

SHAWSHEEN VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting

March 1, 2022

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Meuse at 7:34 p.m. with Superintendent-Director Jackson and the following members present: Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Bartolone, Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Kim and Messrs. Fiore, Fusco, Moffatt, O'Donnell and Peterson.

Also in attendance were Ms. Melanie Hagman, Assistant Superintendent-Director/Business Manager, Ms. Tayla Tildsley, Student Representative and Mr. Howard Greenspan, Attorney.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Fusco made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the FY2023 Operating Budget, seconded by Mr. Peterson, at 7:36 p.m. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Bartolone, Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Kim, and Messrs. Fiore, Fusco, Moffatt, O'Donnell and Peterson voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no public comment during the Hearing,

Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Ms. Asbedian, to close the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Bartolone, Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Kim, and Messrs. Fiore, Fusco, Moffatt, O'Donnell and Peterson voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Representative Report

Ms. Tildsley gave an overview of the status of winter sports tournaments and standings which have been all consuming to students currently. MCAS testing for sophomores begins in March and the junior and senior proms are on as scheduled. The library has begun an initiative entitled "Walk a Mile in Someone Else's Shoes", with forty books chosen to encourage students to read about others that may be different. Two Shawsheen students have won the first medals at Skills, one for promotional materials and the second for the t-shirt contest.

Bills and payroll approved.

LEGAL BILLS

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Moffatt, to approve the following payments for legal invoices, as presented:

Howard Greenspan	02/01/2022	\$3,340.00
Nuttall, MacAvoy	02/09/2022	\$ 301.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Bartolone, to approve the Minutes of January 25, 2022 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

A letter from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education notifying the District of the Department's special education determination under Part B of Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) that Shawsheen meets all requirements.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jackson updated the Committee on Covid numbers at Shawsheen since the last meeting, which has seen a sharp decline with only one case reported last week. Masks have become optional in the building as well as on buses. Dr. Jackson also updated the Department of Public Health numbers on the percentage of students in the five towns that are vaccinated by age grouping. There are currently 494 applications received by the February 1st deadline and approximately two-thirds of these have been interviewed.

New Business

PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022-2023 Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Ms. Kim, to accept the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES, 2022-2023 Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to table the discussion of the Program of Studies until the March 22nd meeting so that the Curriculum Subcommittee can approve it. Motion carried unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Moffatt, as Chair of the **Budget Subcommittee**, reported that the Subcommittee met this evening to discuss the FY23 Operating Budget and voted to recommend an amended budget to bring forward to the full Committee. After a lengthy discussion,

VOTE ON FY23 OPERATING BUDGET Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Asbedian, to approve the FY23 Operating Budget of \$34,677,784 as amended, recommended by the Budget Subcommittee. Motion carried 9-1, with Ms. Kim opposed.

Motion made by Mr. Moffatt, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the total assessments of \$27,228,133; and to further apportion the assessments to the District communities as follows: Bedford - \$870,837; Billerica - \$10,000,885; Burlington - \$2,667,214; Tewksbury - \$7,369,366; and Wilmington \$6,319,831. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SUPERINTENDENT INTERVIEWS The group discussed logistics of the interview process as well as questions to be asked. Each candidate will be given the opportunity for an opening statement as well as a closing statement. The interviews will last 1-1.5 hours each.


APPOINTMENT Of BUSINESS MANAGER Motion made by Mr. Moffatt, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to table the agenda items #13 and #14 until the March 22nd meeting. Motion carried 6-4 with Chair Meuse, Ms. Asbedian and Messrs. Fusco and Peterson opposed.

Future Agenda Items

1. MSBA Update
2. Cybersecurity Update
3. Update on Security Room

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to adjourn at 9:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Karen Faiola
Recording Secretary


Kent Moffatt
Secretary