

**SHAWSHEEN VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

John P. Miller Conference Room  
100 Cook Street  
Billerica, MA 01821

**A G E N D A****MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

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April 1, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

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.

1. Roll Call – 7:30 p.m.
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
  - Howard Greenspan
3. Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2020, February 25, 2020, February 26, 2020
4. Superintendent's Report
  - Covid-19 Update
5. Subcommittee Reports
  - Personnel Subcommittee
6. Old Business
7. New Business
  - Discussion and Vote on the Election of Superintendent-Director
  - Ratification of STA Contract
  - Program of Studies
  - Proposed 2020-2021 School Calendar
  - Proposed 2020-2021 School Committee Meeting Dates
  - Request from Tewksbury Youth Baseball
8. Executive Session
  - Non-Union Contracts
9. Future Agenda Items
  - Requests from Committee
  - Requests from Administration

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School Committee Meeting

April 1, 2020

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Peterson at 7:32 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Meuse and Messrs. Gedick and Gillis. Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Gallagher, Mrs. Lambert, and Messrs. Fusco, Gallagher and McIntyre participated remotely. Mr. Howard Greenspan, Attorney and Ms. Dorothy Presser of MASC were also remote participants.

Vice-Chairman Peterson read the following statement:

“Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational/Technical School District Committee is being conducted via remote participation. 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 as provided for in the Order. A reminder that persons who would like to listen or view this meeting while in progress may do so by accessing the link that was included on the meeting agenda posted on the Shawsheen website and the five district town halls. If, despite our best efforts, we are not able to provide for real-time access, and we will post a record of this meeting on the School’s website as soon as we are able.”

LEGAL BILLS

Motion made by Mr. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Gedick, to approve the following payments for legal invoices:

Howard Greenspan	02/01/2020	\$3,180.00
Howard Greenspan	03/02/2020	\$1,120.00
Howard Greenspan	04/01/2020	\$3,580.00

Bills and payroll approved.

Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Mr. Gillis, to accept the Minutes of February 24, 2020, February 25, 2020 and February 26, 2020 as written. Motion carried 9-1 with Ms. Gallagher abstaining.

Superintendent’s Report

Interim Superintendent-Director Hagman updated the Committee on Covid-19 and the steps that the school is taking with regards to student learning and keeping those in the building safe. She commended the maintenance staff and outside cleaners for their diligence in cleaning every inch

of the space, and continuing this practice daily. Our Food Services department has been in the building preparing meals for those families that request them and are continuing to send notifications to families. The Principal has been communicating with staff and they are working on a plan to roll out to families, having their first virtual staff meeting today. Ms. Hagman also updated the group on the status of admissions, with 354 acceptance letters going out electronically and 64 on the wait list. Freshmen have been placed in permanent shops.

### Subcommittee Report

Mr. Gillis, Chair of the Personnel Subcommittee, reported that the Subcommittee met this evening to discuss non-union personnel contracts and salaries and will be concluding this at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON THE ELECTION OF SUPERINTENDENT DIRECTOR Hearing no objection from the Committee, past practice motions carry for a majority of the ten members, which would require six votes for any candidate to be elected to the position of Superintendent-Director.  
Motion made by Mr. Gedick, seconded by Mr. Gillis, to nominate Ms. Jenna Lesko.

Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mrs. Meuse, to nominate Dr. Susan Kustka.

Ms. Gallagher recommended that the current search be suspended and begin a new search.

Motion made by Mr. McIntyre to move to a vote of 7 out of 10 in order to elect a superintendent. With no second, the vote will require 6 out of 10 members in order to elect a superintendent.

Ms. Asbedian, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Peterson agreed with Ms. Gallagher's statement.

On the motion by Mr. Gedick, seconded by Mr. Gillis, to nominate Ms. Jenna Lesko, with a roll call vote, Messrs. Gedick, Gillis and McIntyre voted yes, Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Gallagher, Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Meuse, Messrs. Fusco and Gallagher voted no, and Mr. Peterson abstained. 3 yes votes with 6 voting no and 1 abstention.

On the motion by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mrs. Meuse, to nominate Dr. Susan Kustka, with a roll call vote, Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Meuse, and Mr. Fusco voted yes, Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Gallagher and Messrs. Gallagher, Gedick, Gillis and McIntyre voted no, and Mr. Peterson abstained. 3 yes votes with 6 voting no and 1 abstention.

After discussion:

Motion made by Mr. Gedick, seconded by Mr. Gillis, to suspend the current search for superintendent-director. With a roll call vote, Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Gallagher and Messrs. Gallagher, Gedick, Gillis, McIntyre and Peterson voted yes, with Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Meuse and Mr. Fusco voting no. 7 yes votes with 3 voting no.

Prior to discussion of the STA contract, Mr. Peterson left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

RATIFICATION OF STA CONTRACT Mr. Gillis updated the Committee on the status of the STA contract, which was voted affirmatively in Executive Session at the March meeting.

Mr. Peterson returned to the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Mr. McIntyre, to approve the updates to the Program of Studies, as prepared by Ms. Jessica Cook, Principal, and recommended by Ms. Melanie Hagman, Interim Superintendent-Director. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar, as proposed by Ms. Melanie Hagman, Interim Superintendent-Director after discussions with Mr. John Bagni, STA President, to begin the school year outside of contract and before Labor Day, without precedent. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED 2020-2021 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Mr. Gedick, to approve the proposed 2020-2021 School Committee meeting dates. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM TEWKSBURY BASEBALL Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Mr. Gillis, to approve the request from Tewksbury Youth Baseball to construct dugouts at their youth baseball field, as recommended by Mr. David Norkiewicz, Director of Vocational/ Technical Programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Meuse, to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Faiola  
Recording Secretary

Nancy Asbedian  
Secretary