
**EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
OPEN SESSION – June 9, 2020**

I. Call to Order Open Session

The East Providence School Committee met virtually in Open Session on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Ms. Beauchaine called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Members present were Jessica Beauchaine, Vice Chair, Karen Oliveira, Clerk, Joel Monteiro and Anthony Ferreira. Also present was Superintendent Kathryn Crowley.

II. Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Monteiro, seconded by Ms. Oliveira and carried unanimously to move into Executive Session for the purpose of: Discussion re: Personnel Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(1); and Consider & Vote on Motion to Adjourn and Convene into Public Session. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Vice Chair concerning compliance with RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified in advance in writing. No request had been made.

III. Re-Convene in Open Session (Regular Meeting)

Ms. Beauchaine called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence were observed. The Co-Chair reported that no votes were taken in executive session. Motion by Mr. Monteiro, seconded by Mr. Ferreira and carried by unanimous consent to seal the minutes. All School Committee members were present.

IV. Consent Agenda

Communications/Correspondence:

Appointments: Mia Millea, Dean of Students at Martin Middle School, effective 2020-2021 school year; Stacy Simmons, Math Interventionist at Silver Spring, effective 2020-2021 school year; Nicole Cram, Math Interventionist at Orlo, effective 2020-2021 school year; Kathy Oliver, Math Interventionist at Waddington, effective 2020-2021 school year; Nicole Monte, Math Interventionist at Hennessey, effective 2020-2021 school year; and Jennifer McGovern, Math Interventionist at Whiteknact, effective 2020-2021 school year.

Approval of Minutes:

May 12 & May 26, 2020 School Committee Meetings
May 29, 2020 Special School Committee Meeting
May 11, 2020 Building Committee Meeting

Motion by Mr. Monteiro, seconded by Ms. Oliveira and carried by unanimous consent to approve the minutes of the School Committee and Building Committee meetings.

V. Superintendent's Report

1. Special Education Report – Leslie Anderson, Special Education Director, gave an overview presentation on special education and distance learning that she and Mr. MacDonnell worked on. The entire department works with students from ages 3 to 22 and they service 967 students with special needs. They developed a distance learning plan for special education that was approved by RIDE. Virtual IEP meetings have been well received and will continue. Paraprofessionals have been working with students in Google classrooms. Extended School Year will be a virtual ESY which begins July 7 thru August 6, 2020. A Summer Resource Page for parents has been developed. EPLAC has been active virtually. June 10th is the 12th Annual EPLAC Awards night at 7 p.m.

2. CRP Grant – Celeste Bowler, Leslie Anderson & Yanaiza Gallant – Dr. Bowler gave a brief overview of the federal funds of the Comprehensive Resource Plan.

Title I: High poverty schools who supports students, Title II: Professional Development, Title III: MLL, Title IV is health and safety and IDEA. Our plan has to be approved by RIDE.

Leslie Anderson spoke about the two components of the CRP that are special education - IDEA Part B and IDEA preschool. Yanaiza Gallant, Multi Lingual Learner Director, presented on Title III funding which provides services for students labeled as English learners. MLL population in the district has 242 active multilingual learners. This school year there were 32 multilingual learner exits. Dr. Bowler spoke about Title I which is funding based on the level of school poverty. In our district six of the seven elementary schools have Title I programming. It supports family engagement and academic support programs. Title II provides funds for professional development which are used district-wide. Title IV is fairly new. Funds are used district wide for student support and academic enrichment. A portion of our funds received are shared with private schools.

3. Graduation Recap – A virtual graduation took place on Saturday, June 6. Superintendent Crowley thanked Ben Russell and his IT team. The stage was decorated beautifully thanks to Ms. Mammone, Dr. Forand and Dr. Bowler. The parade on Sunday went very well and the students want to make the parade a part of graduation every year. She thanked the Mayor DaSilva and the high school administration. The video will air again on Sunday at 6 pm on Capital TV.

4. State Calendar - Superintendent Crowley tabled this item and hopes to have the new state calendar by the next meeting.

5. District SIT Meeting – The District School Improvement Team met the last Friday in May. The members have an understanding of the CRP and grant writing and where the resources are applied. A few new members have joined. The next meeting will be on Friday June 26.

6. EP Re-Entry Task Force – RIDE has asked the district to establish a re-entry task force for 2020-21. Dr. Forand has volunteered to chair. The first meeting was held last Friday and the

task force consists of 18 members throughout the school department. Four committees have been developed. They are looking at possible scenarios for re-entry and are compiling a lot of research from other districts. There will be sub-committees. Decisions will be based on guidance from the Governor, the CDC and RIDE.

The Superintendent is looking to relocate the Operations Office to the front office area at the Career & Technical Center due to safety reasons.

Superintendent Crowley had a site tour of the high school and signed the beam that will be hoisted up on Friday, June 12.

VI. Director of Human Services Report

Resignation— Ms. Mammone announced the resignation as follows: Michaela Merola, English Department Head at Riverside Middle School, effective end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion by Ms. Beauchaine, seconded by Mr. Monteiro and carried by unanimous consent to approve the resignation as submitted.

Retirements — Ms. Mammone announced the retirements as follows: Sandra Arrighi, Supervisory Aide at Myron J. Francis, effective end of the 2019-2020 school year; Margaret Coningford, Supervisory Aide at Myron J. Francis, effective end of the 2019-2020 school year; Lorraine Reed, Supervisory Aide at Orlo Avenue, effective end of the 2019-2020 school year; Maria Durant, Supervisory Aide at Orlo Avenue, effective end of the 2019-2020 school year; and Angela Campos, Supervisory Aide at Whiteknact, effective end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion by Mr. Monteiro, seconded by Ms. Oliveira and carried by unanimous consent to approve the retirements as submitted.

Leave of Absences — None

Non-Renewals — None

Recalls— Ms. Mammone read the list of Recalls which are effective the 2020-2021 school year: Kyla Cornier, English Teacher at EPHS; Mary Sorice, English Teacher at EPHS; Ann Dufresne, Gr. 4 Teacher at Whiteknact; Alyssa Carr, Gr. 4 Teacher at Hennessey; Lisa McAloon, Gr. 5 Teacher at Silver Spring; Cory Duquette, Math Teacher at Martin Middle; Kaitlyn Villucci, Math Teacher at Riverside Middle; Danielle Fonseca, Pre-K Teacher at Oldham; Sara Morin, Kindergarten Teacher at Myron J. Francis; and Sarah Fulford, Gr. 2 Teacher at Kent Heights.

Motion by Mr. Monteiro, seconded by Ms. Oliveira and carried by unanimous consent to approve the recalls as submitted.

VII. Director of Finance Report

Mr. Hubert filled in for Mr. Enos for the finance report and bill list. Superintendent Crowley stated that Mr. Hubert works very closely with the staff members who write the CRP and other grants.

VIII. Policy Committee Report – Ms. Beauchaine stated the following policies were discussed at the last meeting and are being reviewed and updated. The Policy Sub-Committee is meeting twice per month and will be working on a few new policies.

1. Social Events Calendar – 1st read – No changes.
2. Organization Chart – 1st read – Doing a chart with employee names and a chart without names.
3. Naming New Facilities – 1st read – Policy to be updated.
4. Legal Structure & System of Governance – 1st read – Same with posted on school website added.
5. Facilities Inspections – 1st read - Inspections should be done in the fall after the building inspections.

IX. Building Committee Report – Mr. Monteiro gave an overview of the Building Committee meeting held last evening. They will be meeting again on June 22 to review and approve the final GMP contract with Gilbane and review and approval by the School Committee on June 23 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Monteiro will email the OPM's Report to the Committee. An invitation to sign the beam and tour the site of the high school was sent to the School Committee members for tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

X. Discussion Items

1. RFP Transportation Award – Superintendent Crowley reported only one vendor submitted a bid. Ocean State Transit came in with a 16.5% increase in transportation. They are asking for a certain percentage be paid for the year especially if schools have to go out again. Ms. Clarkin is looking into what the impact of changing the mileage restrictions would be and the staggered start times for school with thirteen hundred elementary students. The contract would come before the School Committee for approval after legal counsel reviews it.

XI. Action Items**1. Bill List:**

Motion by Ms. Oliveira, seconded by Mr. Monteiro and carried by unanimous consent to approve the following warrants as submitted:

Voucher No. 1021 for \$2,693.00

Voucher No. 1022 for \$122,376.23

Voucher No. 1024 for \$922,264.37

2. RFP Transportation Award

Motion by Mr. Monteiro, seconded by Mr. Ferreira and carried by unanimous consent to accept the RFP Transportation bid award to Ocean State Transit as submitted minus the second bullet language in the bid response.

The following invoices were reviewed and approved by the Building Committee on June 8.

3. Ai3 Invoices for Services

Motion by Mr. Monteiro seconded by Ms. Oliveira and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Ai3 Invoice for Basic Services in the amount of \$145,414.79 and Reimbursable Expenses in the amount of \$3,190.00 as submitted.

4. Peregrine Invoice for Services

Motion by Mr. Monteiro and seconded by Ms. Oliveira and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Peregrine Group Invoices for service in the amount of \$59,000.00 as submitted.

5. Gilbane Invoice for Services

Motion by Mr. Monteiro, seconded by Ms. Oliveira and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Gilbane Construction Co. invoice for services in the amount of \$3,005,511.53 as submitted.

6. Stephen Turner, Inc. Invoice for Services

Motion by Mr. Monteiro, seconded by Ms. Oliveira and carried by unanimous consent to approve Stephen Turner invoice for services in the amount of \$6,637.88 as submitted.

7. Thielsch Engineering Invoice for Service

Motion by Mr. Monteiro, seconded by Ms. Oliveira and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Thielsch Engineering invoice for services in the amount of \$14,186.26 as submitted.

8. National Grid Invoice for Construction Charges

Motion by Mr. Monteiro, seconded by Ms. Oliveira and carried by unanimous consent to approve the National Grid Invoice in the amount of \$1,242.82 as submitted.

XII. Announcements – Ms. Oliveira complimented everyone who had anything to do with the end of the year activities in all schools. The virtual EPLAC awards are June 10 at 7 pm. Mr. Monteiro commented on how the rally that took place at the police station on Saturday was a great event to participate in. Mr. Ferreira thanked Ms. Clarkin with the commitment she made to feed the students in EP for fifteen weeks. The Superintendent commended our teachers since March 13 on all they've done with their students with distance learning.

XIII Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Oliveira, seconded by Mr. Monteiro and carried by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Corsi, Administrative Assistant

Karen Oliveira, Clerk