

Board/Committee Name: Petersham School Committee
Day/Date: Tuesday, March 12th, 2019
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM.
Location: Staff Room



School Committee Minutes

1. Call to Order: Lynn Peredina called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Lynn Peredina, Angela Danielson, and Jennifer DeJackome.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Superintendent Tari Thomas, Principal Joanne Menard, Director of Finance Daniel Haynes, and Alyssa Magoffin.

2. Public Comment

3. Report of the Teachers' Union- There is no report from the Teachers' Union.

4. March Items

- a. Mid-Year Report- Tari explained that this is our annual check in on all three districts relative to Curriculum, Instruction & Learning, Supports & Interventions, Finance and Operations and Community Outreach.

5. Matters for Action

- a. District Calendar for 2019-2020- Tari explained that this is the second version of the calendar which includes the early release days for professional development (8), MCAS administration will be added once those dates are available.

Angela Danielson moved to approve the district calendar for Union#73 and the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School for 2019-2020. Jennifer DeJackome seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.

- b. School Choice Program for 2019-2020- Lynn explained that yearly we vote our choice seats.

Angela Danielson moved that the Petersham Center School will participate in the School Choice Program for the 2019-202 school year with the following seats available:

Kindergarten- 10. Grade 1-0. Grade 2-10. Grade 3-0. Grade 4-6. Grade 5-0. Grade 6-0. Jennifer DeJackome seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.

6. Subcommittees and Board Liaison Reports

- a. Report of Union #73 Committee- no meeting to report on.

- b. Report of the R.C. Mahar Representative- Lynn explained they are meeting this Thursday.

- c. Report of the Leadership, Accountability & Measurement Subcommittee- Tari explained that this subcommittee next meets on Wednesday, March 20th at 6pm. Jen DeJackome is

in Petersham committee designee. This meeting will focus on the Superintendent's progress toward her goals set in the fall.

- d. Report of the Resources & Capacity Subcommittee
 - i. FY20 Budget Overview- Dan Haynes went through the budget. Dan explained he met with Lynn Peredina at resources and capacity meeting. Dan talked about the budget stressors. Joanne talked about the curriculum that will also need to be changed. Dan explained we do have technology purchases built into this but we need to make sure that the staff is on board with what is happening in that regards. The committee talked about health insurance if Petersham were to ever regionalize. Dan wanted to let the committee know that one more potential stressor would be the defective piping. They plan to replace that as it breaks but this could be costly.
Joanne wanted to talk about the enrichment program. Joanne explained we are looking to see if this will need to have a nurse on staff. Joanne explained they have done coding, digital music, escape rooms, cooking, and cake decorating. Lynn explained she doesn't think the 2.9% is too much of an increase.
Lynn wanted to talk about the \$21,000 in regards to technology. Lynn explained based on what she has heard she thinks this needs to be looked at. She is unsure if we are getting a return on the investment in regards to this. Lynn is hoping maybe a reduction can be done.
Dan explained the special education teacher resigned and the former special education teacher is going to fill in for the remainder of the year. Dan explained this will save \$11,000 for the remainder of this year.
 - e. Report of the Communications & Policy Subcommittee- Tari explained there is no meeting planned. Tari explained the three district policy manual is now up on the MASC website. So if you follow that link the entire book is there.
 - f. Report of the CAPS Representative- Tari explained that CAPS has had trouble meeting quorum requirements. They meet tomorrow to discuss the budget.
 - g. Regional Planning Committee- Lynn explained they have been meeting. Lynn explained they have met at the end of February. They have been going through the current agreement and tweaking it to fit the Elementary districts in. Lynn explained after these next couple of meetings it needs to go off to DESE for approval. Lynn explained that Nancy Allen has documented a DESE document of advantages and disadvantages of regionalization. Joanne Menard will be posting these informational meetings in her newsletter.
7. Superintendent's Report- Tari gave a brief report (on file).
 8. Approval of the Minutes- **Angela Danielson moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2019. Jennifer DeJackome seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.**
 9. Executive Session - **Angela Danielson moved to adjourn at 7:28pm to enter into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect**

to

collective bargaining with Teachers and/or Support Personnel. Roll call done. All in favor.

10. Next Meeting - April 9th, 2019 at 6:30pm. Budget hearing at 6:30pm. Regular meeting immediately follow.

11. Adjournment- **Angela Danielson moved to adjourn at 7:38. Jennifer DeJackome seconded. Roll call done by Alyssa Magoffin. All in favor.**

Minutes taken by: *Alyssa Magoffin*

APPROVED: 4-9-19

Signature of Secretary _____

DATE: _____

The agenda reflects topics that the Chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed.

Public Comment Protocols

The School Committee welcomes public comment on items that are within the scope of the School Committee's responsibilities. The Public Comment agenda item is reserved for this purpose. Members of the public wishing to address the Committee should be aware of the following guidelines:

- The Chair will recognize those wishing to speak and give them the floor. Only persons recognized by the Chair may speak. For purposes of the minutes, speakers should identify themselves at the beginning of their remarks.
- The purpose of Public Comment is to receive input from the community, not to engage in prolonged conversation with the Committee. The Chair will ensure that any comment or question that requires a response from the committee or the School Department will be addressed in a timely manner.
- All comments should be addressed through the Chair, not any individual committee member or to others in attendance.
- Speakers are expected to respect confidentiality. This includes the confidentiality of the speaker's own child/ren as well as that of school staff and personnel.