



Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

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Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

School Committee

Date: 2023-04-06

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: School - Memorial High

Location: School Library

Address: 62 Oakland Road

Session: Open Session

Purpose: Open Session

Version: Final

Attendees: **Members - Present:**

Shawn Brandt, Erin Gaffen, Carla Nazzaro, Sarah McLaughlin, Charles Robinson, and Tom Wise.

Members - Not Present:

Others Present:

Superintendent Dr. Tom Milaschewski & Finance Director Susan Bottan

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By: Denise P. Santoro on behalf of the chairperson.

Topics of Discussion:

1. Call to Order – Mr. Brandt called the meeting to order at 7pm and reviewed the agenda for the evening.
2. Public Comment- No Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Ms. Nazzaro motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Robinson, vote passed 6-0.

1. Minutes (03-16-2023)
2. Jae S. Lim Foundation Grant
3. MyCAP Development and Implementation Grant
4. Credit for Life Fair Grant

Reports

1. Student- No Report
2. Assistant Superintendent of Student Services – No report
3. Director of Finance and Operations- Update from Ms. Bottan
 - a. Update regarding the Safe Routes to School Grant.

4. Superintendent- Updates from Dr. Milaschewski
 - a. Arts Fest- Monday-Thursday
 - b. Elementary Assistant Principal search process update
 - c. April 26th- School Visits from school and community leaders.

5. Liaison/Sub-Committee
 - a. Mr. Robinson-Update from Recreation Committee
 - b. Ms. Gaffen- No reports
 - c. Mr. Wise- Update from Legal Counsel
 - d. Ms. Nazzaro-No report
 - e. Mr. Brandt-District Strategic Plan Assignments
 Congratulations to Ms. Gaffen and Ms. Nazzaro on their re-election to school committee.

Ms. Nazzaro motioned to move D2 out of order, seconded by Ms. Gaffen, vote passed 6-0.

D. Old Business

2. RMHS Innovation Pathways Update- Dr. Milaschewski shared information from DESE
 - a. Ms. Callanan presented Pathways Program information.

1. SY23-24 Kindergarten Enrollment-Update
 - a. Ms. Bottan shared enrollment numbers.
 - b. Dr. Milaschewski updated half day kindergarten status.

Ms. Nazzaro moved to enter into Executive sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Superintendent) and to discuss strategies with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares (and this is for all bargaining units) we will be returning from executive session in approximately one hour. Mr. Brandt so declared it would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position, seconded by Mr Wise, vote passed 6-0.

G. Executive Session

3. Review and approve executive session minutes.

Mr. Brandt called regular session back to order at 8:50 pm

E. New Business

1. Discuss and Approve Director of Finance Search Process (A)-

Dr. Milaschewski conveyed thanks and appreciation to Susan Bottan and gave updates regarding search process.

Ms. Bottan expressed her gratitude as well.

Ms. Nazzaro moved to approve the Director of Finance search process, seconded by Mr. Wise, vote passed 6-0.

2. Approve Last Day of School for SY22-23 (A)

Ms. Nazzaro moved to approve June 16th as the last day of school for the year 2023, seconded by Ms. Gaffen, vote passed 6-0.

3. Discuss and Vote on Granting Veteran Diploma (A)

Ms. Nazzaro moved to direct the district to grant a high school diploma to Mr. Richard Carlson with congratulations and appreciation for his service, seconded by Mr. Wise, vote passed 6-0.

4. Discuss and Vote to Approve 22-23 Student Activity Accounts (A)

Ms. Bottan-Provided updates.

Ms. Nazzaro moved to approve active 2022-2023 student activity accounts, seconded by Mr. Robinson, vote passed 6-0.

5. Vote to Close Inactive 22-23 Student Activity Accounts (A)

Ms. Nazzaro move to close inactive 2022-2023 student activity accounts with the exception of the class of 2021 and 2022 funds, seconded by Mr. Wise, vote passed 6-0.

6. Vote to Move Funds from Closed Inactive Accounts (A)

Ms. Nazzaro move to transfer funds from inactive 2022-2023 student activity accounts to cover any active SSA shortfall and deposit balance of funds into the student assistance account. Motion to amend to included only closed accounts, seconded the amended version by Mr. Wise, vote passed 6-0.

7. Mr. Brandt explained contract extension for the superintendent, Dr. Milaschewski, discussed under executive session.

Ms. Nazzaro moved to express the committee's intent to enter into a successor contract with the superintendent, seconded by Mr. Wise, vote passed 6-0.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvdxipngRs>
Meeting Adjourned 9:36 pm.

