



Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

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School Committee

Date: 03-16-2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: Reading Memorial High School Location: Library

Address: 62 Oakland Road, Reading, MA

Members Present: - Shawn Brandt, Erin Gaffen, Carla Nazzaro, Sarah McLaughlin, and Tom Wise.

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Tom Milaschewski, Assistant Superintendent of Learning & Teaching Dr. Sarah Hardy, Finance Director Susan Botta, and Human Resources Director Michelle Roach.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by: Denise P. Santoro on behalf of the chairperson.

A. Call to Order – Mr. Brandt called the meeting to order at 7pm and reviewed the agenda for the evening.

B. Public Comment

Tim Mathieu, 20 Briarwood Avenue- Concern over recent RMHS assembly in response to racial graffiti.

Consent Agenda-

Ms. Nazzaro motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Wise, vote passed 5-0.

Mr. Brandt asked to strike AP/Payroll Warrants which will be included in future agendas. Vote passed 5-0 on the remaining items on the consent agenda.

1. Minutes (03-02-2023)
2. AP Warrant Report S2337A
3. AP Warrant Report S2316
4. Payroll Warrants 2309-2318
5. Food Services Grant

Reports

1. Student-No student report
2. Assistant Superintendent of Student Services – no report
2. Assistant Superintendent of Learning & Teaching- Updates from Dr. Hardy
 - a. "Seeing is Believing" Event to showcase ARC Core in action. A huge thank you to the Killam staff!
 - b. Staff Inservice Day- professional learning at RPS.
 - c. Program Reviews

- d. February Vacation Academy
- 3. Director of Finance and Operations- Update from Ms. Bottan
 - a. Grants
 - b. Killam School Building Project
 - c. Special Education Reserve Fund
- 4. Superintendent- Updates from Dr. Milaschewski
 - a. College Fair- Thank you to Lynna Williams and the entire RMHS Guidance Department as well as our Food Service Department.
 - b. Strategic Planning Committee- Looking for two parent volunteers (hopefully one from Boston and one from Reading.)
 - c. Thank you to Heather Leonard for her past ten years of working for RPS and best of luck in her new position. She will be finishing the school year at Reading before she leaves for her new position.
- 5. Liaison/Sub-Committee.
 - a. Sarah McLaughlin- No report
 - b. Erin Gaffen-
 - SEPAC virtual presentation March 21
 - Thursday March 30th – Overcoming Hurdles to Disability Inclusion
 - May 4th, Lynn Lyons will be speaking about families dealing with mental health issues.
 - May 16th- Screening of the film- “Anxious Nation”
 - June 24th- Juneteenth- Town Common from 1pm – 7pm.

C. Personnel

- 1. Q3 Human Resources Update-Ms. Roach & Dr. Milaschewski
 - Slide Presentation followed.
 - Geoffrey Coram, Ridge Rd. asked a question.

E. New Business

- 1. Review and Approve FY23-24 School Calendar- Dr. Hardy & Dr. Milaschewski- updates discussed. Committee members shared requests and feedback as well.
 - Geoffrey Coram, Ridge Rd. asked a question.

Ms. Nazzaro motioned to approve the Reading Public School 2022-2023 School calendar, seconded by Mr. Wise, vote passed 5-0. Dr. Milaschewski thanked Jess Bailey and all the union representatives for the input and feedback.

2. R.I.S.E Director Search Process

- Thank you to Dr. King for stepping in and filling the interim RISE Director position for the 2022-2023 school year and moving the program forward.
- Dr. Milaschewski outlined the search process.

3. Discussion of School Committee Engagement in District Strategic Plan

- Dr. Milaschewski shared updates and proposals.

4. FY23 Q2 Financial Report and Review / Vote on Budget Transfers

- Ms. Bottan shared updates.

Ms. Nazzaro motioned to approve the transfer of \$427 from the Special Education Cost center to the General Education Cost center, seconded by Mr. Wise, vote passed 5-0.

- Mr. Wise updated committee.

Ms. Nazzaro motioned to waive the readings of the eight policies listed in the packet, seconded by Ms. Gaffen; vote passed 5-0.

5. Ms. Nazzaro motioned to adopt Policy GBA – Equal Opportunity Employment, seconded by Mr. Wise. Mr. Wise shared a document from Geoffrey Coram, Ridge Rd., regarding editing of the wording. Vote to adopt updates to GBA as amended. Ms. Nazzaro motioned to adopt amended Policy GBA, seconded by Ms. Gaffen. Vote 5-0.
6. Ms. Nazzaro motioned to adopt Policy DA – Fiscal Management Goals, seconded by Ms. Gaffen. Vote passed 5-0.
7. Ms. Nazzaro motioned to adopt Policy DB– Annual Budget, Seconded by Mr. Wise. Vote passed 5-0.
8. Ms. Nazzaro motioned to adopt Policy DBC - Budget Deadline and Schedules, seconded by Mr. Wise. Vote passed 5-0. Discussion followed.
9. Ms. Nazzaro motioned to adopt Policy DBD as amended as it appears on the screen, seconded by Mr. Wise. Vote passed 5-0. Discussion followed.
10. Ms. Nazzaro motioned to adopt Policy DBG – Budget Adoption Procedures as amended, seconded by Mr. Wise. Discussion followed. Vote passed 5-0.
11. Ms. Nazzaro motioned to adopt Policy DBJ – Budget Transfer Authority, seconded by Mr. Wise. Discussion followed. Vote passed 5-0.

12. Ms. Nazzaro motioned to adopt Policy DD as amended – Grants, Proposals and Special Reports, seconded by Mr. Wise. Discussion followed. Vote passed 5-0.

Ms. Nazzaro made the motion to adjourn, and Ms. McLaughlin seconded.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iE3Fn1hPxr4>

Meeting Adjourned 9:22 pm.