

## SHAWSHEEN VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting

March 23, 2021

## M I N U T E S

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Meuse at 7:31 p.m. with Superintendent-Director Jackson and the following members present remotely: Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Gallagher, Mrs. Gillis and Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis, Moffat, O'Donnell and Peterson. Also present remotely were Ms. Melanie Hagman, Assistant Superintendent-Director/Business Manager, and Mohammadali Khalifa and Madison Fusco, Shawsheen's Student Representatives.

Chairwoman Meuse read into the record:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, S.18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational/Technical School District Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen or watch the meeting may do so by accessing the meeting link above. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Shawsheen website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Student Representative Report

Mr. Khalifa began the Student Report by updating the Committee on Robotics competitions as well as SkillsUSA, Co-op and Fall II Athletics. Ms. Fusco reported that MCAS testing will begin in May, as well as students returning to full in-person learning on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those students that are fully remote now will have the option to remain fully remote or to be in person full-time.

Bills and payroll approved.

Mrs. Meuse welcomed Brian O'Donnell as our newest Committee member from Bedford.

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Asbedian, to accept the Minutes of February 23, 2021, as written. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis, Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Moffatt and Peterson voted yes. Ms. Gallagher and Messrs. Gillis and O'Donnell abstained. Motion carried 7-0-3.

Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to accept the Executive Session Minutes of February 23, 2021, as written. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis, Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Moffatt and Peterson voted yes. Ms. Gallagher and Messrs. Gillis and O'Donnell abstained. Motion carried 7-0-3.

Correspondence

A thank you card from Ms. Stacy LaBella, English Instructor, for flowers that were sent upon the passing of her mother.

LEGAL BILLS Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Fusco, to approve the following payment for legal invoices, as presented:

Howard Greenspan	03/01/2021	\$300.00
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With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Gallagher, Mrs. Gillis, Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis, Moffatt, O'Donnell and Peterson voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

No registrations were received prior to the meeting for Public Comment. After discussion,

Motion made by Ms. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to post all agendas and attachments, unless included in Executive Session, on town sites as well as the Shawsheen Tech website. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Gallagher, Mrs. Gillis, Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis, Moffatt, O'Donnell and Peterson voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jackson followed up regarding the work that is being done on developing a website for social/emotional learning resources. It is not complete at this time but hopefully before the next meeting in April.

Shawsheen will be opening to one hundred percent in-person learning on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those students that are currently completely remote will be receiving a survey to choose whether they will return to in-person learning or remain completely remote. Current hybrid students will be returning to the classroom.

Subcommittee Reports

Ms. Asbedian, as Chair of the **Policy Subcommittee**, reported that the Subcommittee met on March 9 to discuss the parent Facebook page and social media language. After discussion, the Subcommittee agreed to meet again on March 16 and to invite Mr. John Bagni, STA President. After extensive discussions on the topic, the Subcommittee agreed to table this issue.

Mr. Moffatt, as Chair of the **Budget Subcommittee**, reported that the Budget Subcommittee met this evening to approve the Assessments for the FY22 Budget.

VOTE ON FY2022  
ASSESSMENTS

Motion made by Mr. Moffatt, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational/Technical High School Budget of \$33,505,515 which includes total assessments of \$25,285,210; and to further apportion the assessments to the District communities as follows: Bedford - \$859,598; Billerica - \$9,718,263; Burlington - \$2,593,065; Tewksbury - \$6,843,037; and Wilmington -\$5,271,247. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Gallagher, Mrs. Gillis, Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis, Moffatt, O'Donnell and Peterson voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

DRAFT 2021-2022  
SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion made by Mr. Gillis, seconded by Ms. Asbedian, to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar as recommended by Dr. Jackson. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Gallagher, Mrs. Gillis, Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis, Moffatt, O'Donnell and Peterson voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MEETING DATES

Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Gillis, to approve the school committee meeting dates for 2021-2022 as recommended by Dr. Jackson. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Gallagher, Mrs. Gillis, Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis, Moffatt, O'Donnell and Peterson voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

OUT OF STATE  
TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Ms. Gallagher, to approve the out of state travel request made by Mr. John Bagni, Traveling Rams Advisor, for a trip to Italy in April of 2022. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Gallagher, Mrs. Gillis, Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis, Moffatt, O'Donnell and Peterson voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Meuse, as Chair, took a moment to recognize three members of the Shawsheen School Committee whose final meeting is this evening and thanked them for their service.

Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Ms. Asbedian, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. C30A, Section (a)(2) to conduct negotiations with non-union personnel, the Superintendent of Schools, 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. Gallagher, Mrs. Gillis, Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis, 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.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:08 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Gedick, to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Gallagher, Mrs. Gillis, Messrs. Fusco, Gedick, Gillis, Moffatt, O'Donnell and Peterson voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Faiola  
Recording Secretary

Taryn Gillis  
Secretary