



Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District School Committee

Regular Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, June 2, 2020

TIME: 5:00 P.M. Regular Session

Executive Session to Follow

LOCATION:

[ZOOM Webinar](#)

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NOTE WEBINAR

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. Agenda times are estimates.

I. ROUTINE (5:00 p.m.) – BEGIN ZOOM WEBINAR ABOVE

A. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Houle at 5:04 p.m.

The following were in attendance.

School Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeffrey Houle, Southwick
(Participants):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pamela Petschke, Granville
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theodore Locke, Tolland
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Boldyga, Southwick
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chelsea Berry, Southwick
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Schantz, Southwick
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maria Seddon, Southwick (joined at 5:11 p.m.)
Administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Willard, Superintendent
(Participants):	<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"/>	Gabrielle Houle
News Media:	<input type="checkbox"/>	unknown
Observers (Attendees):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Approximately 9</u>

B. Opening Ceremony

Mr. Houle reminded the Committee and audience members that the meeting is being recorded. He also reminded the Committee and audience members of the Public Comment procedures for the virtual meeting format.

C. Secretary's Report

5/21/2020 Meeting Minutes Accepted

There were no questions or comments.

With the members Jeff Houle, Pamela Petschke, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Jonathan Schantz and Jessica Boldyga all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes

Motion by Petschke, seconded by Berry 6/0/0

D. Warrants

Mr. Houle stated that the warrants had been emailed to Committee members for signatures.

E. Correspondence

Email from Karl Stienhart, Town of Southwick, Dated May 26, 2020 MotoX Agreement

Superintendent Willard reported that an email was received from the Town of Southwick on May 26, 2020 regarding the MotoX Land Use Agreement. The agreement was attached and the Town was requesting a District signature.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – excluding personnel issues

In order that all citizens who wish to be heard before the committee have a chance and to insure the ability of the committee to conduct the district's business in an orderly manner, members of the public viewing online may make comments by sending their comment, along with their name and address, in an email, in advance of, or during, the meeting to superintendent@stgrsd.org. Comments will be read aloud at the meeting during Public Comment. Any comments received after the first comment period will be read in the second Public Comment period.

Improper conduct and remarks will not be allowed. Comments may offer such objective criticisms of the school operations and programs as concern them, but in public session, the committee will not hear personal complaints of school personnel nor against any member of the school community. Under most circumstances, administrative channels are the proper means for disposition of legitimate complaints involving staff members.

Ms. McLaughlin read the Public Comments received:

Veronicalynn Stratton, Granville, MA - Hi. this might be too late for the meeting tonight. I saw that there is an increase in lunch prices. Does this mean our kids will get better quality lunches as well as fresh fruits, vegetables and salads offered? My son is in high school and the \$3.50 lunch is hardly a meal. Please consider with the price increase to have healthier lunches and breakfasts with more food. Thanks.

III. STUDENT ADVISORY REPORT

Gabrielle Houle was in attendance and she reported:

Friday, May 29, 2020 was senior sign out. It went really well with all but four students participating. The sign out went so well that this format is being considered for next year as well.

Senior Drive Around took place the afternoon of May 29, 2020 and it was a highly successful event as well. Students were moved seeing the communities in each town come out along with teachers, past and present, and it highlighted the strength of our small school community.

Ms. Houle thanked the class advisors Ms. Hitchcock and Ms. Pomeroy and Ms. Penland who is the advisor for the classes of 2021 and 2022 but has been such a support to the students and the work and support they've given the senior class during this time. She also thanked the police and fire department for their hard work and support and their salute during the drive around which was meaningful and impactful.

Next for the senior class is graduation planning. Graduation will be held on July 25, 2020 due to guidelines from the State.

Ms. Houle then thanked the Committee for the opportunity to serve as a student representative.

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.

Ms. Petschke thanked Ms. Houle for her time, expressed what an excellent job she did on the Committee and wished her luck.

Mr. Shantz echoed Ms. Petschke's comments and stated how impressed he was with the students' organization and presentation skills.

Ms. Boldyga and Ms. Berry also thanked Ms. Houle for her service on the Committee.

Ms. Willard thanked Ms. Houle for her participation, leadership and positive attitude.

Ms. Houle thanked Ms. Willard for being a strong female leader and role model.

IV. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Superintendent Evaluation, Jeffrey Houle, Chairman, Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee

Mr. Houle presented the results of the Superintendent Evaluation for the 19/20 school year. He highlighted that the results of the evaluation are public documents and stated that Ms. McLaughlin will post them to the District website. Mr. Houle briefly summarized the 19/20 school year which began with the 1:1 computer initiative and continued focus on instructional alignment with Massachusetts education frameworks and targeted curriculum improvements. He highlighted that the focus later shifted to managing the effects of an unprecedented pandemic. He stated that the Committee unanimously agreed that Superintendent Willard's over performance had a high impact on student learning and her over rating was proficient or exemplary.

Mr. Houle then read a selection of committee comments that were examples that demonstrate Ms. Willard's commitment to the District and communities.

In closing, Mr. Houle stated that in the current times of uncertainty and unknown, Ms. Willard continues to move the District forward and has worked her with her team on budget planning and the challenges of addressing what the learning environment will look like next year. He expressed the gratitude that the Committee has that Ms. Willard is leading the District through these difficult times.

Ms. Willard thanked the Committee for their support.

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.

Ms. Petschke thanked Mr. Houle for putting the evaluation together.

Jeff encourage the Committee members to review the results.

School Breakfast and Lunch Pricing, Stephen Presnal, Director of Finance and Operations

Mr. Presnal began by stating that the District is proposing an increase only to breakfast pricing and is not proposing a change in the lunch pricing. He stated that there has not been a change to breakfast pricing in years, in fact it is unknown if the breakfast pricing has ever increased. The current prices of \$1.00 for K-6 students and \$1.25 for 7-12 students and the District is proposing a \$0.50 increase. The increase would more closely align with the recommended formulas for covering food cost price, which is currently about \$0.80. The recommended guidelines are that the meal price should be approximately double the cost of the food cost price. A \$0.50 increase would bring the program closer to that and also still maintain the FDA reimbursement eligibility.

Ms. Boldyga stated that the breakfast price increase was reviewed by the Finance Subcommittee and has the support of that committee.

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.

Ms. Petschke asked if the increase in cost would allow the District to take advantage of higher quality food. Mr.

Presnal stated that breakfast tends to be more grab& go item because of timing in the morning but he will work with the Food Service Director to look at options while maintaining a financial balance.

Ms. Berry asked what at typical breakfast is at \$0.80. Mr. Presnal responded that it consists of a milk, a grain and fruit.

V. POLICIES

None

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve increase in school lunch &/or Breakfast Move to approve a \$0.50 increase in school breakfast prices, effective September 1, 2020.

School breakfast prices will be as follows:

Woodland School	\$1.50
Powder Mill School	\$1.50
Southwick Regional School	\$1.75

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.
There were no questions or comments.

With the members Jeff Houle, Pamela Petschke, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Jonathan Schantz, Jessica Boldyga and Maria Seddon all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes
Motion by Petschke, seconded by Berry 7/0/0

B. Accept handbook changes: Woodland School

Move to approve the changes to the 2020/2021 Woodland School Handbook.

Ms. McLaughlin stated that all of the handbooks that were being reviewed had been updated with the increased breakfast pricing.

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.
There were no questions or comments.

With the members Jeff Houle, Pamela Petschke, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Jonathan Schantz, Jessica Boldyga and Maria Seddon all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes
Motion by Petschke, seconded by Berry 7/0/0

C. Accept handbook changes: Powder Mill School

Move to approve the changes to the 2020/2021 Powder Mill School Handbook.

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.
There were no questions or comments.

With the members Jeff Houle, Pamela Petschke, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Jonathan Schantz, Jessica Boldyga and Maria Seddon all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes
Motion by Petschke, seconded by Berry 7/0/0

D. Accept handbook changes: Southwick Regional School

Move to approve the changes to the 2020/2021 Southwick Regional School Handbook.

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.
There were no questions or comments.

With the members Jeff Houle, Pamela Petschke, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Jonathan Schantz, Jessica Boldyga and Maria Seddon all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes
Motion by Petschke, seconded by Berry 7/0/0

E. Move to transfer funds from the General Fund to the School Lunch Revolving Account

Move to approve the transfer of \$189,005 from available Fiscal Year 2020 unexpended appropriations to the School Lunch Revolving Account for the purpose of eliminating the accumulated deficit in said Account.
(Recommended by Finance Subcommittee 5/27/20)

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.
Ms. Petschke asked where the money is coming from. Mr. Presnal reported that due to the shutdown, there is unexpended appropriations from several funds that can be transferred to the school lunch revolving account.

The transfer is necessary following the administrative review of the school lunch program that took place earlier in the school year.

With the members Jeff Houle, Pamela Petschke, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Jonathan Schantz, Jessica Boldyga and Maria Seddon all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes

Motion by Petschke, seconded by Berry 7/0/0

- F. Accept Revocable Land Use License Agreement between Town of Southwick and the American Legion Southwick Post N. 338, Inc.

Move to approve the Revocable Land Use License Agreement between the Town of Southwick and The American Legion – Southwick Post No. 338, Inc., with the consent of the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District for a three year term commencing in July 1, 2020 and terminating on June 30, 2023.

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.

Ms. Petschke asked if this is the same agreement as in previous years. Mr. Houle responded that it is the same as in previous years and had been approved by the Town of Southwick and District legal counsel.

Ms. Berry asked who negotiates the amounts. Mr. Presnal responded that the Town negotiates the terms and the District is not part of the negotiation process. This is because the Town is actually the landowner and the District leases from the Town.

Ms. Berry asked if the events from the MotoX result in a cost to the District. Mr. Presnal responded that the parking fees that are collected are first used to cover the cost of expenses incurred by the District.

With the members Jeff Houle, Pamela Petschke, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Jonathan Schantz, Jessica Boldyga and Maria Seddon all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes

Motion by Petschke, seconded by Berry 7/0/0

- G. Accept MOU with SEA regarding 2019/2020 Appendix B.

Move to accept the Addendum to the Agreement between the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District and the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Education Association, Inc. dated August 25, 2019 to August 24, 2023 to replace the Appendix B table with the attached for the FY20 Appendix B rates.

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

With the members Jeff Houle, Pamela Petschke, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Jonathan Schantz, Jessica Boldyga and Maria Seddon all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes

Motion by Petschke, seconded by Berry 7/0/0

- H. Retirement Resolution Noell Somers

Be it resolved, that the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee hereby extends its congratulations to Noell Somers. In recognition of eighteen years excellence as the Director of Special Education. We hereby convey our sincere appreciation for your valuable efforts, dedicated service, and assistance rendered, which has enhanced the image of the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional Schools, and a record of these resolutions shall be permanently entered into the minutes of this School District.

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

With the members Jeff Houle, Pamela Petschke, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Jonathan Schantz, Jessica Boldyga and Maria Seddon all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes

Motion by Petschke, seconded by Berry 7/0/0

- I. Retirement Resolution James Ash

Be it resolved, that the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee hereby extends its

congratulations to James Ash. In recognition of thirty-three years of teaching excellence. We hereby convey our sincere appreciation for your valuable efforts, dedicated service, and assistance rendered, which has enhanced the image of the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional Schools, and a record of these resolutions shall be permanently entered into the minutes of this School District.

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.
There were no questions or comments.

With the members Jeff Houle, Pamela Petschke, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Jonathan Schantz, Jessica Boldyga and Maria Seddon all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes

Motion by Petschke, seconded by Berry 7/0/0

J. Resolution Gabrielle Houle

Be it resolved, that the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee hereby extends its congratulations to Gabrielle Houle. In recognition of Dedicated Service as Student Representative to the School Committee. We hereby convey our sincere appreciation for your valuable efforts, dedicated service, and assistance rendered, which has enhanced the image of the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional Schools, and a record of these resolutions shall be permanently entered into the minutes of this School District.

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.
There were no questions or comments.

With the members Jeff Houle, Pamela Petschke, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Jonathan Schantz, Jessica Boldyga and Maria Seddon all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes

Motion by Petschke, seconded by Berry 7/0/0

K. Resolution Amelia Coviello

Be it resolved, that the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee hereby extends its congratulations to Amelia Coviello. In recognition of Dedicated Service as Student Representative to the School Committee. We hereby convey our sincere appreciation for your valuable efforts, dedicated service, and assistance rendered, which has enhanced the image of the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional Schools, and a record of these resolutions shall be permanently entered into the minutes of this School District.

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.
There were no questions or comments.

With the members Jeff Houle, Pamela Petschke, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Jonathan Schantz, Jessica Boldyga and Maria Seddon all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes

Motion by Petschke, seconded by Berry 7/0/0

L. Resolution Jessica Boldyga

Be it resolved, that the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee hereby extends its congratulations to Jessica Boldyga. In recognition of three years of excellence as a School Committee Member. We hereby convey our sincere appreciation for your valuable efforts, dedicated service, and assistance rendered, which has enhanced the image of the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional Schools, and a record of these resolutions shall be permanently entered into the minutes of this School District.

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.
There were no questions or comments.

With the members Jeff Houle, Pamela Petschke, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Jonathan Schantz, Jessica Boldyga and Maria Seddon all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes

Motion by Petschke, seconded by Berry 7/0/0

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Willard reported:

Tolland Annual Town Meeting

At the Tolland Annual Town meeting, Tolland passed the District budget for FY2021. She thanked Mr. Locke for hosting and noted what a beautiful community Tolland is.

Class of 2020 Graduation

July 25, 2020 is the official graduation date. SRS will create a mock setup for students who are unable to attend the ceremony on July 25. Mr. Turmel continues to be in touch with families.

September Reopening of School

In mid-June, Commissioner Riley is set to release guidelines for the reopening of school for the fall.

Father's Day Essay Contest

Southwick Regional School is hosting a Father's Day Essay contest for students and prizes have been donated by Edgewood Golf Course in Southwick, MA.

End of Year News

Woodland and Powder Mill Schools are working together on a few end of year activities including virtual field day, last week of school activities and transition videos, and a reverse parade on June 19 for families to drive by school and wave goodbye.

Student belongings, materials return and device drop offs for students preK-11 will take place on June 18 and 19.

Transportation forms will be online this year. It is especially important for families to complete the forms. Ms. Petschke asked to please be sure to communicate the transportation forms to families in as many ways possible. Thursday, June 4, 2020 will be the release of the senior slide show

Safe Routes to Schools

Powder Mill and Woodland have been named bronze award winners and a Powder Mill student won the state-wide lawn sign contest.

Appreciation to Town Partners for Senior Drive Around

Ms. Willard expressed her sincere thanks and appreciation to Chief Bishop of the Southwick Police Department who worked collaboratively with the advisors and made contact with town officials and town partner PDs and made sure the driver around was a successful event. He also made banners for his officers who were district graduates. She thanked all three towns for coming together to support the 2020 graduates.

B. Director of Finance and Operations

Transportation

Mr. Presnal reported that getting transportation from families this year is more important than ever, both with the transition to LPVEC and the questions surrounding the opening of school in the fall and potential social distancing requirements. The District will await guidance from DESE but social distancing requirements may mean looking at changes to service. The District will continue to work closely with the transportation department and LPVEC as new information becomes available.

FY2021 Budget

Mr. Presnal reported that on June 1, 2020 the District submitted their formal request to the State for a FY2021 budget in the event that they are not able to secure a budget at the local level. He stated that the Southwick annual town meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2020 and the Granville annual town meeting is June 17, 2020 and that the funding at the State level will not be known until the House Ways and Means Committee releases their proposed budget.

School Nutrition

Mr. Presnal reported that meal distribution is ongoing during the school year, but when school closes on June 19, 2020, meals for families in need will be provided by Our Community Food Pantry. The District has been in contact with the pantry and they are able to handle the needs. Information will be provided to families about how to apply for benefits with the pantry.

Fitness Equipment Donation

Mr. Presnal reported that the athletic director has received a potential donation of fitness equipment which the Committee can expect to see an action item at the upcoming meeting.

Mr. Houle asked Committee members if they had questions or comments.

Ms. Petschke asked that changes to transportation service will only be in response to State guidelines and any changes that are made are communicated. Mr. Presnal confirmed that there are currently no route changes planned beyond what would be necessary due to typical enrollment changes that occur from year to year but if State guidelines require it for return to school, then the District would need to make adjustments. Any changes would be reviewed carefully and communicated to families.

VIII. SUB COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

Subcommittee Assignments

Negotiations: Locke, Berry, Schantz – No report

Finance: Boldyga, Locke, Houle – Ms. Boldyga reported that the subcommittee met and discussed breakfast and lunch charges; spring athletic coach stipends in which a small amount will be paid based on preseason and virtual work that the coaches did; the subcommittee also looked at a couple of unpaid invoices and approved payment; the school lunch deficit balance, which the committee acted upon earlier in the meeting; Mr. Presnal met with the Town of Southwick Finance Committee who is in favor of the FY21 budget.

L.P.V.E.C. Bd. Governors: Petschke – Ms. Petschke reported that on May 27, the board met. Bulk of meeting centered around budget and adjustments; the FY21 LPVEC budget has an estimated 5.96% increase from previous year, majority of increase is due to taking on STGRSD transportation; Districts can pre-pay LPVEC for services if it makes financial sense.

L.P.V.E.C. Bd. Directors: Houle – no report – virtual meeting planned for end of June.

Policy: Schantz, Berry, Seddon – no report

Buildings and Grounds: Houle – no report

Transportation: Locke, Boldyga – no report

Liaison Assignments – no reports

(ILT): Petschke, Boldyga, Berry – next meeting June 9, 2020. That meeting conflicts with policy subcommittee so Ms. McLaughlin will be in touch to reschedule policy subcommittee.

Wellness Liaison: Locke

SPED Liaison: Petschke

Technology: Petschke, Schantz

Southwick Capital Committee: Berry

Southwick 250th : Berry

Legislative Liaison: Rotating attendance at MASC

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – excluding personnel issues

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Ms. McLaughlin read the comments received:

Nicole Berndt, Granville, MA - I want to take a second to thank all of the school nutrition staff that have been making sure our kids get fed through this very trying time. I know that families are certainly grateful to have a bit less to worry about.

That said, I am sorry that I was unable to attend the previous meetings where the school nutrition program was discussed. There are some major problems with the program & I'm very concerned to see that the price is most likely going up for families, especially during these difficult financial times.

I have so much to say, but I'll try to keep it as brief as possible...

-the food we're serving our kids is not ok. Mozzarella sticks & baked beans with a cup of mystery fruit out of a can is not a meal our children should be eating on a regular basis. We have an obesity epidemic in this country. We have increased issues with social emotional behaviors in our classrooms. Nutrition is so key to our children's success! How do we expect them to pay attention, focus & have control of themselves when they feel poorly or are over stimulated from the sorry excuse for fuel we've put in their body or they're hungry because they didn't want to eat that stuff.

-why are we spending money on prepackaged processed food instead of investing that money in our staff to prepare & cook proper meals? Anyone who runs a household knows that those ready to eat foods are far more expensive than raw ingredients. Why not spend less money on better, cleaner food & hours for our dedicated employees & allow them to serve food their proud of & that in the end would be less likely to wind up in the trash can. Pay them to slice apples or cut up raw carrots & serve with a side of ranch dressing instead of opening a can of mystery fruit or canned beans that all gets dumped in the trash.

The employees WANT to cook! There is so much equipment that sits unused in our school kitchens! It is demoralizing for them to simply be heating & placing junk food on a tray. They want to properly feed our kids! It makes more sense to invest in them & their families (instead of food companies) & allow them to be proud of the work their doing. Better fed kids, better paid employees & money that stays in our community.

-we are agricultural communities & we need to be thinking about partnering with local farms & feeding our kids better food & teaching them about where it comes from. There are a plethora of unexplored opportunities.

-I'm not sure why this is controversial, but feeding quality, well balanced meals to our kids isn't something that is optional. We need to get creative & resourceful & figure it out & in a hurry. Our kids face enough challenges without hunger & the effects of poor nutrition being added to the mix. I am more than willing to raise my hand for higher taxes to make our district an example of what can be done. If we raise the prices & continue the terrible quality, participation will only decrease further & the program will only circle the drain quicker.

Please see attached photos of what we're feeding our children. It is unacceptable.

Thank you.

Ms. McLaughlin stated that she is unable to share the attached pictures because she does not have access to the emails from the computer being used to broadcast the webinar.

Michele Parrow, Southwick, MA - I agree with Ms. Stratton. If we are raising lunch prices, we at least should be offering quality and healthy lunches. My sister is the Food Service Director in Wilbraham and she says there is no reason why we cannot offer salads. Salads are one of the most popular choices and we have many students who are vegan or vegetarian.

Nicole Berndt, Granville, MA - I'd also like to add after listening to the presentation, I really wish the discussion surrounding the school nutrition program wasn't centered around cost.

The program being "in the red" shouldn't be our main concern. I truly believe taxpayers would be happy to subsidize this program if they knew our kids were being properly fed.

Also, it is not true that fresh fruit & veggies are more expensive. Baggies of mushy sliced apples & pre-packed “fruit cups” are definitely more expensive than a crate of local apples.

X. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

A. Old Business

None

B. New Business

Ms. Boldyga addressed Committee at final meeting

Ms. Boldyga thanked everyone for being an amazing group of people. She stated that she wanted to be on the School Committee to learn about the process and she definitely achieve that goal. She thanked Committee members for their patience and recognized the diversity in the backgrounds of everyone in the group and appreciated the respectful way in which they work together to achieve the same goal to serve the students and the community. She stated that she sees the District running as a “lean machine”. She also recognized Mr. Houle and the amount of time he puts into being the chair of the Committee. She closed by stating that she will truly miss the work, she had fun and she feels comfortable that the students and community are in good hands.

Mr. Houle, the other members and Ms. Willard all thanked Ms. Boldyga for her service over the past three years.

Scheduling the Second June Meeting

Mr. Houle reminded Committee members that the second June meeting must be rescheduled to avoid conflict with the annual town meetings. The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, June 18, 2020.

Summer Updates by Superintendent

During the summer, the Committee does not typically meet but, in light of the current pandemic and uncertainty surrounding the return of school in the fall, Superintendent Willard will be holding informational meetings that will be posted and the Committee can attend.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:28 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

With the members Jeff Houle, Pamela Petschke, Theodore Locke, Chelsea Berry, Jonathan Schantz, Maria Seddon and Jessica Boldyga all voting individually and unanimously, the motion passes

Motion by Petschke, seconded by Berry 7/0/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chelsea Berry', written in a cursive style.

Chelsea Berry, Secretary

XIII. STAFFING

Appointments

Resignations

Retirements

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

- Agenda for the June 2, 2020 meeting
- Minutes for May 21, 2020 meeting

- Email dated May 26, 2020 from Karl Stinehart at the Town of Southwick
- Superintendent Evaluation and Summary Review
- Office for Food and Nutrition Program National School Nutrition Programs Reimbursement Rates for Fiscal Year 2020
- Woodland School Handbook Changes for 20/21 School Year
- Powder Mill School Handbook Changes for 20/21 School Year
- Southwick Regional School Handbook Changes for 20/21 School Year
- Revocable Land Use License Agreement by and between the Town of Southwick and the American Legion – Southwick Post No. 338, Inc. with consent of the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District
- Addendum between the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District and the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional Educational Association, Inc. for Appendix B
- STGRSD Appendix B for FY20