

SCITUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING-TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016
CLAYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1. Convene into open session at 7:00 PM.
2. Call of Members – Chair Umbriano

Present were Mrs. Umbriano, Chair, Mrs. Guglielmi, Mrs. Pendergast, Mrs. Esposito and Mr. LaPlante. Also present Dr. Lawrence Filippelli, Superintendent, Dr. Michael Sollitto, Assistant Superintendent, and Attorney David D'Agostino.

A. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chair Umbriano, the Committee and audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Routine Matters – Minutes and Bills:

Mrs. Guglielmi: Motion to Approve the Scituate School Committee Executive Session Meeting Minutes October 4, 2016.

Mr. LaPlante: Second

All in favor: Yes
Motion passes

Mrs. Guglielmi: Motion to Approve the Scituate School Committee Regular Session Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 4, 2016.

Mrs. Pendergast: I have a question I did not see in the open session minutes that we took a vote in Executive Session. If we take a vote in Executive Session we have to report in open session. I do not see it in the minutes. We took a vote for administrators' raises. Can we amend the minutes?

Mr. D'Agostino: The obligation is to report any votes in open session. As long as there is no reason to keep confidential. I think just reporting is ok.

Mr. LaPlante: No we voted, I am reading it now.

Mrs. Pendergast: Second

Mrs. Umbriano: I have a motion and a second.

All in favor: Yes
Motions passes

Mrs. Esposito: Larry I got an email from a parent no minutes on-line; no July or August

Dr. Filippelli: On our website or ClerkBase?

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Mrs. Esposito: On ours

Mrs. Guglielmi: Made a motion to approve Grant Bills for November 2016 in the amount \$46,161.02.

Mrs. Esposito: Second

All in favor: Yes
Motion passes

Mrs. Guglielmi: Made a motion to approve 2016-2017 Budget General Fund for November 2016 in the amount \$554,671.76.

Mrs. Esposito: Second

Mrs. Pendergast: Question page 1 payment of \$19,885.00.

Dr. Filippelli: Damage done by delivery trucks to the front entrance and Glen fixed it so it would not happen again.

Mrs. Pendergast: Would it be in capital funds?

Dr. Filippelli: I will check.

All in favor: Yes
Motion passes

**C. Correspondence:
None**

Mr. LaPlante: Move to take a matter out of order: Take item H8 to discuss now.

Mrs. Esposito: Second

All in favor: yes
Motion passes

Open the discussion for indoor track.

Mrs. Vinacco
75 Shun Pike.

Thank you for putting this on the agenda.

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I would like to correct the agenda, we are not looking for a track we are looking for a team and we have about 35 kids that are interested in starting an indoor team. We added an outdoor and we have cross country.

It will be self-sufficient. I sent a letter and I CC'd all of you.

Do you want to ask me any questions?

Dr. Sollitto: I contacted the interscholastic league about what the fees would be. League fee \$100.00 yearly. We would have to pay the ~~fee~~ 2fee 2 times one each for boys and girls, \$100.00 officials fee times 2 for each boys and girls and a sports fee which is \$95.00. So you have \$295.00 for Boys indoor track team and \$295.00 Girls indoor track team. The only other cost would be bus trips. 5 regular season meets plus championships etc. So it is estimated to \$1,100 per team. A total \$2,830 for each team for transportation and league fees. Using volunteer coaches.

Mrs. Vinacco: We have uniforms from cross country the only thing that students may need is warm up suits that the parents have been supplying. The meets are all held at PTCP in Providence.

Mr. LaPlante: Cost?

Dr. Sollitto: Part of league fees. It is not offered as a club sport.

Mrs. Umbriano: What are the costs this year?

Dr. Sollitto: \$2,830

Mrs. Vinacco: The Coaches have volunteered, Leanne is the volunteer coach for the boys and my husband will help out.

Leanne is the outdoor boys track coach in Smithfield. We have another volunteer for the girls. Leanne, because she has the connection with Smithfield she has spoken to the principal

Leanne: The coach and principal from Smithfield said we can go there and train with them on their outdoor track.

Mrs. Vinacco: If you cannot run outside they run inside.

Dr. Filippelli: I just want to speak to the indoor piece of this. Scituate is a small school and I am concerned about them running inside, and the custodial side of it where they cannot complete their work.

Mr. LaPlante: We are talking about Smithfield.

Dr. Filippelli: No they are not.

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Leanne: We could do Smithfield.

Mr. LaPlante: You are saying in other schools it is common practice to run inside the hallways? What about events? What is the plan for gym use?

Mrs. Umbriano: Indoor track is just not running on a track? There is high jump and hurdles?

Mrs. Vinacco: We may not be able to offer every field event at this time. We would practice on our track, 1500-3000 run on the streets even in the winter. If they cannot run on the streets or on the track they practice indoor.

Mr. LaPlante: Let's say the weather does not permit outdoor running and Scituate does not permit indoor? What is the option if you cannot run in Scituate?

Leanne: Smithfield

Mrs. Umbriano: How would they get there?

Leanne: Carpool

Mr. LaPlante: We are not providing transportation for practice. Do you think Smithfield can accommodate us?

Mrs. Pendergast: We do not want our kids running in school and we want Smithfield to allow our kids to?

Mr. LaPlante: Smithfield and North Smithfield are great sister towns they not only allowed us to use their fields while ours were down and did not charge us. But I agree with Coleen that is pushing it.

Mrs. Pendergast: I would like a more definitive plan.

Leanne: The principal has already spoken to someone higher up and the coach believes everyone could work together.

Mrs. Pendergast: Is it ok?

Dr. Sollitto: Yes and it is a very common practice.

Mrs. Esposito: Where is the AD with this?

Dr. Filippelli: I called Sal last week and he is 100% in support of this.

Mrs. Esposito: Should he be the one to contact Smithfield with this plan?

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Mrs. Umbriano: Do we need insurance? Larry will check on insurance.

Leanne: I do not know that. That would be something that Sal would follow up on.

Mrs. Umbriano: I thought indoor track was indoors, but there is more to this?

Mrs. Vinacco: Competing is indoor, practice is anywhere.

Mrs. Umbriano: When we started outdoor track there was an understanding that we had no track and everyone said it was not a problem. Now there are all new people and we are looking at building a track to keep track.

Mr. Allhusen, Captain of team in Ponaganset
15 Talon Court, Hope

Traditionally we practice outdoors, we had 3 practices indoors last year.
Sprinting outside and long jump and huddles in the gym.

Mrs. Pendergast: Ponaganset.

Mr. Allhusen: yes and as far as we only have buses for 4 or 5 meets and we car pool for most.

Jennifer Huff
201 Franklin Road

My son did indoor track, at Ponaganset the coach would have them run at home, on a treadmill and I as a parent have ~~no concerns~~ no concerns.

Mrs. Esposito: Did you have a partnership with Ponaganset last year?

Mr. Allhusen: Last year we were able to send 3 athletes to compete.

Dr. Sollitto: You are allowed 3 from each, boys and girls and they would go with another group. 3 boys who represent Scituate that trained with Ponaganset and the school paid the league fees, they are capped at 3 and 3.

Mrs. Pendergast: Only 3 boys and 3 girls. It is a lottery.

Mr. LaPlante: What is the logic behind that?

Dr. Sollitto: Any more than that they are considered a team.

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Mrs. Pendergast: So in moving forward if it was to remain as last year only 3 of you would be able to compete.

Mr. Sollitto: The kids on the team last year would have first option.

Mr. LaPlante: My biggest concern is facilities. Everyone is fighting for space and the last thing we need is more push for space. If you are not looking for space it is a no brainer.

Dr. Sollitto: All winter our track is plowed for evacuations.

Scott Amaral

55 Rolling Green Drive

What is the issue with custodians, you only need 4 hallways I do not think this is a big deal

Mrs. Umbriano: We have not spoken to them and this should have been brought to them. This should have been brought to us in August.

I can put them on hold and do this in December

Mr. Amaral: I do not know what the big deal is.

Mr. LaPlante: We want to speak with everyone, we need to understand what the impact is on everyone.

Mr. Amaral: I ran inside in Burrillville for the wrestling team and it is no big deal.

Mrs. Pendergast: I am not up with what goes on with indoor track. I am concerned with running inside; it is a safety issue.

Mr. Allhusen: We rarely run inside, it almost never happens. I do not think we have had any issue with any custodians.

Mr. LaPlante: How about 2 or 3 years ago.

Matthew Vinacco

75 Shun Pike

I have been on the track team and very rarely we ran inside.

Tim McCormick:

428 Trimtown Road

I ran inside for wrestling, it is not a big deal.

I think it is great we are bringing in new sports. However historically every time we have brought a new sport into the school it has cost more money than it was supposed to.

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Up against a time line. I would encourage you to contact other schools with season programs so you have a record on what it would cost.

Dr. Sollitto: We did that already, with coaches' salaries you would be looking at \$11,000 per year.

Mr. LaPlante: Going forward that concerns me, it is the expectancy in the future. We do not have the facilities.

Mr. Allhusen: We very rarely would use the buildings.

Mrs. Umbriano: Will we have to host events?

Mr. LaPlante: What about the non-running events ~~it seem~~ it seem there would be gym pressure for this.

Mrs. Vinacco: Long Jump, Hammer, Shot put, we do not have the facilities and we will never have them.

Mrs. Pendergast: What are you looking for here?

Mrs. Vinacco: We will be able to have sprinting and long distance running.

Mrs. Umbriano: Can we make a list of what you are coming to us for now?

Mr. LaPlante: I do not think we need that.

Mrs. Umbriano: Suppose we have to host a hammer event.

~~Mrs~~ Mrs. Vinacco: We never have to.

Mr. Allhusen: I wanted to do the weight thrower so I trained with the Ponaganset team. Only runners, jumpers and hurdlers right now.

Joseph Poccia
9 Azalea Court

I agree with Mr. LaPlante, one legal size basketball court in the town? This least amount of money of all sports. Runners boost their academic side. This town is looking to save money, these sports are the least costly.

Mrs. Guglielmi: In the past we have had the practice of it being a club instead of a sport.

Mr. LaPlante: We cannot have a club. My approval would be conditioned on that you do not adversely affect any other sport.

Kevin Barry

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115 Franklin Road

The Girls were with Cranston West last year. They had no access indoor. So when it rained I went and picked them up.

Joseph Poccia

9 Azalea Court

We are not asking for anything but a team so we can run together.

Running athletes have the highest GPA's of all sports.

Mrs. Esposito: Can we get the AD involved in this and look at the indoor facilities.

I did teach in another school and they ran on an indoor track.

I am in favor of looking at 35 students spending the winter running indoor track.

Mr. LaPlante: Move to approve the team subject to the following:

1. Our AD coordinate with Smithfield regarding the facilities.
2. Clarify that no use of the indoor facilities by this team without the AD and Superintendent approval.

Mrs. Pendergast: When do you need to know?

Dr. Sollitto: Today.

Mrs. Guglielmi: Second

Dr. Filippelli: This was not budgeted for. It is a low budget item and an opportunity for our kids and we will find the money to support it this year. Next year we will be mindful that it will need to be added to the budget.

Mr. LaPlante: Maybe my third condition would be to revisit in August of next year because we are only approving for this year.

Mrs. Esposito: Would we be taking direction from the AD for the budget? The budget cycle is November-December. We would have to make this decision. We cannot wait until next June. I would expect the AD to come in with a recommendation at that point.

Mrs. Pendergast: The AD will have to make the decision based on the budget for next year. There is not an extra 10-12 thousand dollars laying around.

Dr. Sollitto: We have to reallocate the monies in the athletic budget.

Mrs. Esposito: How did you get the \$11,000 amount?

Dr. Sollitto: Coaches salaries, buses and league fees.

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Mr. LaPlante: Motion subject to AD coordinate with Smithfield regarding the facilities. Clarify that no use of the indoor facilities by this team without the AD and Superintendent approval. This is not an approval for next year.

Mrs. Pendergast: Need more feedback.

Mrs. Umbriano: Is that ok?

Mrs. Vinacco: Next year they will have to come back.

Mr. LaPlante: No you will see it play out in the end of the year in our budget the AD will try and plug that in and find that money but we need computers, text books, etc. and money is tight.

Mrs. Pendergast: I commend you all for being here; the budget cycle is out and we need to meet here. There needs to be due diligence for next year.

All in favor: yes
Motion Passes

D. Report of the Committee Liaisons:

Mrs. Esposito: SPP is sponsoring the after school programming for the middle school students. Final stages of the life of an athlete and will be linked to a web page on the SPP website.

Erica McCormick
428 Trimtown Road
After school program is about \$5,000 and Mike Zajac is working really hard.

Mr. LaPlante: Budget is coming, need to take off School Space ~~nNeedsneeds~~ I have been replaced by June. The reason I was identified was for fields and now it has moved to the next level.

Mrs. Umbriano: The building committee is by the Town Council. It is not the same thing.

Mr. LaPlante: I have not been going to those meetings.

Mrs. Guglielmi: It is not the same thing.

Mr. LaPlante: I was working on the field project now it has moved to a different level so now I do not think I should remain there.

Mrs. Umbriano: The building committee was put together by the town council.

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Mr. LaPlante: I just want someone who has knowledge to report and I am out of the loop.

Mrs. Pendergast: I just want to add on to what Brian said should we be adding June as part of a building committee, liaison to a committee it should be listed and reported on.

Mr. D'Agostino: The truth is you are under a town committee.

Mrs. Umbriano: Larry or Mike are you on this committee?

Dr. Filippelli: I am

Mrs. Pendergast: Nothing

Mrs. Guglielmi: Nothing

Mrs. Umbriano: Food Service meeting next month.

Traffic safety we had a meeting about 4 way stop sign and the round a-bouts they want to put in. Health and wellness the breakfast was at the Crown Plaza and Pete attended to get ideas.

E. Assistant Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Sollitto read his report into the Record (which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by the referenced.)

1. New State Graduation Regulations

2. School Classification Release

Mrs. Pendergast: 2 of our schools are on alert status. Is that on PARCC?

Dr. Sollitto: I had the same question. I believe that it is due to low ~~attendance-~~
participation over a 2 year period.

3. Advanced Course Network Spring Offerings

Mrs. Pendergast: No cost involved and none of our students were able to participate; some classes were all year.

Dr. Sollitto: Schools that were doing all year pulled out. Online courses are using Google classroom.

Mrs. Pendergast: Too late for year-long classes

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Mrs. Esposito: If a student elects for January can they participate?

Dr. Sollitto: Yes

Mrs. Esposito: What do they get from us?

Dr. Sollitto: One credit. 3 college credits and 1 high school credit; I will look in at courses that are less than 3 college credits; it is uncharted territory.

4. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Update

5. Transgender Policy

6. Administrators' Book Club

Mrs. Pendergast: At the last meeting you had said you had a technology committee meeting that was going to take place last month.

Dr. Sollitto: I do have minutes from the meeting and we can discuss.

Mrs. Pendergast: I asked that it be put on.

Dr. Sollitto: One page summary report. Assistant Superintendent - technology committee minutes read into record.

Mrs. Pendergast: One full time employee and they are employed by?

Dr. Sollitto: Paid by the consultant company not by the district. Mark bills us for 96 hours for the month and puts in 50-60 hours per week.

Mrs. Pendergast: Part of which I want to touch on is this not listed on the website. I am embarrassed by this. I am not saying we are not doing this work but did anyone review this. Ed are you the chair, have you always been the chair?

Dr. Myers: At the 2 meetings we had this year. Back when Mr. Brockway was principal the committee met often. For a period of time the committee did not have formal meetings.

Mrs. Pendergast: Our document does not say that, it says the Technology committee met and I do not see any teachers on it and only one parent. It says that our committee is comprised of teacher, administrators and parents. I think we missed the boat. Only 2 technology committee meeting this year.

Mr. LaPlante: What are you looking for?

Mrs. Pendergast: What am I looking for? Technology in our schools.

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Mrs. Umbriano: We spent \$200,000 upgrading.

Mrs. Pendergast: I am embarrassed personally, look at other schools plan. We look like we are still in 2007.

Mr. LaPlante: You want an updated plan? See the committee meet more often?

Mrs. Pendergast: Yes meet more often and why do we not have any teachers on that committee.

Mrs. Esposito: I just noticed in one of the reports that there are building technology meetings. I saw one in Clayville. We have no vision for computer education. It is a very limited budget and it is quite stagnant. 2007 looks good but not for 2016. The numbers of computers, those numbers include ~~labs. That~~ labs. That does not include personal computers, ~~You~~ you might have 1 or 2 computers in the classroom and some do not work. What do you want the computers in Scituate to look ~~like~~ like?

Dr. Sollitto: District Vision and strategic plan needs to be updated. It has not been updated.

Dr. Filippelli: The reason it has not been updated was because of the Department of Education.

Mrs. Pendergast: We can have vision and strategy planning that does not tie with standardized testing.

Dr. Sollitto: We are unsure of the direction at the high school, we have a lot of irons in the fire. Creating pathways that are sustainable.

Mrs. Esposito: With all due respect and I looked at other schools and their technology plans are very well defined. Looked at the education in the classroom and moved it 5 years and setting action plans. School Committee and Administration. That technology classroom is so important.

Mrs. Pendergast: We have this plan and we are not adding any computers. It is money?

Mr. LaPlante: This is all about a funding issue. Mark has been fantastic and we need to spend more dollars but where are they coming from. Budget will be painful this year. We may have to tell that indoor track group no. I think it is all about funding.

Mrs. Esposito: May I suggest if you have a 5 year plan, I suggest you roll it out so it does not cost you the big bucks all at once. Gives you time to investigate grant opportunities but still we need a vision.

Dr. Sollitto: We need to build a support piece into that plan.

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Mrs. Esposito: I have heard it is hard if a computer goes down, one person needs to get to it.

Dr. Sollitto: # 1 issue is technology support, we have been given computers and we need to get them up and running. For example, we received a donation of computers from Bryant University but it will take a while to get them wiped clean and then have software downloaded. We need more support.

Dr. Filippelli: Space; where do we house them? The committee approved a ~~BYOD~~ BYOD policy last year because most kids have the technology. Mike Hassell sent out a survey to high school. I have spoken to my colleagues who went to Chrome books for blended because it was the hot thing to do and the implications of maintenance is coming home to roost. 18 - 24 months technology is outdated. The physical K-2 we phased in the IPAD's. A lot of implications. It is a hot topic and we need to proceed with caution. Need more support that is supported with budgetary backing. My daughter is in Smithfield she got one to one in 3rd grade and it has never come home and she uses it for health in the fifth grade.

Mrs. Esposito: Larry doesn't that resonate with the educators, the vision beyond the device.

Dr. Filippelli: Absolutely

Mrs. Pendergast: Providing our educators the resources.

Mr. LaPlante: In connection with the budget; a direct of technology?

Dr. Filippelli: We are getting a bargain with Mark. Other districts and we would have to double the line item in the budget for the support we get.

Mr. LaPlante: I get that and we are ham stringing Mark and I think what we are asking you to optimize it.

Mrs. Esposito: Managing and supporting is difficult however, my concern is computer education. What are the best practices in the ~~classroom-classroom?~~ No teachers on that committee that can envision where this going. I do not know if I am too old.

Mrs. Pendergast: I think we should cast a net similar to what the town council did with the fields.

George Kuzmowycz
37 Esek Hopkins Road
Just to give an historical perspective on this.

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Dr. Myers is correct that the committee met regularly when principal Brockway was running it and he understood his limitations.

There were teachers at every level and when principal Brockway retired and no one took over for him. Maybe we need to get teachers involved. Need an employee and twice someone was hired but did not last very long. Mark, because of living in town ~~and being~~ and being married to a teacher with kids in the school. If he decides he has had enough or is not around you will not get anyone else. Technology from a budget stand point is a red headed step child year after year. We need to look at priorities.

Mrs. Esposito: What I have heard and seen without a plan or line item you have an octopus without a head. Each department is doing their own thing. If we have a plan and a vision of roll outs that would be nice to have.

Dr. Filippelli: Mike and I are working on allocations based on need and plan.

Mrs. Pendergast: We need a needs based analysis.

F. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Filippelli read his report into the Record (which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by the referenced.)

1. SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2017
2. 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Mrs. Pendergast: Have you reached out to the teachers?

Dr. Filippelli: I can bring it up to them.

Mrs. Pendergast: The last time, we were going to keep February vacation.

3. FUND BALANCE

Mrs. Esposito: Are you going to start the budget process

Dr. Filippelli: Yes

Mrs. Esposito: Along with the planning work sessions?

Dr. Filippelli: Yes I can get the word out.

Mrs. Pendergast: Historically has it been a workshop

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Dr. Filippelli: Department heads to share their needs and we want to have some real conversations. You will see budgetary assumptions that you have not seen in the past. I think if I can get you the information you will not need it.

Mrs. Pendergast: I think we should get as much feedback as we can.

Mrs. Umbriano: We would meet with department heads and building principals.

Mrs. Esposito: The timeline has changed, it seems quite different. The process goes back and forth so we are looking at January.

Dr. Filippelli: December 20th for a rough budget. If the committee wants to hear from the department heads and the principals. Once you hear that. By January we are having the meetings at the Town Council. It is the Town Council that is our hold up. Maybe between Dave and I, we can tighten that up.

Mr. D'Agostino: It is clear there will be needs and where do we get it. I think earlier discussions will be better. The committees are there. Get actual needs from the buildings to sell what you need to the council.

Mrs. Pendergast: They hold the purse strings.

Mr. D'Agostino: There is a recommendation for the RIDE and the Council stepped up and paid for some needs of late and Larry has been candid with the Council president.

Mrs. Umbriano: Have a council member to come and see what we need.

Mr. LaPlante: I think you want to refine that first.

Dr. Filippelli: I want to bring the most accurate document. We need a motion to have a meeting. December 20th at 6:00.

4. PRACTICE FIELD AND STAGE II UPDATE

Mrs. Esposito: Question on funding is that the practice field. Stage one is that the practice field?

Dr. Filippelli: We had about \$120,000 budgeted and we have about \$80,000 left and the Town Council is kicking in rest. So they are giving us about \$60,000. One change order to add inch of extra mix and we decided that it was wise. If we have had some issues with the Jacobs & Co. report.

Mrs. Esposito: \$137,000 be recouped?

Dr. Filippelli: No we cannot recoup that and there should be an article in the Valley Breeze this week about the progress of the field.

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Mrs. Esposito: So the stage applications, not all the things we do are 35% reimbursable.

Dr. Filippelli: No, everything is 35% reimbursement for 5 years.

Mrs. Pendergast: I read somewhere that we cannot get reimbursed for the top just everything underneath.

Dr. Filippelli: Yes, the top is not.

5. BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Addressed above

6. DISTRICT TRAVEL POLICY

G. Public Comments

Kristin Polseno
29 Wilkinson Road

Librarian at North Scituate Elementary with children in the school system
Should be a blended not just one to one on the screen.

Mr. DiLuglio has helped me, we just wrote a grant to turn a tour around the town to do a QR code to scan tour.

We should consider piloting a different grade level one to one. The K-1 at Clayville is good with IPAD's. I think we should introduce laptops.

That way we can get teachers that are willing and able to implement that technology. If we do a pilot and reflect on it. I feel limited at times in my school because I have to sign out the computers and on any given day, one grade level that I am doing 100% blended. We are limited right now. I hope you would consider an upper grade level pilot.

Mrs. Umbriano: We did the tours and did buses. We sold out. Both my sons where Boys Scouts and Mr. DiLuglio was at camp using a generator to power his computer in order to keep working on the schools' needs.

Joe Maggiacomo
Howard Avenue

What you have here you cannot imagine you cannot find anyone better. My daughter came from Hope and started here in grade 3. Abby Groves and Ms. Ratcliffe; it is because ~~of Tricia~~ of Tricia. You need to recognize what is going on day to day.

It is a great group. Have you heard of 5 for fighting it is group. I tell you this, he is a hockey fan and he wrote a song the Riddle. The answer you need to look for that my daughter entered Hope in Kindergarten and could not do math or read and in a year and 1/2 she is on level. Larry has been nothing but great. We had a sit down with Larry to

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make sure she is ok in the middle school. It is not a one or two week training program. Larry has certain resource teachers asked to be trained.

Carolyn Dias
34 Mountain Laurel Lane

Some comments about the technology; you cannot do it when you are trying to put a budget together. Need to be started in April. Comprehensive plan and give you a vision on where you want to be in five years. Seek out help from other districts. I agree with you, Larry, you can put the technology in the classroom but if you do not have a teacher. Starting in the Spring. Bring a FUSE fellow into the district.

Dr. Sollitto: We did have a teacher request to be a FUSE Fellow and nominated 3 teachers to be a part of the ECET2 program

Scott Amaral:
55 Rolling Green Drive
Foster has a great program, kindergarten kids are doing programing.

Mrs. Umbriano: How did you know about it?

Mr. Amaral: My wife saw it on Facebook.

Kristin: It is impressive and they did it as a pilot grade by grade each year they were not there when they started.

Mrs. Umbriano: Everyone shares in RI.

Tricia: Principal of Clayville.

We did put a technology committee here. Teachers are hungry for the blended learning and they are doing a nice job with blended learning with kindergarten. Teachers have spent time in summer workshops. The PTO has been supportive too. K-1 has taken on initiative blended learning. This weekend they were at the Crown Plaza.

Mrs. Umbriano: I do not remember what year a number of the computers were donated to Clayville.

Tricia: It has been very successful. The teachers come to the PTO meetings to update the parents on where they are spending the money.

Mrs. Pendergast: I have been part of this and these need to supplemented. My question is where ~~is~~ the district vision and goals? are.

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Mr. Maggiacomo: I just want to mention Supreme Court ruling on Transgender bathrooms and you might want to look at the pleadings.

Dr. Filippelli: What was a surprise to me after attending the RISSA legal institute is that RI has more stringent laws and history than the Federal Government.

H. New Business:

1. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #6120: District Travel Policy

Mr. LaPlante: Move to approve and adopt the policy

Mrs. Esposito: second

All in Favor: yes
Motion Passes

2. Ratification of the Director of Buildings and Grounds Contract

Mr. LaPlante: Motion to table

Mrs. Pendergast: Second

All in Favor: yes
Motion Passes

3. Discussion/Ratification of raise for the Consultant

Mr. LaPlante: Do we make a motion or report out.

Mr. D'Agostino: Report out.

Mr. LaPlante: We discussed the issue of the raise for the consultant and it was 5-0 to give him a 1.5% raise and prepare a written contract.

4. Ratification of Official School Committee meetings schedule for the calendar year 2017.

Mr. LaPlante: School committee dates we meet

Mr. LaPlante: Move to approve the schedule.

Mrs. Pendergast: Second

All in favor: yes

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Motion passes

5. Ratification of the School Calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. LaPlante: Move to table to December meeting

Mrs. Esposito: Second

All in favor: yes

Motion passes

Present technology plan:

Mrs. Umbriano: Larry what do you need?

Dr. Filippelli: I do not think we need anything I have a pretty strong direction.

Mrs. Pendergast: Casting a wider net, teachers, administrators, parents.

Mr. LaPlante: Simple email

Mrs. Umbriano: Look at the other schools to see if they have an in house committee that would have a reporter for the committee.

7. School Improvement

Asked to be put on by Coleen:

Mrs. Pendergast: I asked that it was put on the agenda. It has been brought to my attention that had we left dollars on the table. We were told that RIDE was not giving reimbursement for capital improvements. We asked in 2015 about a one-time pot of money, I publicly asked if we could apply and I was told no. I googled it and Barrington received funds.

Larry said that we did not, following our conversation and we were always told RIDE does not reimburse for improvements. There were 100's of thousand dollars that we could have gotten. I asked publicly last year if we could apply and I was told no. Ponaganset received \$172,000.

Mrs. Esposito: The spreadsheet was prepared from the last 6 years of improvements that could have been possibly reimbursable.

Apply for everything possible. We had over \$600,000 in that time period which would mean that we lost about \$283,000. We need to apply for everything.

Mrs. Pendergast: What I find that was troublesome is that no one had a firm grasp on school financing. Can we go back? We all have fiduciary responsibility.

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Mrs. Umbriano: Well you have been on the School committee 2 years.

Mrs. Pendergast: And I am embarrassed for all of us. We have a fiduciary responsibility.

Mr. LaPlante: Larry what is your answer.

Dr. Filippelli: On Friday as part of my conversation with Joe DaSilva after I spoke to Coleen. I had zero input with school improvements so I asked him to give me the history on how this happened. One category is what we are working on now with RIDE. The second is called emergency under \$500,000 and you would need a letter from a building inspector and it goes directly to RIDE and you bypass step 1 & 2.

Mrs. Umbriano: What about the tank with the hole at the high school from this year?

Dr. Filippelli: It is not an emergency.

Mrs. Esposito: A safety issue. Suppose you do not make that decision and put in for it anyway?

Dr. Filippelli: I would need a letter from Dave Provonsil and in my mind if you had some kind of massive rupture it would be an emergency; this is a leak we have had for years.

Mr. LaPlante: I think Jean is saying ask for everything.

Mrs. Esposito: I think your learning curve has been steep this year with everything going on with construction.

Dr. Filippelli: I was not privy to a lot when it came to school construction. The next one is a grants program that happened 2 years ago and every community that applied got something. I think that is what Coleen is talking about. In order for that to happen you would need a rolling building committee on standby. Not really now that you have your 5 years. At about year 3 you want to start planning and you need engineering and architect for stage 1 & 2.

Mrs. Umbriano: Brought together by the town council?

Dr. Filippelli: It has to be a committee from the town council. 20 Million dollars were available from RIDE in 2015 and that is what went to the neediest of districts.

Mrs. Pendergast: No Larry that is what I am talking about it was on the neediest projects not the neediest districts. Barrington received money and they are an affluent

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community. We do not have a firm grasp on this. I got it from Projo in 2015. Bristol, Warren, Burrillville they not the neediest district.

John Mahoney

Who is responsible for these applications?

Dr. Filippelli: Need one point person and it is usually the superintendent. The committee works with what is given to them.

Mr. Mahoney: The application will come from Larry going forward.

Mrs. Esposito: When they roll out capital projects doesn't RIDE have a workshop?

Dr. Filippelli: It normally comes out of the commissioner's memo.

Mrs. Esposito: As a point person you are going to get it. We want you to apply for everything.

Dr. Filippelli: I know.

Carolyn Dias: The right question is define need. It was the neediest projects.

Dr. Filippelli: For some of them you need to have the building committee established and keep it alive.

Mrs. Pendergast: I want to ask the committee as a whole we dropped the ball.

Mrs. Guglielmi: We never had it.

Mr. LaPlante: A ball was dropped.

Mrs. Umbriano: Don't you think if we knew about this we would have gone after it?

Mrs. Pendergast: The town council holds the purse strings and should we be forthcoming with the council about this? There has not been due diligence.

Mr. LaPlante: I do not think we have a duty. I think they might know now.

I. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/TRANSFERS/NON-RENEWALS:

Resignations:

1. Henry Donnelly: Guidance Counselor, effective 11/15/2016

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Mr. LaPlante: Motion to approve

Dr. Sollitto: 2 week notice

Mrs. Esposito: Second
All in favor: yes
Motion passes

APPOINTMENTS

1. Jacqueline Lagueux; 17 hour Paraprofessional North Scituate Elementary School, effective 10/26/2016
2. Michael Menissian; Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach – **pending completion of paperwork**

Mr. LaPlante: Motion of approve

Mrs. Esposito: second

All in favor: yes
Motion passes

Committee Remarks:

Mrs. Esposito: I think it is lovely that we go to each of our schools but they are not live streamed. Is there any way that is a possibility in the future.
The webpage for the School Department looks like it is from 2005.

Mr. LaPlante: Sr. Project?

Mrs. Esposito: Better design, I could not read the script.

Dr. Filippelli: We talked to Mark about this and it is on our radar.

Mr. LaPlante: Have the AD and or Central office to send a thank you to Smithfield and North Smithfield for hosting our football games. Not charging us a dime.

Mrs. Guglielmi: Nothing

Mrs. Pendergast: I am a very candid person and it came back to me that regarding technology we were going after Mark, and that is not the case you can only do with what we give you.

Mrs. Umbriano: He reaches out to the community.

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Mrs. Umbriano: Ellen Muehlberg was the secretary in the Middle School for 20 years. She passed away.

Dr. Filippelli: She would drive in after chemo treatments, she was dedicated.

Mrs. Guglielmi: Motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Esposito: Second
All in favor: yes
Motion passes

The Committee unanimously approved the motion at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. Guglielmi, Clerk

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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1. New State Graduation Regulations

On November 17th, I attended a RIDE sponsored joint meeting between Special Education Directors and Assistant Superintendents. One of the main topics was the new state graduation regulations. Although I reported out on this last month, there are some additional details that are of particular interest.

- Course requirements remain the same but the new regulations have no mention of Carnegie units or seat time; all requirements are performance based
- However, PE/Health still require 100 minutes per week (average). This is state law
- Comprehensive Course Requirements can no longer be used as a performance based graduation requirements
- There are 3 council designations for diplomas: Commissioner's seal, pathway endorsement, and seal of bi-literacy. More detailed information on these will be released in the coming months.
- Individual Learning Plans (ILP) will be the central document of all goals, supports, etc. Parents must be notified annually of ILP reviews.
- The new regulations take effect with next year's grade 9 students (class of 2021). By October 1, 2017, all grade 9 students must be notified of the graduation requirements and these requirements cannot be changed for the class of 2021. This means that SHS must get these new regulation in the Program of Studies Catalog which goes to print in February
- Significant support for numeracy will be required under the new regulations.

Guidance from RIDE will be released prior to the end of the calendar year. Secondary teams can have RIDE representatives visit to clarify any concerns.

2. District Newsletter

Our second edition of the district newsletter was sent out on November 18th. Over 1880 unique emails addresses were included in the contact list. About 50% have been opened to date. Our next edition will be sent in January.

3. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Update

In November, we signed a contract with Project Lead the Way (PLTW) to become a PLTW school. I have asked Mr. Hassell and Mr. Zajac to prepare budget addendums with cost estimates for the creation of pathways at the high school and feeder programs at the middle school for next year. As you know,

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there will be an implementation cost to this work as well as an annual cost to sustain the program once it is up and running. I also plan to request a greater portion of federal funds through the Perkins grant application process which will be submitted in June through Cranston West, which is our regional fiscal agent for Perkins funding.

4. Transgender Policy

Aligned with our district Student Rights and Responsibilities policy (policy #8020) and our Non-Discrimination policy (policy # 9000), I have drafted a policy (Attachment A) affecting students who identify as transgender or gender non-conforming. With several recent legal decisions related to transgender students, it is important that we have a policy in place. This is up for a first reading tonight.

5. District Committees

We will be reconvening both the District Strategic Planning Committee and the District Technology Committee in January. I will be updating the Strategic Planning Committee since a few members of the existing committee are either no longer in the district or in a new role within the schools. I will also review the current strategic plan and disseminate copies to all members. As for the Technology Committee, I have received the names of representatives from each school's technology committee as well as several parent names. I will be working closely with Mark DiLuglio to coordinate this meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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1. FUND BALANCE:

We have received a copy of the comprehensive audit report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016. Lisa and I have reviewed the data prepared by the auditor. Actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenues by \$119,790. Actual expenditures were \$887,337 less than budgeted expenditures. Therefore, there was an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$1,007,127. Our goal was to end the fiscal year with an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$952,000 to replace the \$952,000 of fund balance designated as revenue in the FY 2016 budget. Consequently, we began the current fiscal year with a fund balance of \$1,653,017 compared to \$1,597,890. Although it appears that we are starting the year with a healthy fund balance, it is important to note that with our year end projections being what they are, we will more than likely cut into the overage up through March 31, 2017. This is due largely in part to the out of district tuitions that are being paid to Coventry and Ponagansett. If you remember, in July, I communicated to the town council president that we were approximately \$225,000 under budgeted at that time. That number has grown since the start of school to approximately \$260,000. While no action needed to be taken by the town council or the school committee at that time, I reported on this fiscal discrepancy for budgeting purposes for FY 2018. At this time, I can report that while it appears we are in the black, the structural deficit of \$952,000 still looms large as it is still needed to be used as revenue moving into our budgetary cycle and subsequent budgetary conversations.

2. LONG TERM FIELD AND RENOVATION PROGRESS:

I am happy to report that RIDE has given us official Stage I approval for our long term renovation projects. This was given to us without any changes. RGB needs to be credited for the excellent job they did with the Stage I application. We are now moving into Stage II which is due February 1st. The town building committee is meeting on 12/13 with RGB to assess Stage II progress.

3. PRACTICE FIELD:

As you know, the practice field project was completed and it looks fantastic. The students now have a new, safe, and expanded field space to use for PE in the Spring and regular sports practices in the Fall of 2017.

4. BUDGET REALLOCATION ITEM:

Under new business tonight, item #7 is listed as Budget Reallocation. I wanted to inform the committee of a necessary budget line item reallocation. Cindy will need to transfer \$8,000 from the line item from the capital improvements line for a utility vehicle over to pay for an emergency repair to the fire holding tank that was necessary as per fire code regulations. She will also need to transfer \$8,000 from capital improvements for a fuel oil line and pump at Clayville. We checked with the treasurer's office as they are the holder of the capital funds and I am allowed to make this change with your consent. I am asking for your permission to make this budget line change because the two repairs that needed to be completed were unexpected and as a result, unbudgeted