



Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District School Committee
Regular Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, February 26, 2019

TIME: 5:00 P.M. Regular Session

LOCATION: Superintendent's Conference Room

Powder Mill School, 86 Powder Mill Road, Southwick, MA 01077

MINUTES

The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law

I. ROUTINE

A. Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Houle at 5:00 p.m.

The Following were present:

School Committee:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Houle, Southwick
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George LeBlanc, Southwick
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theodore Locke, Tolland
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pamela Petschke, Granville (arrived at 5:01 p.m.)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chelsea Berry, Southwick
	<input type="checkbox"/> Jessica Boldyga, Southwick
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Stack, Southwick
Administration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Willard, Superintendent
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen Presnal, Director of Finance and Operations
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy McLaughlin, Recording Secretary
Student Representatives:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Drohen
News Media:	<input type="checkbox"/> Westfield Evening News
Observers:	<u>9</u>

II. ROUTINE

B. Opening Ceremony

None

C. Secretary's Report

2/5/2019 Meeting Minutes Accepted

Motion by LeBlanc, seconded by Locke 6/0/0

D. Warrants – circulated

E. Correspondence

None

III. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. STGRSD Technology Plan, Ben Taglieri, Technology Instructional Coach

Mr. Taglieri explained that was asked by Superintendent Willard to coordinate District and School teams to work together to identify a plan for what would be necessary for the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District to be a 1 to 1 technology District within 5 years. He explained that technology teams were formed and met individually at the schools and then together monthly.

Mr. Taglieri explained that the teams first looked at what the District currently has. He said that during the building project there were many infrastructure upgrades. Additionally there were end user devices purchased which are now reaching their end of life age. He said the team developed a four year plan with the guiding principles of reliability of devices and network, balanced and sustainable budgeting, manageable implementation and support, targeted professional development for staff and students and the flexibility to adapt to changing technological environments. The plan recommends leasing devices for students that are most appropriate for their grade level, i.e. tablets at the lower grades and laptops at the upper grades, and doing so in a way so that in four years, every district student will have access to a device during the entirety of the school

day. Mr. Taglieri emphasized that 1 to1 does not mean the same thing at every grade level and the decision about which students may or may not take devices home will come later as they are phased in and would also depend on the grade level and the curricular needs. Additionally the plan includes devices for teachers and classrooms and identifies the needs for learning labs as well.

Mr. Taglieri and Mr. Presnal explained that student user devices would be budgeted using a 4-year life cycle with desktops (staff and laboratories) using a 6-year life cycle. They estimated the devices would be phased in over four years and the budgeting that the teams did looked at the leasing costs of the devices as well as the necessary ongoing infrastructure and maintenance costs. At the end of four years, it is estimated that the total plan cost would be approximately \$350,000 annually to maintain the lease of the devices together with infrastructure and maintenance.

The Committee thanked Mr. Taglieri and his teams for all of the work that they did and Mr. LeBlanc highlighted that as this is the direction that the District needs to go in, it also needs a full, long-term, commitment from the Committee. All of the Committee members agreed. Superintendent Willard thanked Mr. Taglieri and expressed her full support and confidence in the work of he and his teams.

B. SRS Program of Studies, Joe Turmel, Principal, Southwick Regional School

Mr. Turmel reviewed with the Committee the 2019/2020 changes to the SRS Program of Studies. He began with the new course descriptions and explained the processes and rationale for which took place for developing the new courses. He then explained that some courses were removed from the special service program because their content is now included in other coursework and then also some clean-up edits.

C. SRS Senior Trip Update, Mike Pescitelli, Assistant Principal, Southwick Regional School, Rebecca Drohen distributed to the Committee invitations to senior events.

Mr. Pescitelli together with SRS seniors, Dylan Porter, Camryn Hughes and A'Jenai Thompson, and Class Advisor Ms. Ezeugwu, explained the work that the senior class officers, including Steven Kolek, had done to plan their senior week activities along with the senior picnic. Dylan Porter reviewed the senior week schedule with the Committee and explained that the students were planning to change the venue for the senior class picnic so they could have more control over events and make it fit the needs of their class.

Ms. Stack and Ms. Petschke recognized the students for the work that they put into their proposal for changing the senior picnic venue.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – excluding personnel issues

None

V. STUDENT ADVISORY REPORT

Rebecca reported: the boys basketball had a playoff game; the Wright Fligh students took a field trip to the Air Museum; the 9th grade parent night was scheduled for Wednesday; blood drive on Wednesday and Jon Michaels will present information on CTEC to 8th and 9th graders on Friday.

VI. POLICIES

None

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve SRS fundraiser

Move to approve the SRS fundraiser for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion by LeBlanc, seconded by Locke 6/0/0

VIII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Willard reported that on March 7, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. all of the Superintendent's from the LPVEC will appear in a segment on MASS appeal to talk about the opportunities available in public schools.

Superintendent Willard will be highlighting college and career readiness opportunities at STGRSD and her student guest will be Sarah Smith, SRS student who attends CTEC and was recognized as the CTEC student of the year.

B. Director of Finance & Operations

Mr. Presnal reported that the budget draft was distributed and the finance subcommittee has reviewed the technology plans of Mr. Taglieri as well as budgeting and assessment. The Finance Subcommittee scheduled another meeting for 10:15 am on Friday, March 1, 2019 in advance of the upcoming Budget Hearing.

IX. SUB COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

A. Negotiations – meeting scheduled with Unit A for March 20, 2019.

B. Finance – The Finance Subcommittee scheduled another meeting for 10:15 am on Friday, March 1, 2019 in advance of the upcoming Budget Hearing.

C. LPVEC – no report

D. Policy – Mr. Pescitelli meet with the subcommittee to discuss changes to the tobacco policy to include vaping. Anticipate a first reading at the March 19, 2019 School Committee Meeting.

Mr. Taglieri meet with the subcommittee to discuss changes to technology policies, including the acceptable use policy. Anticipate a first reading at the March 19, 2019 School Committee Meeting.

E. Buildings & Grounds –no report

F. Transportation

Next meeting Friday, March 1, and will discuss daycare policy among other issues.

G. ILT - No report.

H. Capital Committee – No report

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – excluding personnel issues

None

XI. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

A. Old Business

Ms. Stack inquired about the next steps for the JM Scholarships policy. Ms. Willard responded that the District will send the existing scholarships to the attorney for review

B. New Business

None

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:05 p.m. a motion was made to go into Executive session and not reconvene in open session.

With the members Jeffrey Houle, George LeBlanc, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Pamela Petschke and Amy Stack being present and all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes.

Motion by LeBlanc, seconded by Locke 6/0/0

- ☐ 1. Move to go into Executive Session to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health rather than the professional competence of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. The individual to be discussed in such executive session shall be notified in writing by the public body at least 48 hours prior to the proposed executive session; provided, however, that notification may be waived upon written agreement of the parties; and to reconvene in Open Session.
- ☒ 2. Move to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; and to reconvene in Open Session.
- ☐ 3. Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public and the chair so declares; and to reconvene in Open Session.

- ☐ 4. Move to go into Executive Session to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices or strategies with respect thereto; and to reconvene in Open Session.
- ☐ 5. Move to go into Executive Session to investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints; and to reconvene in Open Session.
- ☐ 6. Move to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body; and to reconvene in Open Session.
- ☐ 7. Move to go into Executive Session to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements; and to reconvene in Open Session.
- ☐ 8. Move to go into Executive Session to consider or interview applicants for employment or appointment by a preliminary screening committee if the chair declares that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified applicants; provided, however, that this clause shall not apply to any meeting, including meetings of a preliminary screening committee, to consider and interview applicants who have passed a prior preliminary screening; and to reconvene in Open Session.
- ☐ 9. Move to go into Executive Session to meet or confer with a mediator, as defined in section 23C of chapter 233, with respect to any litigation or decision on any public business within its jurisdiction involving another party, group or entity; and to reconvene in Open Session.
- ☐ 10. Move to go into Executive Session to discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively-sensitive or other proprietary information; and to reconvene in Open Session.

Discussion of singleton contracts that will expire June 30, 2019.

At 5:28 p.m. Mr. Houle called for a motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to open session. With the members Jeffrey Houle, George LeBlanc, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Pamela Petschke, and Amy Stack being present and all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes.

Motion by LeBlanc, seconded by Locke 6/0/0

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:10 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

With the members Jeffrey Houle, George LeBlanc, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Pamela Petschke, and Amy Stack all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes

Motion by LeBlanc, seconded by Locke 6/0/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theodore Locke, Secretary

XIV. STAFFING

Appointments
Resignations
Retirements

XV. LIST OF DOCUMENTS VIEWED OR DISCUSSED DURING THIS MEETING:

- Agenda for the February 26, 2019 meeting
- Minutes for February 5, 2019 meeting
- STGRSD Technology Planning
- SRS 2019/2020 Program of Studies Changes
- Southwick Regional School Fundraiser Requests for 2018-2019
- Letter from Senior Class regarding change of senior picnic venue
- STGRSD Proposed FY2020 Budget Summary DRAFT
- STGRSD Proposed FY 2020 Regional School Assessment DRAFT