



Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

Board – Committee – Commission – Council:

School Committee

Date: 2022-06-09

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: Reading Memorial High School

Location: Library

Address: 62 Oakland Road, Reading, MA

Members Present: - Tom Wise, Shawn Brandt, Erin Gaffen, Carla Nazzaro, Chuck Robinson

Members Not Present: Sarah McLaughlin

Others Present: Superintendent Tom Milaschewski, Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching Sarah Hardy, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Jen Stys, Director of Finance & Operations Susan Bottan

Minutes Respectfully submitted: Susan E Brown on behalf of the chairperson

A. Call to order – Tom Wise opened session at 7:00 pm and reviewed the agenda.

Mr. Brandt motioned to take out of order E1, seconded by Ms. Nazzaro, vote passed 5-0.

E. New Business –

1. Staff Recognitions

Dr Milaschewski recognized staff who have earned 10, 20 and 30 years of service to Reading Public Schools, Professional Teacher Status, and Teaching Excellence Awards.

B. Public Comment –

Mr. Wise invited the public to comment – no comments were made

Consent Agenda –

Mr. Brant motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Brandt asked that we change “Aly’s” to “Allies” on Page 2 of the Minutes for the 05-26-2022 meeting. The request was accepted.

The vote to approve the consent agenda, as amended, passed – 5-0

Reports:

2. Dr. Stys – gave update on SEPAC June 14th, 7pm final meeting for the year, program reviews are coming in and executive summaries will be available by the next school committee meeting.

3. Dr. Hardy –
 - She gave update on progress with core literacy, all ordering has been completed, now prepping materials for fall, and a review of support for SPED teachers, to ensure all students have access.
 - Also, Summer Academy pilot program is launching, it is going to support those who need further support and prevent regression, we have reached out to families and are now almost to capacity to give students a valuable experience this summer.
4. Ms. Bottan – gave update on school choice, 8 applicants were accepted and placed, 3 secondary, 5 elementary 6 of the students are from staff children.
5. Dr. Milaschewski –
 - He gave update on the Parker Principal search, Ms. Rochelle Rubino has accepted the position, she is currently at a middle school in Arlington and will be releasing her entry plan on July 1.
 - DESE District review we have received a rough draft, we are supplying a factual update and we will have the final report over the summer, which will be made public then.
 - The District Strategic plan will be announced later in the summer.
 - Graduation was a great success, thank you for all your hard work and congratulations class of 2022.

6. Liaison/sub-committee

Mr. Brandt reported on the ARPA Committee meeting Wed, 6/15, and audit committee will review RMLD, and the town side audit review will be later this month.

Mr. Wise mentioned permanent the building appointment committee is School Committee Chair, the Select Board Chair and Town Moderator, 2 members are up for re-appointment, the first meeting will be Monday June 13.

Mr. Brandt motioned to take out of order E2 – E5, seconded by Ms. Nazzaro, vote passed 5-0.

E. New Business

2. Ms. Bottan introduced Dr. McKibben to present on demographic research enrollment forecast – the presentation is available in its entirety on the website.
3. Ms. Leonard – presented on illustrative mathematics instruction, beginning with grades 3, 4, 5, 6, the plan is to do a staged roll-in to ensure full support for all educators. This is a process of curriculum adoption per DESE, grades 3-6 and K- 1 is part of this roll-out as part of the 2022-2023 school year. The grant amount of \$119,748, will cover year one, print and digital materials for k-2, professional development and training for all staff, year 2 professional development for staff 3-6. The presentation in its entirety on the website.

Mr. Brandt made a motion to accept Accelerating Mathematics Instruction for Students 2022-2023 award of \$119,748, seconded by Ms. Nazaro, vote passed 5-0.

4. Dr. Hardy – presented an update on learning and teaching for the upcoming school year. The presentation covered the following topics:
 - Professional learning
 - Curriculum Review

- Curriculum Implementation
- High School Instructional Program

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Meeting Break at 9:45 pm

Reconvened at 10:00 pm

2. Mr. Wise – presented update on Killam permanent building committee appointment – deliverable part of the MSBA process name and document the school building committee, aligned with town bylaws and MSBA’s needs. The School Committee as the sponsoring agent, makes recommendations to the appointments of committee members. The voting members must be Reading residents. The school committee will make recommendations to the PBC committee as to what is needed district wide regarding use of this building. Further discussions were done regarding what school committee desires to happen. The School Committee agreed to have two School Committee members as voting members as part of their nomination to the appointment committee. Mrs. Nazzaro and Mr. Brandt expressed interest. Mr. Brandt would defer to Mrs. McLaughlin if she wanted the role.

C. Personnel - Superintendent Summative Evaluation Review and Vote

1. Mr. Wise – updated on the summative evaluation of Dr Milaschewski. Dr. Milaschewski first year has been a success, he has worked collaboratively in rethinking processes across the district, working on improving morale of faculty and staff across the district, hiring of staff that meets the needs of Reading Public Schools. Full evaluation is available on the website.

Dr. Milaschewski appreciated everyone’s support, he mentioned that he truly appreciated all the support from all the staff, faculty, in every position within the district, that it’s a team effort, that we have a lot of work to do, and he’s encouraged and hopeful that we will be able to meet those needs.

Mr. Brandt motioned to approve the superintendent summative evaluation as presented in the packet, seconded by Mr. Robinson, vote passed 5-0.

2. Mr. Wise – MOA and Paraprofessional Union – Juneteenth Holiday Recognition Vote: voting that Juneteenth is not a paid holiday for paraprofessionals. It is currently a paid holiday for all other staff in the district.

Mr. Brandt moved to approve the MOA with the Reading Paraeducators Association regarding the inclusion of Juneteenth as a paid holiday, seconded by Ms. Gaffen, vote passed 5-0.

Ms. Nazzaro moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Robinson, vote passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm

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