

SHAWSHEEN VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting

June 22, 2021

M I N U T E S

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Meuse at 7:33 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 was absent. Also present were Ms. Melanie Hagman, Assistant Superintendent-Director/Business Manager, Ms. Doreen Healy of Billerica and Ms. Debbie Barnes of Billerica.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the group.

Bills and payroll approved.

Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Kim, to accept the Minutes of May 25, 2021, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

CorrespondenceLEGAL BILLS

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

Howard Greenspan	06/01/2021	\$ 260.00
Nuttall, MacAvoy	06/07/2021	\$2,150.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Meuse read into the record a letter received from Joseph Devlin, Director of the Town of Billerica Ambulance Service:

“On 6/3/2021 at 5:32 p.m., Billerica EMS responded to the graduation ceremony at Shawsheen Tech for a 66 y/o Male who had collapsed and was in cardiac arrest. The patient was there celebrating the graduation of a family member. He ultimately survived the event with the help of many people. However, I would like to bring attention to the following four people: 1) Karen Meister, Shawsheen Health Assisting Teacher and Registered Nurse; 2) Maggie Joyce, Shawsheen’s School Nurse Leader; 3) Nina Brophy, Shawsheen School Nurse; 4) Sherry Buckland, parent of a graduate from the Class of 2021. These 4 people, 3 are Shawsheen Tech Staff, and the fourth a parent who I believe is a registered nurse, exhibited the highest standards of professionalism. They performed early bystander CPR and used the School’s automatic external defibrillator (AED). The patient as a result regained pulses and was awake and talking upon arrival of the paramedics. It is without any doubt, if it was not for their actions the patient would not have survived the cardiac arrest he suffered. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.”

Mr. Fusco requested that the above-mentioned four women be invited to the September School Committee meeting to be recognized for their efforts and that a letter of commendation be put into their personnel file as well.

Public Comment

Doreen Healy, from Billerica, commented on her ongoing concerns about the admissions policy and with the School Committee adhering to Shawsheen's Policy Manual. She also expressed concerns with the school's website.

Debbie Barnes, of Billerica, commented on punitive discipline practices and would like the School Committee to investigate the Dean's Office and their qualifications.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jackson presented a PowerPoint to the Committee sharing a Year-in-Review of the highlights and accomplishments from March of 2019 when the pandemic began, through graduation of 2021. He also discussed the challenges that the District will face going forward as the school begins a search for a new superintendent, a process that will require focus on the goals of this school.

Subcommittee Reports

Mrs. Gillis, as Chair of the **Curriculum Subcommittee**, reported that the Subcommittee met this evening for the purpose of discussing the Pilot Program for Freshman Exploratory, which was withdrawn by the Superintendent pending further discussion during the next school year with members of the Shawsheen staff.

Mr. Moffatt, as Chair of the **Budget Subcommittee**, reported that the Subcommittee met this evening to discuss budget line item transfers which were unanimously approved by the Budget Subcommittee, and recommended their approval by the full Committee.

BUDGET Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the line
TRANSFERS item transfers as recommended by Superintendent-Director Jackson.
 Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to authorize the transfer of up to \$750,000 from available FY21 funds to the Compensated Absences Trust Fund and up to \$250,000 from available FY21 funds to the Unemployment Trust Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

SUPERINTENDENT A meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m. with the sole
SEARCH agenda item being the upcoming superintendent search.

New Business

2021-2022 Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Bartolone, to approve the
PROFESSIONAL Professional Development Plan as prepared by Ms. Jessica Cook, Principal,
DEVELOPMENT and presented by Dr. Jackson, as written. Motion carried unanimously.
PLAN

REVISED 2021-2022 Motion made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Moffatt, to approve
SCHOOL the revised 2021-2022 school calendar, as presented by Dr. Jackson.
CALENDAR Motion carried unanimously.

PILOT PROGRAM Dr. Jackson reported to the Committee that he is withdrawing the Pilot
FOR FRESHMAN Program for Freshman Exploratory that was to be presented this evening
EXPLORATORY and will convene a committee of vocational instructors to study the program
and will present their revised Pilot Program at a later date.

SCHOOL After discussion among the group, the date of July 9 from 9:00 a.m. to
COMMITTEE 3:00 p.m., here at Shawsheen, was established as the date and location
RETREAT of the upcoming School Committee retreat.

Future Agenda Items

1. Facilities Subcommittee
2. Resource Officer
3. Changes in Guidance and Support Services
4. Social/Emotional

Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Faiola
Recording Secretary

Kent Moffatt
Secretary