and the maximum balances in each school account as suggested by Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Kruse.**Roll Call:**

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

VOTED**10. School Committee Interests**

Mrs. Rizzo announced that she has been nominated as secretary for Mass Association of School Committees. The committee congratulated her on her nomination.

11. Motions

- a. Increase daily rate for substitutes

Ms. Tye

MOVED: That we approve the increase in daily rates for substitutes as recommended by the superintendent which complies with the minimum wage law voted in by the state.**Roll Call:**

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

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12. Executive Sessions (None)

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

The next regular meeting of the School Committee is scheduled for September 17, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

DK/rp

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