



Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

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Board – Committee – Commission – Council:

School Committee

Date: 2023-01-05

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: Reading Memorial High School

Location: Library

Address: 62 Oakland Road, Reading, MA

Members Present: - Shawn Brandt, Erin Gaffen, Sarah McLaughlin (remote), Carla Nazzaro, Charles Robinson, Thomas Wise

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Tom Milaschewski, Susan Bottan

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

A. Call to order – Mr. Brandt opened the session at 7:00 pm and reviewed the agenda. Due to one committee member being remote, rollcall was done. Those present are as follows: Charles Robinson, Erin Gaffen, Thomas Wise, Carla Nazzaro, Shawn Brandt, and Sarah McLaughlin (remote)

C. Personnel

1. Recognition of National Board-Certified Teacher, Dr. Milaschewski recognized Mrs. Heather Lombardo who recently received recertification as a National Board-Certified Teacher. She is one of 130k teachers nationally who have obtained this certification. Dr. Milaschewski and committee members offered congratulations on this tremendous achievement. Mrs. Lombardo spoke briefly about the process and encouraged other staff to pursue the certification.

B. Public Comment – no public comment

Consent Agenda – Ms. Nazzaro motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Wise, no discussion, rollcall vote, vote passed 6-0.

Reports:

1. Ms. Bottan express gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Dailey who teaches photography at RMHS, there are 6 students who volunteered to add pictures to the Superintendents FY 24 Recommended Budget Book.
2. Dr. Milaschewski thanked alumni who have come back to substitute teach during the winter break. We have needed close to 50 subs daily and are at an 88% fill rate, we are filled for subs at this point up until Jan 22 for substitutes, which is thanks in part to the alumni of RMHS.

Liaison Reports/Sub-Committee: No reports this evening

D. Old Business

1. **End of Q1 Budget Transfer** – Ms. Nazzaro motioned to approve the transfer of \$40,736 from SPED/Out of District to District Health Cost Center, seconded by Mr. Robinson, some discussion from committee, roll call vote, vote passed 6-0.

E. New Business

1. **FY24 Budget** – Ms. Bottan presented on the administration cost center, districtwide cost center, school facilities cost center, and capital plan review, the presentation in its entirety is available in the packet. There was limited discussion from the committee – Ms. Bottan shared that questions received would be captured in an FAQ document and made available as part of a future packet.
5. **Review and Approve School Committee Policies** – Mr. Wise presented an overview of each of the SC Policies that were recently updated and will be up for voting this evening.

Policy JICA – Ms. Nazzaro began second reading of policy, Ms. Gaffen motioned to waive the reading, seconded by Mr. Robinson, roll call vote to waive passed 6-0.

Ms. Nazzaro made a motion to adopt Policy JICA, seconded by Mr. Robinson, no further discussion, roll call vote passed 6-0.

Policy JB - Ms. Nazzaro began second reading of policy, Ms. Gaffen motioned to waive the reading, seconded by Mr. Robinson, roll call vote to waive passed 6-0.

Ms. Nazzaro made a motion to adopt Policy JB, seconded by Mr. Robinson, no further discussion, roll call vote passed 6-0.

Policy JFBB – Ms. Nazzaro began second reading of policy JFBB, Ms. Gaffen motioned to waive the reading, seconded by Mr. Robinson, roll call vote to waive passed 6-0.

Ms. Nazzaro made a motion to adopt policy JFBB, seconded by Mr. Robinson, brief discussion on the changes made. No further discussion rollcall vote to adopt as amended, vote passed 6-0.

D. Old Business

2. **Second Reading and Adoption of Policy DEC**, Ms. Nazzaro began reading of policy, Ms. Gaffen motioned to waive the reading, seconded by Mr. Robinson, rollcall vote to waive passed 6-0.

Ms. Nazzaro made a motion to adopt policy DEC, seconded by Mr. Robinson, there was discussion on the changes made. No further discussion rollcall vote to adopt as amended, vote passed 6-0.

3. **Second Reading and Adoption of Policy DKC**, Ms. Nazzaro began reading of policy, Ms. Gaffen motioned to waive the reading, seconded by Mr. Robinson, rollcall vote to waive passed 6-0.

Ms. Nazzaro made a motion to adopt policy DKC, seconded by Mr. Robinson, there was discussion on the changes made. No further discussion rollcall vote to adopt as amended, vote passed 6-0.

4. **Second Reading and Adoption of Policy GCF**, Ms. Nazzaro began reading of policy, Ms. Gaffen motioned to waive the reading, seconded by Mr. Robinson, rollcall vote to waive passed 6-0.

Ms. Nazzaro made a motion to adopt policy GCF, seconded by Mr. Robinson, there was discussion on the changes made. No further discussion rollcall vote to adopt as amended, vote passed 6-0.

Mr. Geoffrey Coram inquired on Policy GCF changes; it was addressed by the committee.

5. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy JICK, Ms. Nazzaro began reading of policy, Ms. Gaffen motioned to waive the reading, seconded by Mr. Robinson, rollcall vote to waive passed 6-0.

Ms. Nazzaro made a motion to adopt policy JICK, seconded by Mr. Robinson, there was discussion on the changes made. No further discussion rollcall vote to adopt as amended, vote passed 6-0.

Dr. Geoffrey Coram inquired about the budget revolving accounts and the question will be added to the FAQ pertaining to the Superintendents FY24 Recommended Budget Book.

Mr. Wise requested that in future meetings we consider splitting the Regular Day and Special Education Cost Center across two meetings.

Mr. Wise made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Nazzaro, rollcall vote passed 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm