

## SHAWSHEEN VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting

March 22, 2022

## MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Meuse at 7:31 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, Mr. Howard Greenspan, Attorney, and Ms. Danica Johnston, Director of Academics.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for Ukraine:

Mr. O'Donnell asked that the two students from Shawsheen that assisted at the Bedford town elections be invited and recognized for their help. The students were Ben Duncan, a senior in Graphics from Bedford and Melissa Keegan, a senior and National Honor Society student from Billerica. The Committee applauded their commitment to Shawsheen by helping out at this event.

Bills and payroll approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the Minutes of March 1, 2022 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the Minutes of March 2, 2022 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2022 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL BILLS

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the following payment for legal invoices, as presented:

Howard Greenspan	03/01/2022	\$1,240.00
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Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the following payment for legal invoices, as presented:

Nuttall, MacAvoy	03/09/2022	\$ 992.50
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Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Jackson asked the Chair to take the Program of Studies discussion out of Agenda order and move it up ahead of the Superintendent's Report.

The **Curriculum Subcommittee** met this evening to go through the changes to the Program of Studies and voted unanimously to recommend approval by the full Committee.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES            Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Fusco, to accept the proposed changes to the Program of Studies. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jackson updated the Committee on Covid numbers at Shawsheen since the last meeting, which continues to see the number holding steady. Approximately half of the students and staff are participating in the take home covid tests. There are currently 494 applications received by the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline with only five students left to be interviewed. SkillsUSA students brought home 71 medals at Districts, with 28 Gold, 26 Silver and 17 Bronze. Dr. Jackson also reported on the extraordinary winter sports season. Project Explore wrapped up with a total of 394 seventh grade students participating from the five towns: Billerica, 164; Burlington, 49; Wilmington, 58; Bedford, 20; Hanscom, 12 and Tewksbury, 91.

Subcommittee Reports

Chair Meuse reported that the Negotiation Subcommittee met on Monday evening to negotiate with our attorney, Howard Greenspan, on a contract for the new superintendent. Discussion will continue in Executive Session.

Old Business

Chair Meuse withdrew the discussion of the Business Manager appointment.

Mr. Fiore asked for the status of the Statement of Interest for the MSBA. Dr. Jackson reported that it will be reviewed at the April meeting.

New Business

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN            Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the School Improvement Plan as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2022-2023            Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the proposed school committee meeting dates for 2022-2023. Motion carried 9-0-1, with Mr. Peterson abstaining.

PHYSICIAN  
CONTRACT  
RENEWAL

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Moffatt, to recommend approval of the Physician contract for two years, from 2022-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT  
OF MUNICIPAL  
REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Jackson reported that Sarah Stanton, Town Manager in Bedford, has been appointed as the municipal representative for all matters related to contract negotiations, beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

REVISIONS  
TO 2022-2023  
SCHOOL  
CALENDAR

Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Fusco, to approve the recommended revisions to the 2022-2023 school calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON  
SCHOOL  
SECURITY ROOM

The Principal included a memo with an update on the usage of the video cameras that are housed in the school security room.

Future Agenda Items

1. Tildsley Family to be invited to the April meeting
2. Rename Business Manager position

Chair Meuse took a moment to thank Mr. Peterson who is retiring from the School Committee after 27.5 years on the Committee. The entire Committee congratulated him for his service to Shawsheen.


Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to enter into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining with non-union personnel, the Superintendent-Director Elect, which if discussed in open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the public body. 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. The Committee entered into Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. stating they would return to public session for the sole purpose of adjournment.

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Faiola  
Recording Secretary

  
Kent Moffatt  
Secretary

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Executive Session called to order by Chairwoman Meuse at 8:32 p.m. with Superintendent-Director Jackson and the following members present: Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Bartolone, Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Kim, Messrs. Fiore, Fusco, Moffatt, O'Donnell and Peterson. Also in attendance was Howard Greenspan, Attorney.

Attorney Greenspan reported to the Committee that agreement in principle had been reached with Tony McIntosh on a three-year contract. The Subcommittee was happy with the contract and it is now in the hands of his attorney, so there will be no vote tonight. Mr. McIntosh did come back and ask that the stipend for the mentor program with the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS) be extended for the full three years, which the Committee agreed to. Mr. Greenspan will re-draft the contract tomorrow and send to Attorney Long and this should be put on the agenda for the April meeting.

John Bagni, Shawsheen Teachers' Association President, has informed the Superintendent that he has signature cards from the paraprofessionals and computer services employees to form a union with the Massachusetts Teachers Association. Attorney Greenspan recommends voluntary recognition of the paraprofessionals, but the computer services group should not be in the same union. Attorney Greenspan will speak with Mr. Bagni to voluntarily recognize the paraprofessionals as a separate unit of the Shawsheen Teachers Association, but excluding the computer services group at this time.

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Fiore, to return to Open Session at 9:02 p.m. for the sole purpose of adjournment. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Faiola  
Recording Secretary

Patricia W. Meuse, Esq.  
Chair