

SHAWSHEEN VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting

May 25, 2021

M I N U T E S

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Meuse at 7:32 p.m. with Superintendent-Director Jackson and the following members present: Ms. Bartolone, Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Kim and Messrs. Fiore, Fusco, Moffat, O'Donnell and Peterson. Ms. Asbedian participated remotely. Also present were Ms. Melanie Hagman, Assistant Superintendent-Director/Business Manager, Mohammadali Khalifa and Madison Fusco, Shawsheen's Student Representatives and Jessica Cook, Principal.

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

Ms. Fusco began by updating the Committee on the Covid restrictions that are easing in the building, and upcoming senior events including Scholarship Night, Graduation on June 3 and the Prom on June 8. Mr. Khalifa updated on National Honor Society, Spanish courses being taught this summer and the Wrestling team.

Motion made by Mr. Fusco to take the meeting out of order and move number 9 on the Agenda as the next agenda item.

Chairwoman Meuse turned the meeting over to Superintendent Jackson for the re-organization at 7:36 p.m.

REORGANIZATION

After accepting nominations for Chairman, Mrs. Meuse was nominated by Mr. Fusco and seconded by Mrs. Gillis, and Mr. Peterson was nominated by Mr. Moffatt and seconded by Ms. Kim.

With a roll call vote, Ms. Asbedian, Mr. Fusco, Mrs. Gillis, Mrs. Meuse and Mr. O'Donnell voted for Mrs. Meuse; Ms. Kim, Mr. Fiore and Mr. Moffatt voted for Mr. Peterson, with Ms. Bartolone and Mr. Peterson abstaining. Mrs. Meuse was re-elected Chair with a 5-3-2 vote.

Superintendent Jackson returned the meeting to Chairwoman Meuse at 7:41 p.m.

Nominations were accepted for Vice Chair:

Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to nominate Ronald Fusco as Vice Chair. With a roll call vote, Chairwoman Meuse, Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Bartolone, Mrs. Gillis and Messrs. Fiore, Fusco, O'Donnell and Peterson voted yes, and Ms. Kim and Mr. Moffatt abstained. Mr. Fusco was elected 8-0-2.

Nominations were accepted for Secretary:

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Fusco, to nominate Mr. Moffatt as Secretary. 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. Mr. Moffatt was elected 10-0.

Nominations were accepted for Treasurer:

Motion made by Ms. Kim, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to nominate Taryn Gillis as Treasurer. 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. Ms. Gillis was elected 10-0.

Bills and payroll approved.

Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to accept the Minutes of April 27, 2021, as written. 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.

Correspondence

LEGAL BILLS

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

Howard Greenspan	05/01/2021	\$760.00
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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.

Public Comment

Doreen Healy, from Billerica, commented on the emergency admissions guidance that was presented in October of 2020 and is concerned about Shawsheen's current admissions policy. She would like to see the Committee take a closer look at this policy as she feels it is not being completely followed and needs to be updated.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jackson reported to the Committee that there have not been any in-school cases of Covid since May 10. Students have been asked to report status of vaccinations with 79 receiving first dose and 39 fully vaccinated. Scholarship Night is Wednesday in the school cafeteria and will be televised live, with a limited number of presenters in the building. Graduation is on June 3, with rain dates on June 4 and 5. Students will be given six tickets each for family.

Dr. Jackson also reported that an oversight occurred in the 2020-2021 school calendar with the last day of school being listed as a full day for students where it should be a half day.

Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Fiore, to return June 14 to a half day for students and full day for staff. 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.

Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Moffatt, as Chair of the **Budget Subcommittee**, reported that the Subcommittee met this evening for a presentation from Colleen D'Alfonso from Daniel Dennis on the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report. The Subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend approval to the full Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT & AUDITOR'S REPORT	Motion made by Mr. Moffatt, seconded by Mr. Fusco, to accept the FY21 Financial Statement & Auditor's Report as presented. 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.
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New Business

MINOR CHANGES TO SHAWSHEEN'S ADMISSIONS PRACTICES FOR THE CLASS OF 2025	Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Kim, to approve the three temporary, covid-related modifications made by the Superintendent for the admissions process for the Class of 2025. 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.
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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the School Improvement Plan as presented. 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 HANDBOOK Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Ms. Asbedian, to approve the changes to the Student Handbook as presented. 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.

MASC OFFICIAL AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Fiore, to nominate Mrs. Meuse as the official delegate and Ms. Asbedian as the alternate to the joint MASC/MASS Convention in November. 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 OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIPS Motion made Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Moffatt, to approve the student out of state field trips for 2021-2022. 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.

Future Agenda Items

1. Subcommittee assignments
2. School Committee retreat

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Asbedian, to adjourn at 8:45 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Faiola
Recording Secretary

Kent Moffatt
Secretary