

MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING – JUNE 4, 2018

A regular School Committee meeting was held at the Administration Building on Monday, June 4, 2018.

Members Present: Tina Bell, James Carvalho, Eric Graham, Joseph Salpietro. Scott Rowland was absent.

Superintendent of Schools John J. Robidoux and Assistant Superintendent Elizabeth White were in attendance.

Visitors included: Randi Arruda, Bill Courville, Robert Silveira, Wendy Williams, Nick Overy, Brian McCann, Police Chief George Arruda, teachers (see below), Bill Hall of The Spectator, Debbie Kelley (videographer), and others.

Vice Chairman Graham opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

Supt. Robidoux led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Asst. Supt. White offered a moment of silence for all those defending our country to make it safe for us.

Vice Chairman Graham announced that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20(f), any person in attendance who wanted to record any portion of the meeting must notify the Chairman. School Committee meetings are broadcast live and recorded for broadcast on Sunday at 10 p.m., Monday at 6 p.m., Tuesday at 2 p.m., Wednesday at 10 a.m., Thursday at 10 a.m., Friday at 6 p.m., and Saturday at 2 p.m. on Swansea Cable Access Channel 15. Meetings can also be accessed over the internet at swansecabletv.com.

Consent Agenda

Vice Chairman Graham established a Consent Agenda consisting of #4 Personnel Items, #5 Correspondence, #6 Informational Items, and #9 Approval of Bills. Mr. Salpietro had discussion on #8 Approval of Minutes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Students Come First Awards – Staff Recognition

Supt. Robidoux presented the awards to the following staff recommended by their principals:

Kerri Abrain, Hoyle School
Judy Eddy, Gardner School
Lisa Keyes, Luther School
Marina Jackson, Brown School
Cheryl Reis, Joseph Case Junior High School
Tom Whalen, Joseph Case High School

Director of Finance and Technology Randi Arruda was the recipient from central office. Supt. Robidoux stated that Asst. Supt. White and he wanted to recognize her for all she does to make the district better for students.

Supt. Robidoux thanked principals. He said it shows they are family in this district and support one another. He thanked them for being in attendance.

Mr. Salpietro said it is always good to recognize staff.

Mrs. Bell agreed. She thanked them all for their passion as educators and staff.

Mr. Carvalho congratulated them. He said it is rewarding to see them grow in the system. He added that people don't realize how much Mrs. Arruda does.

Mr. Graham thanked them for recognizing Mrs. Arruda. He said it is very fitting to celebrate student accomplishments as well as teachers. He congratulated them.

Asst. Supt. White said they are a wonderful group. It was a difficult decision for principals. She is so pleased to see Mrs. Arruda here. She has a big impact on students and staff. She stated that Swansea is lucky to have a creative Superintendent of Schools.

Joseph Case High School National and State Ranking

Supt. Robidoux stated that Case High School ranked 9th in the state and nationally. The 9th ranking nationally is 2,643 out of 20,500 high schools in the nation. It earned Swansea a silver medal. He noted this is a direct result of the leadership at the high school.

He announced that Mr. McCann received notification today that he is one of three principals nationwide cited as National Association of Secondary School Principals of the Year for their use of digital outlets. He received an all-expense paid trip to the Annual National Conference of Principals in Chicago from July 11-13, 2018 and will be featured on the cover of an upcoming issue of Principal Leadership.

Supt. Robidoux commended Mr. McCann. It is a great honor.

Mr. McCann expressed his appreciation. He said that Supt. Robidoux is very supportive of his ideas. He really hasn't been in the digital game that long. Technology centers what he does.

Mr. Carvalho said Mr. McCann never ceases to amaze us.

Mrs. Bell congratulated hm.

Mr. Salpietro wasn't surprised. He said Swansea is lucky to have him as a principal.

Mr. Graham agreed. He said that Mr. McCann inspires him.

Asst. Supt. White said it is well deserved. Mr. McCann puts a lot of time into technology. He utilizes all forms of the media.

School Committee Sub-Committees (Revision)

To be tabled under Action Items.

Swansea Public Schools District Improvement Plan 2018-2021

Supt. Robidoux said this final stage of the District Improvement Plan was reviewed by principals, back to the School Committee and then out to the public. It was e-mailed to parents, staff and SEPAC. He highlighted the corrections.

Mr. Salpietro liked that all stakeholders had a voice.

Mrs. Bell agreed.

Mr. Graham felt they can all be proud of this plan. He asked if the goal is to have a SRO at the high school and junior high school every day.

Supt. Robidoux said he would like one SRO five days a week rotating throughout the schools. He needs to discuss with the police chief.

Mr. Carvalho agreed the decision should be between the Superintendent and Police Chief.

Asst. Supt. White felt the process allowed input from everyone.

Chartwells Food Service Monthly Report – April 2018

The net profit was \$5,351.54. The total revenues are higher by \$35 per day. The bistro is working pretty well. The formula was changed for free and reduced meals.

Mr. Salpietro asked about payments in arrears.

Supt Robidoux advised it is a little over \$2,000. He will get more information about an app for the beginning of the school year.

Request for Observation of Education Program by Parents/Designees for Evaluation Purposes – One Request

Supt. Robidoux advised the school principal is in agreement.

Appoint Superintendent Robidoux to Bi-County Collaborative Board of Directors 2018-2019
Appoint Superintendent Robidoux to South Coast Collaborative Board of Directors 2018-2019

Routine annual appointments.

ACTION ITEMS

Vote to Accept Revised School Committee Sub-Committees

A motion was made by Mr. Carvalho, seconded by Mr. Salpietro, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To table the School Committee Sub-Committees (Revision).
until the first meeting in September.

Vote to Accept Swansea Public Schools District Improvement Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Carvalho, seconded by Mrs. Bell, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the Swansea Public Schools District Improvement Plan
for 2018-2021.

Vote to Approve Request for Observation of Education Program by Parents/Designees for Evaluation Purposes – One Request

A motion was made by Mr. Salpietro, seconded by Mrs. Bell, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the request for observation of education program by
parent/designees for evaluation purposes.

Vote to Approve the Appointment of Supt. Robidoux to Bi-County Collaborative Board of Directors 2018-2019

A motion was made by Mr. Salpietro, seconded by Mrs. Bell, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the appointment of Supt. Robidoux to the Bi-County
Collaborative Board of Directors 2018-2019.

Vote to Approve the Appointment of Supt. Robidoux to South Coast Collaborative Board of Directors 2018-2019

A motion was made by Mr. Salpietro, seconded by Mrs. Bell, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the appointment of Supt. Robidoux to the South Coast Collaborative Board of Directors 2018-2019.

NEW BUSINESS: FUTURE DISCUSSIONS BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Carvalho extended best wishes for a good summer. He commented on the \$49,000 in scholarships awarded to this year's graduates. He extended best wishes to the graduates. Graduation was a beautiful day.

Mrs. Bell congratulated the graduates.

Mr. Salpietro commented that the Brown School windows and high school track will be done this summer.

He said the graduation ceremony was great.

He mentioned that the graduates' walk-through is a great idea. It was great for everybody involved. It was nice that teachers got to see students they had in the earlier years.

He extended best wishes for a safe summer.

Mr. Graham extended best wishes to graduates. He is looking forward to the incoming freshmen. He also wished everybody a safe summer.

Supt. Robidoux congratulated the graduates. He attended Class Night. He was unable to attend graduation because his son was graduating from his high school. He thanked Asst. Supt. White for stepping in. Maintenance did a great job getting the grounds ready.

He also commented on the success of the walk-throughs. He got positive comments. He said to remember "**We are all Cardinals.**"

Asst. Supt. White said a lot of fun things going on at the end of the year. Some of the seniors found their handprints on the wall when they were at Luther School. A Gardner School student told Mr. Overy it was the best day of his life.

She said it has been a good year. The Superintendent is amazing because of his creativity. It makes working here fun. They have been busy working on curriculum, professional development and maintenance projects.

Mr. Graham thanked all staff and also those involved in School Committee meetings throughout the year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 21, 2018 were corrected as follows: On page 1, Mr. Salpietro offered a moment of silence for.....Santa Fe, Texas

A motion was made by Mr. Salpietro, seconded by Mrs. Bell, and it was

VOTED: 3 Ayes; 1 Abstention; To accept the minutes of May 21 2018, as amended.

Mr. Salpietro – Aye; Mrs. Bell – Aye; Mr. Graham – Aye; Mr. Carvalho – Abstained.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular School Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2018, at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Carvalho, seconded by Mr. Graham, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

The vote: Mr. Carvalho – Aye; Mr. Graham – Aye; Mrs. Bell – Aye; Mr. Salpietro – Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Gamer
Secretary

Items Distributed at the School Committee Meeting of June 4, 2018

Copies of letters to recipients of “Students Come First” award

District Improvement Plan – 2018-2021

National Ranking of Joseph Case High School

Sub-Committees

Chartwells Monthly Report for April 2018

Request for Observation of Education Program

Laurie Vasconcellos – Resignation as union steward - secretaries

Michaela Goncalves – Thank you to Supt. Robidoux

Gardner Chirps – 5/18/18

Legislative Bulletin – re: F.Y. 2019 *Senate Ways & Means Budget Proposal*