

**SCITUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013
TOWN HALL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER

120-1

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

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Delmonico to adjourn to Executive Session RIGL 42-46-5 (a) 1 followed by Executive Session RIGL 42-46-5 (a) 9. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Present were Marylou Umbriano, Brian LaPlante, June Guglielmi, and Jean Esposito. Also present was Lawrence Filippelli, Assistant Superintendent.

Not present was Paul Lescault, Superintendent and Lillian Jean Delmonico.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

120-2

Led by Chair Umbriano, all participated in a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

120-3

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mr. LaPlante, to approve minutes of the Regular School Committee Meeting of January 8, 2012. The Committee unanimously agreed.

GENERAL FUND

120-4

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mr. LaPlante, to approve The General Fund for month of February in the amount of \$662,991.60. The Committee unanimously approved motion.

GRANT BILLS

120-5

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mr. LaPlante, to approve Grant Bills for month of February in the amount of \$17,514.16. The Committee unanimously approved motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

120-6

There is no correspondence for the month of February.

120-7

There is no correspondence for the month of February.

120-8

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE LIAISONS

BUDGET

Mr. LaPlante stated feedback obtained (from Town Council) seemed to be supportive regarding proposed budget.

CURRICULUM

Mrs. Guglielmi stated nothing to report.

FOOD SERVICES AND HEALTH/WELNNESS

Chair Umbriano stated Clayville received a grant for \$3,300 for Activity Zone Program as well as Jump Rope for Hearts.

Chair Umbriano stated the Flu Clinic was well attended.

Chair Umbriano met with Aramark and stated Scituate has a slight deficit but accounts are up for school lunches. Chair Umbriano added there have some changes to the menu as well.

NEGOTIATIONS

Chair Umbriano stated committee has had initial meeting to begin teachers' negotiations.

POLICY

Mrs. Delmonico was not in attendance.

RIASC	Chair Umbriano stated nothing to report.
SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION	Chair Umbriano stated Transportation Committee is looking at Brandy Brook and Central Aves due to concern of high level of speeding. Dr. Myers and Chair Umbriano will meet with the (two) bus drivers to obtain their feedback.
SPECIAL EDUCATION	Mrs. Esposito stated nothing to report.
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	Mrs. Esposito stated nothing to report.
STRATEGIC PLANNING	Mrs. Guglielmi stated nothing to report.
SCITUATE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP	Chair Umbriano stated nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

120-9

There is no unfinished business for the month of February.

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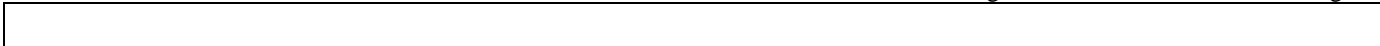
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**COLLABORATIVE
LEARNING FOR
OUTCOMES UPDATE**

On January 29, Dr. Filippelli attended a CLO meeting at North Smithfield Middle School. These are quarterly report out meetings required by parameters of the RTTT grant. Scituate is in consortium with Smithfield, Foster, Foster Gloucester, Gloucester, Burrillville, and North Smithfield. The main focus of this past meeting was technology integration for interim assessments and the PARCC testing. As a district, Scituate is meeting requirements of CLO. A topic of concern was statewide PARCC readiness from an infrastructure point of view. All districts are struggling to come into compliance. Dr. Filippelli stated the burden of purchase falls on each district to ensure compliance for tech requirements for PARCC and Scituate is moving in that direction. However, one of the biggest pieces of information was from districts piloting the interim assessments. The interim assessments mirror what PARCC will look like in content, scoring, and reporting. A colleague of Dr. Filippelli's from a district which mirrors Scituate in demographics reported not ONE student in the entire district scored a score of 3 or 4 (proficient and proficient with distinction) when given the test. This is troubling because RIDE has still not decided if they will run PARCC as a pilot in 2014 or as a full assessment. If the latter, Dr. Filippelli fears Scituate is going to see a decrease in test scores as a result of how the new test is structured. It is vastly different in composition than current NECAP test. Even though Scituate has been transitioning to the common core for the past two years and will continue to do so, Dr. Filippelli has concerns the current high levels of achievement experienced over the years with NECAP will be problematic and could decrease with new PARCC assessment.

BULLYING REPORTS

(Committee members received semiannual bullying reports from each school.) Dr. Filippelli stated of particular note at the middle school and high school, all incidents and visits to Mr. Sweet's office are reported in Powerschool. From September to January, there were 26 total reports across the 12 behavioral field domains assessed and reported by Powerschool. This is a decrease of 40% when compared to last year's total which was 43 total reported incidents. In Dr. Filippelli's judgment, positive culture of the high school created over the last three years, students' connections with adults in the building, and a focus on bullying prevention are some major reasons for the dramatic decrease. There are 866 students at the middle/high school complex. Based on the Powerschool disciplinary data for mid-year bullying report, approximately 3.02% of students at the middle/high school experienced bullying. These numbers continue to remain exceptionally low. At the elementary schools, there were two total incidents of bullying



NECAP TESTING RESULTS

reported at Clayville which is same as last year, 2 total incidents reported at North Scituate Elementary School (which was representative of a 25% decrease from last year) and zero incidents reported at Hope Elementary School (which represents a 100% decrease from last year). These numbers encompass reporting time from 9/5/2012 through 1/29/2013. In summary, it is clear reported incidents of bullying at the schools that subsequently resulted in disciplinary action remain exceptionally low. Dr. Filippelli is in the process of preparing a detailed report of the NECAP test results from the assessments the students took in October, 2011 The Rhode Island Department of Education released the results to central office administration on February 4th. However, the results are embargoed from the public until February 8th. As in previous years, Dr. Filippelli will make a more formal report on the results for the March school committee meeting.

FEBRUARY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

In addition to the district-wide work on common core that will take place during February professional development, Dr. Filippelli has been asked by principal Sollitto to complete a PD session on social networking and cyberbullying to the faculty and staff of the middle/high school. Not only is this PD current, but it falls in line with the expectations and regulations of the district Social Networking Policy.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Committee members received copies of monthly activities.

BUDGET

120-11
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT (Reported by Dr. Filippelli)
Since Dr. Lescault has not received any communication from the Town Budget Committee since meeting with them on January 16, he asked the Deputy Town Treasurer if any decisions have been made regarding the School Department’s proposed budget. The Treasurer informed Dr. Lescault that no decisions have been made and that the Committee is not scheduled to meet again until Thursday, February 7. As Dr. Lescault will be back in the office on Monday, February 11, he respectfully suggests that the School Committee delay any decisions with the Budget Committee until that time.

CALENDAR

(Committee members received copies of proposed 2013-2014 School Year Calendar.)
The calendar follows the same format as previous years, and is generally consistent with the calendar adopted by the Rhode Island School Superintendents Association. It will be listed under new business in March for formal approval.

Mr. LaPlante stated parents have been requesting August start date and asked if that was due to teachers’ contracts.

Dr. Myers stated there is current language in contract which requires start date after Labor Day but Dr. Myers would like to have language which would allow an earlier start which would accommodate such natural occurrences recently experienced (Hurricane Irene, 500 Year Flood, etc.), as other districts have done.

Mrs. Guglielmi believes contract indicates possible September 1 start date even though Labor Day may fall after that date.

Dr. Filippelli stated several years ago, the committee voted to use the day before Thanksgiving as a holiday which extends the school year in the summer by a day.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Committee members received copies of Dr. Lescault’s monthly activities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

120-12
Maureen Kennedy (North Doctor’s Way)
Ms. Kennedy stated an updated budget was requested last month and asked if it was

available.

Mr. LaPlante stated those changes have been made.

Chair Umbriano stated the budget is basically a summary of the Uniform Chart of Accounts; a copy can be made available to review.

Mrs. Esposito stated the revised copy of the budget will most likely be similar to what was discussed last month.

Mrs. Esposito asked about the security and safety changes discussed last month.

Dr. Filippelli stated Principal Sollitto and Principal Zajac have emailed parents discussing the changes to the drop off/entrance to the middle and high school facility and also posted notifications throughout the school.

Mrs. Kennedy stated the middle school door remains open until 8 AM for teachers.

Colleen Pendergast

Mrs. Pendergast asked what has happened in the past four weeks since Mr. Gormley brought the plan to the committee. Mrs. Pendergast understands changes have been made at one of the entryways but asked about intercoms.

Dr. Filippelli stated new intercoms and new cameras have been installed in Hope. At Clayville, the double entryway will have two magnets; one for the first set of doors and the current closure for the second set of doors. Additionally, a light will be placed at Clayville and an 8 camera recording device is being placed there as well. Dr. Filippelli stated some will be installed by in-house staff and some will be outsourced. The walk-around at each of the schools has also been completed.

Mrs. Pendergast stated it may not be beneficial to extend the installation if it comes down to the small cost of outsourcing the project. Mrs. Pendergast asked how one communicates to someone outside of the door right now.

Dr. Filippelli stated there is no intercom at Clayville right now but all will be installed and/or upgraded soon. The access point will be intercom and video at secretary's desk.

Mrs. Esposito asked if there are procedures for doors to be locked in a daily environment for classrooms.

Dr. Filippelli stated doors are open but in a locked and ready position should a lockdown be required. Dr. Filippelli indicated that this is nothing new and that these procedures have been part of the lockdown plans since 2001.

Mrs. Kennedy stated if inside the classroom the doors in the high school are closed and locked.

Mr. LaPlante stated Coventry had a forum to identify a system for safety and asked if Dr. Filippelli could communicate what is occurring.

Dr. Myers stated Arnie Duncan will be communicating safety for schools at Classical High School next week.

Mrs. Kennedy stated Coventry mentioned panic buttons specific to room(s).

Mrs. Esposito asked about ID cards for students and faculty.

Dr. Filippelli stated there has never been resistance by staff to the use of ID cards. However, in such a small community, perhaps it never took affect because everyone knows everyone. The plan is to have digital door access points at some of the schools and the code for entrance can be coded directly into the ID card.

Mr. LaPlante asked who use an ID system.

Dr. Filippelli stated if there were a crisis or disaster and everyone had to evacuate and first responders had to identify students and faculty, having an ID is an excellent first step to account for those missing.

Mrs. Esposito stated when there are 500 students; one teacher would not know every student. So if a teacher is on lunch duty, one teacher would probably only recognize approximately 75-100 students.

Mrs. Kennedy stated middle school students do have IDs but often the students do not wish to wear them. Mrs. Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy stated it would be nice for parents to have IDs in addition to signing in as well as substitute teachers.

Mrs. Pendergast stated the middle school entryway will be closed after 8 AM to which Dr. Filippelli confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS

120-13

There is no New Business for the month of February.

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

120-14

Dr. Lescault recommended the following appointments for approval:
Mike Nehring; Boys'/Girls' Outdoor Track Club Teams Volunteer Head Coach

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Esposito to approve appointments as set forth. The committee unanimously agreed.

Dr. Lescault recommended the following reappointments for approval:
Jane Fish; Boys' Volleyball Assistant Coach; Peter Ceprano; Boys' High School Tennis Head Coach; Carlo Catucci; Boys' High School Tennis Volunteer Coach; Norman Ramos; Girls' High School Softball Head Coach; Kevin Venturini; Girls' High School Softball Volunteer Coach; Shellee Morehead; Girls' High School Lacrosse Head Coach; David Ritchotte; Girls' High School Lacrosse Volunteer Coach; Gregory Lagueux; Boys' High School Lacrosse Head Coach; Kevin Ryan; High School Golf Head Coach; Salvatore Gelsomino; Middle School Baseball Head Coach; Tim Heston; Middle School Baseball Volunteer Coach

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Esposito to approve reappointments as set forth. The committee unanimously agreed.

Dr. Lescault recommended the following non-renewals for approval:

Antonelli	Kristy	HS	.50 ELA
Ballou	Dennis	HS	1.0 Social Studies
Bergeron	Tara	MS	1.0 Special Education
Bettez	Patti	NS	Grade 4
Bromage	Jennifer	Clay	1.0 Special Education
Ceprno	Peter	Elem	1.0 PE
Chabot	Lauren	HS	1.0 Spanish
Cioe Tonsgard	Erica	Hope	.60 Art

Colantonio	Dina	NS	1.0 Special Education
Collins	Denise	HS	1.0 Science
Cripps	Frances	HS	.20 FCS
Damrad	Anne	Hope/NS	.30 Psychologist
Dunne	Jonathan	MS	1.0 MS Social Studies
Feldman	Wendy	HS	1.0 Art
Fox	Emily	MS	1.0 Special Education
Furlong	Russ	MS/HS	1.0 IT
Gauvin Palumbo	Marissa	Hope	Grade 5
Groves	Abbie	Clay	1.0 Resource
Hall	Laurence	HS	.40 Math
Kelley-McManus	Kerri	HS	.20 Special Education
Keough	Elizabeth	MS	1.0 Science
Kintzing	Debra	MS	1.0 IT / Art
Luchun	Christine	NS/C	.5 Pre-K
Meyer	Lisa	Hope	.85 SNT
Monaghan	Greer	HS/MS	1.0 Librarian
Paquette	Heather	MS	.30 Art
Paquette	Paula	MS	1.0 FCS
Pedro	Anne	HS/Clay	1.0 Reading
Pelletier	Kelly	HS	.5 Guidance
Pontarelli	Kristen	Clay	Grade 5
Russo	Kristin	HS	1.0 English
Selfridge	Joan	MS	1.0 Ag/Science
Shewchuk	Meg	MS/HS/H	.95 PE
Still	Amy	MS	1.0 Special Education
Swanton	Jacquelyn	NS	.50 Pre-K
Vantine	Stefanie	MS/HS	1.0 Music
Warrener	Christopher	MS	.20 Music
White	Diane	NS	.60 Librarian

Mrs. Guglielmi moved, seconded by Mr. LaPlante to approve non-renewals as set forth. The committee unanimously agreed.

Mrs. Esposito asked reason for Non-Renewals.

Mr. LaPlante stated Rhode Island Law dictates that Non-Renewals need to be informed at this time.

Dr. Filippelli stated with collapsing of two classes and certification status, no new hiring, etc. these teachers need to be placed on notice that they will not be coming back the following year.

Mrs. Esposito stated concern a lot of Art and Music is on the list.

Dr. Filippelli stated there could be a reduction in Arts because several teachers hold a dual certificate. Additionally, some of these teachers teach at all three levels (elementary, middle and high). If we do not put their names on the list, those positions cannot be compressed if there is a reduction in student enrollment.

Mrs. Guglielmi asked about legislation dictating the date.

Dr. Filippelli stated there are elementary teachers that hold multiple certificates and needs to go deeper than shallow on list. If legislation moves this date to June 1, the administrators will have a really good idea of enrollment and positions.

Mrs. Guglielmi stated Kindergarten enrollment does not take place until March.

Dr. Lescault recommended the following resignations for approval:
Lori Mutlow; 17 hour paraprofessional, Scituate Middle/High School, effective 1/10/13;
Steve McManus; Boys' High School Baseball Assistant Coach; Deb Winsor; Girls' Middle
School Softball Head Coach; Scott Dinges; Girls' High School Softball Assistant Coach;
Stephen Rocco; School Based Coordinator, effective 2/8/13; Natalie Jackson; .5
Kindergarten Teacher, Clayville Elementary, effective 2/8/13; Tim Brown; Boys' High
School Baseball

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Esposito to approve resignations as set forth. The
committee unanimously agreed.

Dr. Lescault recommended the following terminations for approval:
Amanda Meldonian, 17 hour paraprofessional, Scituate Middle/High School, effective
1/4/201

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi to approve terminations as set forth. The
committee unanimously agreed.

120-15 COMMITTEE REMARKS

MRS. DELMONICO

Mrs. Delmonico was not present.

MRS. GUGLIELMI

Mrs. Guglielmi stated Mrs. Delmonico's husband passed away on Sunday and stated the
strength of Mr. Delmonico is incredible and Mrs. Guglielmi is grateful Mrs. Delmonico is
part of this committee. Mrs. Delmonico attended the earlier Executive Session this evening
because she felt so strongly about the topic and thought if she could help at least one
person it would be worth it.

JEAN ESPOSITO

Mrs. Esposito enjoys reading the packets provided by some of the schools and asked if all
schools provide same to which Dr. Filippelli confirmed.

MR. LAPLANTE

Mr. LaPlante stated nothing to report.

CHAIR UMBRIANO

Chair Umbriano attended a meeting with Mr. Heston regarding baseball then met with Dr.
Myers to discuss resolution to transport students to Doctor's Field. Chair Umbriano added
a fence will be installed around Doctor's Field to close off where ATVs access entrance
which will allow longer practice time.

Chair Umbriano stated a new outdoor eating area for seniors will be built behind the new
wall of the old gymnasium honoring Ali Mink. The team will work with Mr. Gormley.

**DISCUSSION OF
FUTURE BUSINESS**

120-16

March 5 School Committee Meeting
April 2 School Committee Meeting
May 7 School Committee Meeting
June 4 School Committee Meeting
July 2 School Committee Meeting
August 6 School Committee Meeting
September 3 School Committee Meeting
October 1 School Committee Meeting
November 5 School Committee Meeting
December 3 School Committee Meeting **at Scituate High School (6:00 PM)**

ADJOURNMENT

120-17

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi to adjourn meeting at 8:45 PM. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Guglielmi, Clerk