

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
MARCH 9, 2017**

The meeting of the School Committee was held at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the Central Middle School with the following members present: D. Maurer, Chair; M. Christie, S. MacNeill and R. Meredith-Warren. Also present was Dr. Les Olson, Superintendent of Schools.

D. Maurer called the meeting of the School Committee to order at 6:30 P.M.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Per MGL Ch. 30A, Section 21(a)(2) – To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel – the future superintendent of schools.

Chairman D. Maurer announced that the Committee would be entering Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §21(a)(2).

C. ACTION: A motion was made by M. Christie and seconded by S. MacNeill to enter Executive Session at 6:30 P.M. and to return to open session. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

The Committee returned to open session at 7:45 P.M.

D. Action to Approve the Minutes of:

February 16, 2017

ACTION: A motion was made by S. MacNeill and seconded by R. Meredith-Warren to approve the minutes of February 16, 2017. The motion was approved 4-0.

E. Approval of Warrant

ACTION: A motion was made by R. Meredith-Warren and seconded by S. MacNeill to approve Bill Warrant #17-16 in the amount of \$693,825.16. The motion was approved 4-0.

F. Student Representative

Dylan Oesch-Emmel was not present at the meeting

G. Public Comment

None

H. Discussion of 2017-2018 Budget

Present at the meeting were Martha Bakken, Director of Student Services, David Ljungberg, Director of Curriculum; Kathy Martin, Director of Instructional Technology; and Sarah Hardy, Principal of Colonial Park School.

M. Bakken reported on the following:

- Professional Development for Special Education Staff
- Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)
- Preschool
- Substance Abuse and Behavioral Health
- Transition Specialist
- Other Needs for Next Year – Including the need for additional staff for a group of students from the RISE program at the middle school moving to the high school.
- Coordinated Program Review (CPR) that will take place next school year

K. Martin reported on the following:

- Elementary: Digital Literacy, Computer Science, Chrome Books
- Middle School: Instructional Technology Coach, Professional Development, STEM, Google Certified Educators, Google Classroom
- High School: Python, Computer Applications, Principals of Computer Science, \$35,000 grant for PLTW Biomedical Science, On-line opportunities for students, Library/Media Center
- PowerSchool (Student Information System)
- Wiring update at High School, MCAS Grades 3-8 on line, Navigating the Cyber World parent workshop
- Extracurricular opportunities: Stoneham TV Video Explorers Club, Robotics Club at CMS, Lincoln Labs Summer Programs, MIT Summer Beaver Works Program, Girls STEM Summit at Regis College.
- Clarity Survey: 98% Student home access, 70% of those are shared access.
- Makers Space: Goal is to set up this space for students to learn and collaborate

S. Hardy reported on the increase in social/emotional students and the importance of recognizing and providing services for these students. A discussion followed regarding available resources for mental health issues.

D. Ljungberg reported on the following:

- EnVisions Math
- ELA – Fountas and Pinnell Continuum, *Words Their Way*
- Science Committee – McGraw Hill Inspire Science Curriculum
- Professional Development
- MCAS 2.0 Implementation
- Middle School Math Program – Pearson EnVisions Math
- ELL- Increase in students
- CRP – ELL and Civil Rights
- Mentoring and Induction Program
- Social Emotional Learning

I. Revised FY18 Budget Proposal

Dr. Olson reported that the Town Administrator has recommended a \$362,500 reduction in our budget. Proposed changes include:

Increase Savings from Retirements:	\$129,291
Changes in New Goal Priorities:	\$106,109
Add New ELL Teacher	
Reduce Central Middle School new staff 0.8	
Reduce High School staff from 2.0 to 1.2 FTE	
Eliminate proposed second elementary bus	

Other Expense Reductions	\$127,100
Increase Revenue Estimates – School Lunch and Afterschool accounts \$51,000	
General Expense Reductions \$36,100	
Assume Full Circuit Breaker Reimbursement	

Dr. Olson added that he felt this series of reductions would allow us to move forward with many of our goals. The March 23rd meeting has been posted for a Public Hearing on the budget; the School Committee will meet with the Finance Board on March 27th and the School Committee is scheduled to approve the budget at the April 6th meeting.

J. Approval of MSBA Statement of Interest

Dr. Olson recommended approval by the School Committee of a 2017 Statement of Interest to the MSBA for the High School project. The statement focuses on overcrowding and the status and deficiencies of the current facility and what we would like to see accomplished in a project. This statement is a change from previous years with the addition of overcrowding due to construction beginning on the hospital grounds, Weiss Farm and the Fallon Development.

ACTION: A motion was made by M. Christie and seconded by R. Meredith-Warren and voted unanimously by the School Committee to approve the following resolution:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 9, 2017, prior to the closing date, the School Committee of the Town of Stoneham, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated March 2017 for the Stoneham High School, located at 149 Franklin Street, Stoneham, MA, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Priority 4 – future overcrowding which is expected due to four residential developments which are under construction and/or planning in town;

Priority 5 – including but not limited to the need to renovate and/or replace the following building systems to improve energy efficiency and ensure the continued long-term use of the building: exterior window walls; unit ventilators and other air handling units; and all associated energy controls and management systems; and

Priority 7 – to renovate or replace all of the science laboratories to incorporate more flexible learning designs, safety precautions and systems, storage and preparation areas, and to convert the current laboratories into additional classroom spaces; and to comply with ADA regulations;

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Dr. Olson noted that the Board of Selectmen, at their March 7, 2017 meeting, voted unanimously to approve a similar resolution:

K. Revision of Policy 8-9, First Review

Dr. Olson reviewed revisions to Policy 8-9 that add general harassment issues in all forms, not necessarily sexual harassment. This is a first reading of the revisions and the policy will be included on the March 23rd agenda for approval.

L. Discussion/Correspondence/New Items

M. Christie announced that the annual Trivia Bee will take place on March 24, 2017.

M. Superintendent's Report

None

Chairman Maurer recognized school and town staff who volunteered their time on Sunday, February 26, following the automobile accident that fatally injured a high school student.

N. Adjourn

ACTION: A motion was made by M. Christie and seconded by R. Meredith-Warren to adjourn at 9:30 P.M. The motion was approved unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LES E. OLSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:
Minutes: February 16, 2017
Bill Warrant 17-16