

**SCITUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011
TOWN HALL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER

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The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Umbriano at 7:00PM.

Present were Marylou Umbriano, Brian LaPlante, June Guglielmi and Scott Klimaj. Also present were Paul Lescault, Superintendent, and Lawrence Filippelli, Assistant Superintendent.

Not present was Lillian Jean Delmonico.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Led by Chair Umbriano, the Committee and audience participated in a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of January 4, 2010. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj, to approve the minutes of the Regular School Committee Meeting of January 4, 2010. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

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Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj, to approve the Capital Reserve Funds-Middle School/High School for the month of February in the amount of \$139.90. The Committee unanimously agreed.

NEW BUDGET BILLS

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Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj, to approve the New Budget Bills for the month of February in the amount of \$534,794.25. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

GRANT BILLS

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Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj, to approve the Grant Bills for the month of February in the amount of \$104, 121.95. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

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There is no correspondence for the month of February.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE LIAISONS

There was a reorganization of committees.

Chair Umbriano stated the Scituate Prevention Coalition task force coordination is in process of writing a grant which, if received, will provide funding of \$81,000 per year for three years to be used for programs which would help reduce/prevent use of marijuana and other drugs. This includes professional development.

Dr. Filippelli stated this will be very helpful as Congress did not approve funding for this program this year.

BUDGET

Mr. LaPlante stated nothing to report.

CURRICULUM

Dr. Klimaj stated nothing to report.

FOOD SERVICES AND HEALTH/WELNNESS NEGOTIATIONS

Chair Umbriano stated nothing to report.

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POLICY

Dr. Klimaj stated nothing to report.

RIASC

Chair Umbriano stated nothing to report.

SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION BUILDING COMMITTEE	Chair Umbriano stated nothing to report.
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	Mrs. Guglielmi stated nothing to report.
STRATEGIC PLANNING	Mrs. Guglielmi stated nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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There is no unfinished business for the month of February.

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

Dr. Filippelli stated any sessions missed due to snow have been rescheduled, and Scituate is back on track for professional development in Math and Science. The February 18th PD day is scheduled and all sessions are planned at each of the schools for the day.

Mrs. Guglielmi asked if teachers still would be paid for this as the 18th is the day before vacation.

Dr. Filippelli replied yes.

**HIGH SCHOOL
COURSE PROPOSALS**

Dr. Filippelli met with Principal Sollitto and the high school department heads on January 10th. All discussed any new courses that each of the department heads were interested in running. Given the continual serious fiscal constraints, Drs. Lescault and Filippelli indicated to Principal Sollitto that the parameters would be stringent for adding any new courses. At this time, there will be no added course offerings to Scituate High School. However, there are some course changes that will be taking place that do not increase sections. In the Math department, the half-year courses Computer Programming I and Computer Programming II are going to be combined into a full year course. Due to the increase in graduation requirements, students who take these courses, if they fail one semester, would not be eligible to graduate. By making this a full year course, the students have ample opportunity to keep their grades at a passing level. In Science, Physical and Earth Science in an Agricultural context will be put in place of one of the regular physical earth science classes and General Biology will replace one of the regular Biology classes already scheduled. These courses were created to fall in line with graduation requirements and give students alternative offerings that would better fit their academic needs.

BULLYING REPORTS

(Committee members received semiannual bullying reports from each of the schools). Dr. Filippelli stated one thing to note in the reports is that at the middle school and high school, all incidents and visits to Mr. Sweet's office are reported in Powerschool. Therefore, there is much more accuracy in the reporting over past years as the reporting fields in PowerSchool match up better than the fields that were used in SASI. For example, this year, at the MS/HS for all grades (6-12) in the reporting span from 9/2/2010 through 1/24/2011, there were 36 total incidents of bullying across 12 possible behavioral reporting fields on the sheet. This is an increase of 9 incidents over last year where the total was 27 total incidents at the MS/HS. Given that there are approximately 925 students at the MS/HS complex, 36 total reported bullying incidents is exceptionally low. At the elementary schools, there was no change in reported incidents at Clayville. The number remained stagnant at 2 reports from 9/2/10 through 1/24/11. There were zero incidents at Hope Elementary and this is no change from last year. There were three incidents at North Scituate and this is an increase of 3 from last year where the number reported was zero. In summary, it is clear that the reported incidents of bullying at the schools that subsequently resulted in disciplinary action remain exceptionally low.

RACE TO THE TOP

Dr. Filippelli has been in communication with RIDE regarding Race to the Top initiatives. RIDE is in the process of planning two specific professional development sessions. One session will be for teachers on the study of the Common Core Standards. As Dr. Filippelli has reported in the past, RIDE is moving over to Common Core Standards for ELA and Math. Students will be tested on the Common Core beginning in 2014. The next area of professional development is around the new teacher evaluation system. This will be for district and school administrators. As

the teacher evaluation is part of the STA contract, Scituate will not have to use the new evaluation system until the fall of 2013 when the contract expires. Dr. Filippelli added there is discussion with the STA about using some portions of the new evaluation system now so it won't be such a hurdle when 2013 approaches. Dr. Filippelli has spoken with numerous colleagues around the state regarding RTTT funds and how they will be used for professional development. The general consensus for districts similar in size to Scituate is that all will try and get the RTTT work done to the best of abilities and funding. After that, it will be nearly impossible to fund further RTTT work without the assistance of RIDE. The local budgets will not be able to fund the further capacity needed.

Dr. Filippelli and Ruth Trainor have discussed implementing some components now. Dr. Filippelli stated this may have been received better had the NECAP results not been attached. Mrs. Guglielmi asked if any part of what Scituate developed several years ago has been included. Dr. Filippelli replied yes, they are the same domains.

NECAP TESTING RESULTS:

Dr. Lescault added this is an agenda item for meeting with Commissioner Gist. Dr. Filippelli is in the process of preparing a detailed report of our NECAP test results from the assessments our students took in October 2010. The Rhode Island Department of Education has embargoed the results from public consumption until February 4th at 3:00 PM. Dr. Filippelli will make a more formal report on them for the March school committee meeting.

Dr. Lescault added the results were great overall.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Committee members received copies of activity report for January.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

BUDGET MEETING WITH TOWN COUNCIL

At the joint School Committee / Town Council Budget meeting on January 20, the school committee presented the proposed budget for FY 2012. While the committee responded to many questions that evening, the committee agreed to subsequently provide the Council with a copy of the school department's 5-Year Fixed Asset Protection Plan. (Committee members received copies). Dr. Lescault also agreed to investigate how the charter school tuition rate is established. According to RIDE, the rate is equal to the communities per pupil tax contribution.

ADMINISTRATOR REAPPOINTMENTS

Each January, Scituate school administrators may request reappointment for the following year or, in the case of a multi-year contract, a rollover of the contract for one year. Dr. Lescault has received letters from every administrator requesting reappointment, which Dr. Lescault will be recommending to the committee under Resignations/Appointments/Reappointments. While Dr. Lescault cannot recommend his own reappointment, Dr. Lescault is also asking to be reappointed. Dr. Lescault added he continues to feel privileged and honored to serve as Superintendent of the Scituate Schools.

BREATHALYZER POLICY

The school committee asked Dr. Lescault to investigate instituting a Breathalyzer Policy. At the January 4 school committee meeting Dr. Lescault presented to the committee a proposed policy from Principal Mike Sollitto and Assistant Principal David Sweet, written after researching other school department's Breathalyzer policies. Dr. Lescault noted at that time that the proposed policy had been reviewed by legal counsel, David D'Agostino. Dr. Lescault is recommending that the committee approve a first reading of the policy under New Business. (Committee members received copies of policy.)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

(Committee members received copies of the 2011-2012 School Year Calendar.) The calendar follows the same format as previous years, and is generally consistent with the calendar adopted by the RISSA. It will be listed under business in March for formal approval. Committee members received copies of monthly activities for the month of January.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Committee members received copies of a list of the activities Steve Gormley and Jay Gaisor have been working on during the month of January.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

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1. FIRST READING – BREATHALYZER POLICY

See Superintendent's Report for detail on this item.

Recommendation: Accept the first reading of the policy and schedule a second reading and approval at the March meeting.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi to accept the first reading of the policy and schedule a second reading and approval at the March meeting. The committee unanimously approved motion.

**RESIGNATIONS/
APPOINTMENTS/
REAPPOINTMENTS/
TRANSFERS/NON-
RENEWALS/LAYOFFS**

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Dr. Lescault recommended the following resignation for approval: George Maris, High School Boys' Hockey Coach; Kevin Venturini, Middle School Girls' Softball Coach, effective immediately; Kevin Ryan, High School Golf Coach; Michelle Kelley, High School Homework Club; Donna Sugrue, Teacher Assistant, North Scituate Elementary, effective 2/12/11.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj to approve the resignation. The committee unanimously agreed.

Dr. Lescault recommended the following appointments for approval: Nicholas Sanfilippo, Jazz Band Director; Jennifer Lena, Clayville School, Extended Day Program; Cindy Gould, Clayville School, Extended Day Program; Jennifer Bromage, Clayville School, Extended Day Program; Lori Boutiette, Clayville School, Extended Day Program; Abbie Groves, Clayville School, Extended Day Program

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi to approve the appointments. The committee unanimously agreed.

Dr. Lescault recommended the following reappointments for approval: John T. Magner, Director of Special Education; Denise Brierley, Assistant Director of Special Education; Janice L. Mowry, Principal, Hope Elementary School; David A. Sweet, Assistant Principal, Scituate Middle and High School; Michael Sollitto, Principal, Scituate High School; Michael Zajac, Principal, Scituate Middle School; Karen Cappelli, Principal, Clayville Elementary School; Bryan Byerlee, Principal, North Scituate Elementary School; Lawrence P. Filippelli, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Paul Lescault, Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi to approve the reappointments which includes the addition of Dr. Paul Lescault. The committee unanimously agreed.

Dr. Lescault recommended the following reappointments for non-renewals: Kristy Antonelli MS .25 ELA; Kristen Archambault HS 1.0 FL; Dennis Ballou HS .8 SS; Tara Bergeron Hope .55 Reading; Patti Bettez NS Grade 4; Peter Ceprano Elem 1.0 PE; Lauren Chabot HS 1.0 Spanish; Darren Chisnell MS .25 SS; Erica Cioe Tongsgard HS 1.0 Art; Dina Colantonio; NS 1.0 SPED; Denise Collins HS1.0 Science; Christine Connell HS 1.0 SPED; Frances Cripps HS .40 FCS; Sarah Duncan NS/C 1.0 Psych; Jonathan Dunne MS 1.0 MS SS; Michael Gaudreau Clayville Grade 4; Marissa Gauvin Hope Grade 5; Sara Gould HS/NS 1.0 Reading; Abbie Groves Clayville 1.0 Resource; Christopher Kelley MS .5 Art ;Debra Kintzing MS 1.0 IT / Art; Jennifer Lena Clayville .50 K Christine Luchun NS/C.5 Pre-K; Jeannine Luther MS/HS.45 Math; Lisa Meyer Hope .85 SNT; Greer Monaghan HS/MS 1.0 Librarian; Lita Motroni MS.25 SPED, .75 Business; Anne Pedro HS 1.0 English; Kelly Pelletier MS .5 Guidance; Kristen Pontarelli Hope 5th grade; Joan Ricci HS/Hope .30 Hope Psychologist; Rachel Roberge MS/HS .25 MS Science, .80 HS Science; Kristin Russo HS .35 English; Meg Shewchuk MS/HS/H .95 PE; Lori Squires-Head HS 1.0 Sped; Heidi Svitil HS 1.0 Math Christopher Warrener MS .20 Music

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi to approve the non-renewals. The committee

unanimously agreed.

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COMMITTEE REMARKS

MRS. DELMONICO Mrs. Delmonico was not in attendance.

MRS. GUGLIELMI Mrs. Guglielmi announced she has become a great-grandmother for the third time.

DR. KLIMAJ Dr. Klimaj asked why the length of school delay is now limited to only one hour.

Dr. Lescault replied that is maximum amount of time allowed by RI law. The thought was that delaying school any longer would result in too great a loss in instruction. However, it's possible to start school at regular time and offer early dismissal and it will still count as a full day. The law was enacted during a time where RI did not see the level of snow and ice we are seeing now. For that reason, legislation is being proposed to restore length of school delay. In the past month, there were several days where that additional time in the morning would have made all the difference in safely getting to schools.

MR. LAPLANTE Mr. LaPlante stated nothing to report.

CHAIR UMBRIANO Chair Umbriano received a letter from Colonel Randall applauding the job Mr. Gormley has done. Chair Umbriano congratulated Mr. Gormley and thanked him for his excellent work.

Dr. Lescault added Mr. Gormley always goes the extra mile and works very hard.

DISCUSSION OF
FUTURE BUSINESS

77-16
March 1 School Committee Meeting
April 5 School Committee Meeting
May 3 School Committee Meeting
June 7 School Committee Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

77-17
Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi to adjourn meeting at 7:34 PM. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.
Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Guglielmi, Clerk