

**SCITUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011
TOWN HALL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER

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The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Umbriano at 6:00 PM.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj, to adjourn to Executive Session 42-46-5(a)(2) and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

The committee reconvened at 7:00 PM.

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

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

82-3

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj, to approve the minutes of the Regular School Committee Meeting of May 3 2011. The committee approved the motion. (Mr. LaPlante abstained from vote due to absence.)

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

82-4

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mrs. Delmonico, to approve the Capital Reserve Funds for the month of June in the amount of \$5,529.90. The Committee unanimously agreed.

NEW BUDGET BILLS

82-5

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mrs. Delmonico, to approve the New Budget Bills for the month of June in the amount of \$393,775.67. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

GRANT BILLS

82-6

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mrs. Delmonico, to approve the Grant Bills for the month of June in the amount of \$183,514.22. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

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1. A letter to the Superintendent from Sarah Santaniello, informing him of her intent to home school her child, Molly Santaniello, for the 2011-2012 school year.
2. A letter to Principal Sollitto from Erica Cioe Tonsgard, requesting the use of a personal day with reason for June 27, 2011 to travel to her husband's family reunion in Denmark.
3. A letter to the Superintendent from Anne Battey, requesting the use of a personal day with reason for May 27, 2011 to travel to her grandson's preschool graduation ceremonies being held in Mechanicsville, Virginia
4. A letter to the Superintendent from Sherryl K. Carlomusto, informing him of her intent to retire effective June 2011, after over thirty years of teaching in the Scituate School System.
5. A letter to the Superintendent from Tom Landry, requesting a one year personal leave for the 2011-2012 school year for Rae Browne.
6. A letter to Dr. Lescault from Ayn-Margaret Harrigan, informing him of her intent to home school her daughter, Carina Barceline, for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year.

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1. Recommendation: Approve the request according to the guidelines and procedures established by school department and RIDE.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi, to approve the request from Sarah Santaniello and Ayn-Margaret Harrigan to home school their children according to the guidelines and procedures established by the school department and RIDE.

Mrs. Guglielmi asked if progress and attendance reports would be sent to the school department.

Dr. Filippelli replied those are reports are requested by the school department and detailed records are maintained as it is often the school must make requests to parents for reports.

Mrs. Guglielmi stated Ms. Harrigan's request is a transfer late in the year. Ms. Harrigan must wish to finish the school year at home and start fresh in September.

2. Recommendation: Approve the request.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj, to approve the request. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

3. Recommendation: Approve the request.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj, to approve the request. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

4. Recommendation: Accept the resignation, with regret.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Delmonico, to accept the resignation with regret. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

5. Recommendation: Take whatever action the committee deems appropriate.

Chair Umbriano stated this issue has been directed to counsel.

6. Recommendation: Approve the request according to the guidelines and procedures established by school department and RIDE.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE LIAISONS

BUDGET

Mr. LaPlante stated nothing to report.

CURRICULUM

Dr. Klimaj stated nothing to report.

FOOD SERVICES AND
HEALTH/WELNNESS
NEGOTIATIONS

Chair Umbriano stated Dr. Lescault will report during the Superintendent's Report.

Chair Umbriano stated nothing to report.

POLICY

Dr. Klimaj stated nothing to report.

RIASC

Mr. LaPlante stated nothing to report.

SAFETY AND
TRANSPORTATION
SPECIAL EDUCATION

Chair Umbriano stated Dr. Lescault will discuss in Superintendent's Report.

Mrs. Delmonico stated nothing to report.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mrs. Guglielmi stated there are many scholarships available.

Chair Umbriano added Scituate Lions is hosting a scholarship breakfast on Sunday. All volunteer organizations in Scituate are invited to attend and also to talk about their mission(s).

STRATEGIC PLANNING Mrs. Guglielmi stated nothing to report.

SCITUATE PREVENTION COALITION Chair Umbriano showed favors distributed at the High School prom which were paid for by a portion of SPC funds (as it was drug and alcohol free event).

Chair Umbriano stated Assistant Principal Sweet had 42 students attend the Spartan Leadership Academy this year. Ty Sells presented and students were provided food and beverages. (Ty Sells also presented at the Grade 6 event.)

Chair Umbriano added that a barbeque was held for the new Principal (Anthony DiManna) at Clayville School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS **82-10**
There is no unfinished business for the month of May.

82-11
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

CONSOLIDATED RESOURCE PLANNING Dr. Filippelli is in the process of collecting data, reviewing current professional development from this past year, and talking to the administrative team to plan the CRP for next year. Dr. Filippelli has completed the Title I portion of the plan and Hope Elementary School is again Scituate's Title I school. The deadline for the CRP is July 1, but Dr. Filippelli anticipates having it completed well before then. Dr. Filippelli is awaiting final state grant numbers from RIDE which is determined by appropriations settled on by the General Assembly. When completed, and due to the size of the document (over 200 pages), a copy will be made available to committee members upon request.

RACE TO THE TOP UPDATE RIDE is holding back the teacher evaluation model for full implementation until January 2012. They are in conversations with the Rhode Island AFT and are going to be adopting a hybrid model consisting of what RIDE and the AFT come up with. RIDE is committed to their gradual implementation in the Fall of 2011. Scituate does not need to adhere to the new evaluation model yet as the contract extends out to August 2013. Other RTTT initiatives such as curriculum revision and alignment to the Common Core State Standards have been postponed by RIDE until the Fall of 2011 as well.

ARRA REPORTING/FUNDING As the quarter comes to a close at the end of June, Dr. Filippelli will be responsible for uploading all of the jobs data to RIDE and federalreporting.gov. Dr. Filippelli has already sent out emails to the districts for which Scituate reports a portion of the funds to get started on the process. Hopefully, this will be one of the last reporting sessions for the ARRA process as the funds are set to expire in September 2011. As a result of the funding cliff being realized, Scituate will no longer have the .55 extra reading support at Hope Elementary School for next year. To that end, Dr. Filippelli has redistributed the reading teacher's time at the elementary school to make a more equitable balance across the district.

Mr. LaPlante stated unless something is done to modify the budget

NORTH SCITUATE ELEMENTARY MISSION STATEMENT Dr. Filippelli replied yes.
Principal Byerlee has asked Dr. Filippelli to review the new mission statement he and his SIT team have revised for next year. Principal Byerlee would like to change it to read:

The North Scituate School Community will foster a safe, nurturing learning environment in which:

Individuals are supported in reaching their maximum personal achievement.
Students develop effective communication skills, responsible citizenship, and leadership.
Self reflection and creative problem solving guide improvement.
All members are life-long learners.

**RIEMA LIAISON TO
RISSA FOR THE
RHODE ISLAND
SCHOOL SAFETY
COMMITTEE**

Dr. Filippelli has been appointed as the liaison between the Rhode Island Association of School Superintendents and the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency for the Rhode Island School Safety Advisory Committee. By being on this statewide committee, Dr. Filippelli will be abreast of cutting edge advisories and school safety planning at the top level before it gets out to school districts.

**MONTHLY
ACTIVITIES**

Committee members received copies of activity report for May.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**HIGH SCHOOL
COURSE
ENROLLMENT
EXCEPTIONS FOR
2011-2012**

The Superintendent's recommendation and School Committee approval are required for classes with less than 15 students to run. Dr. Lescault is recommending three classes with the following enrollments for 2011-2012 that do not meet the 15 student threshold: French IV (11), Spanish IV (11) and Environmental Science (13). The rationale for the French and Spanish classes is that if they do not run, students who have devoted three years of study to those languages will be denied the opportunity for a fourth year, which is important for consideration for admission at some colleges and universities. The rationale for Environmental Science is that it is the only agriculture class left and without it, Scituate High School will not be allowed to maintain a Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter.

**TRANSPORTATION
AGREEMENT**

"Transportation Agreement" is listed as an agenda item under New Business. Drs. Lescault and Myers and Chair Umbriano believe the committee should formalize some form of an agreement outlining the terms and responsibilities of the school department and the bus company regarding transportation services. However, the committee should be aware that there are some concerns about the Bus Company's ability to fulfill their obligations under the contract. If the company were not able to transport all students to and from school, for whatever reason, the administration and school committee would be held responsible. Procuring transportation services for an entire school system at the last minute would not only be difficult, it would be costly and likely result in major inconveniences for students and their families.

Mr. LaPlante believes that this document is to protect the school department from any perceived problems.

Dr. Lescault stated whatever bus company is not able to provide transportation for all of the students on the first day of school would be an enormous embarrassment for the school department and Dr. Lescault would be out of a job. The school committee would also receive numerous questions from the public as well. Dr. Lescault stated the school department needs to ensure each child will have transportation on the first day of school and right now, so Dr. Lescault wanted to make everyone aware this item may go out to bid if assurances are not met.

Mr. LaPlante stated the agreement will not help the school department on the first day of school transport children.

Chair Umbriano stated the transportation committee has worked so hard to keep Scituate bus owners and drivers in this community knowing they have worked hard for so many years and provided the best service. The hope was that Blackmore drivers would join Collins however there are complications which continue to arise. Chair Umbriano added the bus drivers' contracts expire at the end of August. If the school department needs to go out to bid, the last day of August is too late so very strict timelines have been established.

Mrs. Guglielmi asked the length of time a bidding process could take.

Dr. Lescault stated it could take up to six months if going with state. Scituate could piggyback on state option or work with RIDE on bid proposal which works directly with Scituate's needs and put that out to bid. It could still take a few months for that process as well.

Mr. LaPlante asked why Scituate would involve RIDE at all in this process, specifically if not

piggy backing on the state option.

Dr. Lescault's reply was to gain from RIDE's expertise and include detailed criteria. RIDE's work will be strictly advisory and only to assist.

Mrs. Guglielmi asked what will be determined this Friday.

Chair Umbriano stated Scituate asked for specific information which is needed to make determination about next school year's transportation.

Dr. Lescault stated the information received on Friday will be shared with the committee in order to make a decision on moving forward.

Mr. LaPlante stated the committee should vote to authorize Dr. Lescault to trigger process so that it happens before July.

**FOOD SERVICE
CONTRACT**

Approval of a one-year extension to the food service contract is listed under New Business. Dr. Lescault and Chair Umbriano are pleased with the progress Aramark has made with the program, which is expected to end this year in the black. Consequently, Dr. Lescault is recommending the committee approve a one-year extension of the contract with Aramark. Scituate will be required to slightly increase lunch prices to comply with a federal requirement that mandates an average price for paid lunches that is not less than the average reimbursement price for free lunches. As the elementary lunch price is less than the state average, Dr. Lescault is recommending increasing the price from \$2.10 to \$2.25 and is recommending that the secondary lunch price remain at \$2.50.

HEALTH CARE

Dr. Lescault stated Health Care claims for the month of April exceeded revenues by \$67,061. Year to date, the program has a deficit of \$150,242. Fortunately, accumulated fund balance exists to offset it.

**ACCOUNTANT/BOOK
KEEPER**

Drs. Lescault and Filippelli and Chair Umbriano interviewed 5 of the 61 applicants for the accountant bookkeeper position. Terri Pare was selected as their top choice and Dr. Lescault is recommending her appointment. Ms. Pare received her BS in accounting from URI and has served in a variety of roles with Lifespan, including her current assignment as Senior Accountant and Senior Financial Analyst. Drs. Lescault and Filippelli look forward to welcoming Ms. Pare to the office. She will begin on June 15 to provide for two weeks of overlap with retiring Gabe Smith, who will be missed.

BOYS TENNIS TEAM

Congratulations to the Boys Tennis Team. The team had a perfect 17-0 season and won the Division III State Championship.

**DISPOSITION OF
EQUIPMENT**

Copies of a list of equipment from Clayville School that Dr. Lescault authorized disposition of per school committee directive were distributed to committee members.

**BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS**

Committee members received copies of a list of activities that Steve Gormley and Jay Gaisor have been working on during the months of April and May.

**MONTHLY
ACTIVITIES**

Committee members received copies of monthly activities for the month of May.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

82-13
Tim McCormack Trim Town Road

Mr. McCormack stated Mrs. Carlomusto will be missed; she was such an asset to this school district and brought so much life and energy to that position and taught so many children.

Regarding the bus contracts. Mr. McCormack can't imagine the degree of confidence in obtaining information needed by this Friday but wishes Dr. Lescault and Chair Umbriano luck.

Maureen Kennedy North Doctor's Way

Ms. Kennedy asked the decision on Ms. Rae Brown's request.

Chair Umbriano stated the item was directed to counsel.

NEW BUSINESS

82-14
1. TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

See Superintendent's Report for detail on this item.

Recommendation: Formalize an agreement outlining the terms and responsibilities of the school department and the bus company regarding transportation services.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj to authorize the subcommittee (Chari Umbriano, Drs Lescault and Myers) to continue negotiation with Collins. If unsuccessful by Friday or date agreed upon, to authorize the subcommittee to proceed with bidding process with another bus company to be agreed upon by the committee. The committee unanimously agreed.

2. FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT

See Superintendent's Report for detail on this item.

Recommendation: Approve a one-year extension of the contract, with a slight modification in lunch prices at the elementary school.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj to approve a one-year extension with modified lunch prices. The committee unanimously agreed.

Mr. LaPlante will review language of the contract to ensure it's desirable to the committee.

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

82-15

Dr. Lescault recommended the following resignation for approval:

Jean Buonaccorsi, Student Council Advisor, Scituate High School, effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year; Austin Hagaman, Girls Volleyball Coach; Kevin Ryan, Middle School Cross Country Coach

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

Dr. Lescault recommended the following appointments for approval:

Terri Pare, Accountant/Bookkeeper, Superintendent's Office, effective June 15, 2011; Greer Monaghan, Student Council Advisor, Scituate High School, for the 2011-2012 school year; Robert Parmenter, Girls Soccer Head Coach; Abbie Groves, Girls Soccer Assistant Coach; Tim Brown, Boys Soccer Head Coach; Peter Ceprano, Boys Soccer Assistant Coach; Carlo Catucci, Girls Tennis Coach; Tara Marchant, Volunteer Girls Tennis Coach; Justine Durvin, Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach; Mark Reed, Football Head Coach; Craig Feeney, Football Assistant Coach; Robert McNichols, Volunteer Football Coach Assistant; Matt Vieira, Volunteer Football Assistant Coach; Peter Winfield, Volunteer Football Assistant Coach; Stephen Reed, Volunteer Football Assistant Coach; Mike Nehring, Boys/Girls Cross Country Head Coach

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj to approve the appointments set forth on the revised appointment list dated June 7. The committee unanimously agreed.

Dr. Lescault recommended the following reappointments for approval:
Kristy Antonelli, .25 MS ELA; Kristen Archambault, 1.0 HS FL; Dennis Ballou, .80 HS SS; Tara Bergeron, .90 Reading HS & .10 Reading Elem; Patti Bettez, 4th Grade NS; Peter Ceprano, 1.0 Elem PE; Lauren Chabot, 1.0 HS Spanish; Dina Colantonio, 1.0 SPED NS; Denise Collins, 1.0 HS Science; Christine Connell, 1.0 MS.HS SPED; Fran Cripps, .40 HS FCS; Jonathan Dunne, 1.0 MS SS; Michaela Gaudreau, 4th Grade Clayville; Marissa Gauvin, 5th Grade Hope; Abbie Groves, 1.0 Resource Clayville; Debra Kintzing, 1.0 MS IT/Art; Jennifer Lena, .50 K Clayville; Christine Luchun, .50 Pre-K NS; Lisa Meyer, .85 Hope SNT; Greer Monaghan, 1.0 HS/MS Librarian; Lita Motroni, .25 SPED & .75 Business; Anne Pedro, 1.0 HS ELA; Kelly Pelletier, .50 HS/MS Guidance; Kristen Pontarelli, .50 K NS; Rachel Roberge, 1.0 JS Science; Kristin Russo, .55 HS ELA; Meg Shewchuk, .95 HS/MS/H PE & Health; Lori Squires-Head, 1.0 HS SPED; Heidi SVITIL, .80 HS Math & .25 MS Science; Christopher Warrener, .20 MS Music

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj to approve the reappointments set forth on the revised appointment list dated June 7. The committee unanimously agreed.

82-16
COMMITTEE REMARKS

MRS. DELMONICO

Mrs. Delmonico stated nothing to report.

MRS. GUGLIELMI

Mrs. Guglielmi attended Amgen Awards Dinner by Amgen at Biltmore where Shannon Donovan (Scituate High School) received the only High School award. Mrs. Guglielmi added she was very impressed by the 4th grade teacher from Providence who received an award as well. Mrs. Guglielmi added Amgen provided attendees with a navy blue coffee mug which changed colors when hot liquid was added in addition to showing the scientific formula for caffeine.

Mrs. Guglielmi also attended the Junior and Senior Honor Society Induction Ceremonies and judged the senior projects and is always impressed by the students' work.

DR. KLIMAJ

Dr. Klimaj attended breakfast for the top 10 students at Scituate High School. Dr. Klimaj stated it was nice to see the students recognized for their hard work. Dr. Klimaj noted the dedication of these students as several were studying during the breakfast.

Chair Umbriano stated a picture will be taken during graduation week and this event will take place each year.

MR. LAPLANTE

Mr. LaPlante stated nothing to report.

CHAIR UMBRIANO

Chair Umbriano also attended the top 10 breakfast and also heard the POPS concert went very well as did the prom. Chair Umbriano also stated picnic tables were brought to the middle school for outdoor lunch as a reward for students demonstrating good behavior.

Chair Umbriano asked Ms. Kennedy if a change was noticed in students when they received this reward.

Ms. Kennedy replied the reward is given to 7th and 8th grade students so Ms. Kennedy could not speak to this.

Chair Umbriano also attended the 2011 NEED Youth Award ceremony held where Scituate Middle School and Scituate High School received awards at the state house. This is the first time ever both a middle school and a high school from the same district won. Scituate Representative Michael Marcello also provided a tour of the state house to students.

Chair Umbriano stated a North Scituate elementary student was injured in a car accident and in critical condition. The CRISIS Team sprang into action upon hearing the news and Chair

Umbriano wished to commend Principal Bryan Byerlee for going above and beyond. Mr. Byerlee visited the student at the hospital each day and read to him. Mr. Byerlee also informed the parents of the incident and the school community also was supportive. Chair Umbriano stated the parents were very appreciative. (The student is now recovering at home and is showing great improvement.)

Dr. Lescault stated Principal Byerlee has done an extraordinary job all year and has been a wonderful find; he is a great addition to the team.

**DISCUSSION OF
FUTURE BUSINESS**

82-17
July 6 School Committee Meeting
August 2 School Committee Meeting
September 6 School Committee Meeting
October 4 School Committee Meeting
November 1 School Committee Meeting
December 6 School Committee Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

82-18
Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Dr. Klimaj to adjourn meeting at 7: 47 PM. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Guglielmi, Clerk