

**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
100 MAPLE AVENUE
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Present: Mr. Jon Wensky, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Sandy Fryc, Secretary; Ms. Erin Canzano; Mr. Jason Palitsch; Mr. Patrick Collins, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Ms. Amy B. Clouter, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; Ms. Barb Malone, Director of Human Resources; and Dr. Joseph Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. Dale Magee, Chairperson, was not present, and Mr. Wensky, Vice Chairperson, presided at the meeting.

A complete audio/visual recording of this meeting is available on the Shrewsbury Public Schools website.

The meeting was convened by Mr. Wensky at 7:01 pm.

I. Public Participation

None.

II. Chairperson's Report & Members' Reports

None.

III. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sawyer acknowledged the success of Oak Middle School Project 351 Ambassador Alina Shkurikhina, whose clothes drive to benefit *Cradles to Crayons* collected over 2700 items. He also advised that he and Shrewsbury High School (SHS) Principal Todd Bazydlo recently attended a *Leading the Nation* State House event celebrating education reform which featured a viewing of a winning video submitted by SHS students Timothy Schwab, Archana Purohit, Du'aa Ahmed, Sara Abdelouahed, and Andrew Hyland; and Maggie Korab, Educational Television Studio Teacher.

IV. Time Scheduled Appointments:

A. Student Recognition: SHS Boys Hockey Team – State Champions

Mr. Wensky congratulated the team on their recent (and back-to-back) Division 3 State Final championship on March 18 at the TD Garden in Boston by a score of 2-1. Jason Costa, Director, Athletics, SHS; Head Coach Steve Turnblom, and Team Captains Anthony Quinlivan, Liam Quinlivan, Jack Tepper, and Conall Persechino, talked about their winning season and thanked their parents and supporters in the community. The Committee and Dr. Sawyer offered congratulations, and all team members in attendance at the meeting were invited up to be recognized by the Committee.

B. Campaign for Shrewsbury Athletic Fields: Vote to Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Susan Adams and Vote to Accept Gift; Vote to Accept Other Gifts As Necessary

Mr. Collins noted that the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) presented was in a standard format. He noted the bid for a new turf field had gone out on the meeting date, and that this was made possible by the Adams' gift. He and Dr. Sawyer thanked Michelle Biscotti and Kathleen Keohane, Co-Coordinator of Volunteer Activities and Development, and community member Donald Green for their work on *The Campaign for Shrewsbury Athletic Fields*, and Dr. Sawyer also thanked the Adams family, noting Mr. Adams was a Shrewsbury High School graduate who played football there and then at Nichols College, and who was a well-known local businessman.

On a motion by Mr. Palitsch, seconded by Ms. Canzano, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the memorandum of understanding regarding the proposed sponsorship for the athletic field project at Shrewsbury High School, including naming the Shrewsbury High School Stadium Field the David J. Adams Memorial Field in return for a \$250,000 gift to the Campaign for Shrewsbury Athletic Fields.

On a motion by Mr. Palitsch, seconded by Ms. Canzano, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the funds for this sponsorship.

C. Student Travel – French Trip to Martinique: Vote

In their report, Ms. Heather Leger, French Teacher, and Mr. Todd Bazydlo, Principal, Shrewsbury High School, noted that two years ago, due to safety concerns, a trip to Martinique was approved for the first time in lieu of what would have been the trip to France, but ultimately did not run due to limited enrollment. Given the opportunities afforded for experiential learning, communication, and community service, they wanted to offer the trip to students again, and were open to partnering with another school district if that would bring enrollment to a level that made the trip possible. They also answered questions from the Committee about community service opportunities, fundraising, and payment plan options. Dr. Sawyer offered his support for the trip.

On a motion by Ms. Canzano, seconded by Mr. Palitsch, the Committee voted unanimously to approve travel by Shrewsbury High School French students to Martinique from late June through early July 2019 as detailed in the associated documents.

V. Curriculum

None.

VI. Policy

A. District Goals for 2018-2020: Review & Discussion

In their report, Dr. Sawyer and Ms. Clouter described the process that led to the development of *Shrewsbury's Portrait of a Graduate* and the district's 2018-2022 Strategic Priorities and Goals. Noting the four Strategic Priorities had associated five-year goals, Dr. Sawyer added that district leaders worked on devising the more specific set of goals being presented that night to be completed by the end of 2020. He and Ms. Clouter provided detailed information on each on the 2018-2020 District Goals, and discussed next steps that included a vote to adopt by the Committee at their April 25 meeting. Dr. Sawyer acknowledged: challenges around capacity; the role of a proposed Assistant Superintendent position to address critical areas including community partnerships and social emotional learning/wellness; and the importance of innovation during challenging times. The Committee noted the concerns around capacity, liked the "directions" provided by the proposed goals, and acknowledged the importance of including career awareness/focus in the report.

VII. Finance & Operations

None.

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. New Business

None.

X. Approval of Minutes

Without objections from the Committee, the minutes from the School Committee workshop held on March 21, 2018, were accepted as distributed.

Without objections from the Committee, the minutes from the School Committee meeting held on March 28, 2018, were accepted as distributed.

XI. Executive Session

A. For the Purpose of Reviewing & Approving Executive Session Minutes

B. For the Purpose of Negotiations with the Shrewsbury Paraprofessionals Association

C. For the Purpose of Negotiations with the Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Wensky requested a motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of reviewing and approving executive session minutes, and for the purposes of negotiations with the Shrewsbury Paraprofessionals Association and the Superintendent of Schools, where deliberation in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body, and reconvene to open session only for the purpose of adjourning for the evening. On a motion by Mr. Palitsch, seconded by Ms. Canzano, on a roll call vote: Mr. Palitsch, yes; Ms. Canzano, yes; Ms. Fryc, yes; Mr. Wensky, yes; the School Committee voted to adjourn to executive session at 8:05 pm.

XII. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Canzano, seconded by Mr. Palitsch, the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm. Roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Wensky, yes; Mr. Palitsch, yes; Ms. Canzano, yes; and Ms. Fryc, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth McCollum, Clerk

Documents referenced:

1. Boys Varsity Ice Hockey Roster
2. MOU Adams - Field Naming
3. Martinique Student Trip Memo
4. Martinique Student Trip Purpose Document
5. Field Trip Permission Form
6. District Goals Report
7. District Goals Slides
8. Set(s) of Minutes as Referenced Above