



Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

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Board – Committee – Commission – Council:

School Committee

Date: 2023-01-09

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: Reading Memorial High School

Location: Library

Address: 62 Oakland Road, Reading, MA

Members Present: - Shawn Brandt, Erin Gaffen, Sarah McLaughlin, Carla Nazzaro, Charles Robinson, Tom Wise

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Tom Milaschewski, Susan Bottan, Dr. Jennifer Stys, Dr. Sarah Hardy

Other Presenters: Stephen Burnham, Caitlin Shelburne, Sarah Leveque, Nicole Schwartz, Kurtis Martin, Karen Hall, Heather Leonard, Allison Wright, Melissa Forbes, Erin Burchill, Alissa Gallegos

Minutes Respectfully submitted by: Susan E Brown on behalf of the chairperson.

A. Call to order – Mr. Brandt opened the session at 7:00 pm and reviewed the agenda.

B. Public Comment – no public comment

Consent Agenda – Ms. Nazzaro motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Wise. No discussion, vote passed 6-0.

Reports

2. Dr. Stys reported that the department had an interview with the state for TFM (Tiered Focus Monitoring), many documents were uploaded into the states system to show all the work the Special Education Department has done, there was a parent's survey conducted with over 100 respondents, there were interviews and tours done with the state as well. If there are any issues, there will be progress monitoring to ensure that those issues are managed accordingly. We will get feedback within 30 days.

The community connections meetings continue to be held in conjunction with the YMCA, Communitas, School Department and Reading Rec all work together to ensure community flyers etc. are translated so that all members of the community can access them. There will be a MLK Jr. program held at the RMHS on Monday starting with a breakfast. There will be an adaptive drama club through Communitas, and the YMCA is beginning several sessions of adaptive swim.

3. Dr. Hardy reported on REF (Reading Education Foundation) there were many grant proposals sent to REF for approval, on innovative ways to support staff and students. These will be approved in the spring.

At the elementary level there are 2 curriculum implementations ARC Core – unit 3 is being launched of the 4 being offered, the implementation team is made up of teachers being led by Erin Burchill, collaborating to make this a successful program.

Illustrative Math is being rolled out with the STEM coordinator Heather Leonard; Reading is collaborating with the town of Wakefield to work together to share resources in the implementation of this program.

6. Liaison/Sub-Committee – Carla reported the Permanent Building Committee is 6pm tonight, the water tower was discussed, as well as Turf 1 there is now a video board on the score board, and Parker roof is starting June 23rd.

Ms. Gaffen mentioned that the next SEPAC meeting is next week, virtually, it will be special needs planning, and PAIR will meet on Wednesday at Reading Public Library.

E. New Business

1. **FY24 Budget – Regular Day** - Ms. Bottan along with the following Dr. Hardy, Mr. Burnham, Ms. Shelburne, Ms. Leveque, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Gallegos, Mr. Martin, Ms. Hall, Ms. Leonard, Ms. Burchill presented. The presentation in its entirety can be found in the packet.

Some discussion from the committee.

5 Minute recess 8:54pm

Meeting called back to order at 8:58pm

2. **FY24 Budget – Special Education** - Dr. Stys, Allison Wright and Melissa Forbes, presented. The presentation in its entirety can be found in the packet.

In closing Ms. Bottan discussed the remaining priorities surrounding strategic objective and school operations.

Some discussion from the committee, they requested to have meeting packet updated.

Ms. Nazzaro made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Robinson, vote passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.