

**SCITUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY MAY 5, 2015
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p>	<p>159-1</p> <p>The meeting was called to order by Chair Umbriano at 6:09 PM.</p> <p>Present were Marylou Umbriano, June Guglielmi, Jean Esposito, and Coleen Pendergast. Also present were Dr. Paul Lescault, Superintendent, Dr. Lawrence Filippelli, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Ed Myers, Consultant and Attorney David D’Agostino.</p> <p>It is noted that Brian LaPlante was absent at the beginning of the Executive Session, but joined at 6:15 PM.</p> <p>Mrs. Guglielmi moved to go to executive session, closed pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5 (a)(2), sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically to allow the Solicitor to discuss the matter of Marcello v. Scituate School Committee, OMA Complaint, with the Committee. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pendergast and passed unanimously.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. LaPlante to close the Executive Session, reconvene to Open Session and to seal the minutes of the Executive Session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-4 (b). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pendergast and passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. D’Agostino and Dr. Myers left the chambers before the Open Session began.</p> <p>The Open Session was reconvened by Chair Umbriano at 7:01 PM.</p>
<p><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></p>	<p>159-2</p> <p>Led by Chair Umbriano, all participated in <i>The Pledge of Allegiance</i> to the Flag.</p>
<p><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u></p>	<p>159-3</p> <p>Mrs. Guglielmi moved to approve minutes of the regular meeting of April 7, 2015; seconded by Mrs. Pendergast; the roll was called: Mr. LaPlante – Yes; Mrs. Umbriano – Yes; Mrs. Guglielmi – Yes; Mrs. Pendergast – Yes; Mrs. Esposito - Abstained</p> <p>Motion was passed.</p>

<p><u>ROUTINE MATTERS MINUTES AND BILLS</u></p>	<p>159-4</p> <p>Mrs. Guglielmi moved for approval of the Grant bills for May 2015 in the amount of \$7,066.23; seconded by Mr. LaPlante; unanimously approved.</p> <p>Mrs. Guglielmi moved for approval of the General Fund 2014-2015 Budget for May 2015 bills in the amount of \$130,217.95; seconded by Mr. LaPlante; unanimously approved.</p> <p>Mrs. Pendergast asked about the charge to the police department for fuel. Dr. Lescault explained the school department van, trucks and surplus car get fuel from the police department and are billed</p> <p>Mrs. Guglielmi moved for approval of the General Fund May 2015 bills in the amount of \$439,538.32; seconded by Mrs. Pendergast; motion unanimously approved.</p> <p>Mrs. Esposito questioned a bill for snow removal. Dr. Lescault explained the bill was for having snow removed from the school roofs, not for routine shoveling.</p> <p>Mrs. Esposito asked what SchoolDude is. Dr. Lescault explained it is a software system used by maintenance.</p> <p>Mrs. Pendergast questioned the bill from John Deere for a tractor. She asked why this did not come before the Committee for approval. Dr. Lescault explained that he has authority to approve emergency purchases.</p>
<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p>	<p>159-5</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A letter from Mary Blackmore, Outreach Treasurer of Trinity Episcopal Church expressing her gratitude to Bryan Byerlee, Lil Zarli, Dave Fortin, Nick Brousseau and the rest of the personnel at North Scituate Elementary School who helped with the Run the Reservoir Race on 3/28/15.

	<p><u>Recommendation:</u> No action is needed.</p> <p>Mrs. Guglielmi read the letter for the audience.</p> <p>2. A note from Ellen Muehlberg requesting to extend her sick leave through June 19th.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Secretaries' agreement, Article VIII states: "In special circumstances the School Committee, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, may grant additional sick leave."</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u> As precedent exists and Ellen is a long-time dedicated employee, I strongly recommend the Committee consider granting this request.</p> <p>After some discussion, Mrs. Pendergast moved, seconded by Mr. LaPlante to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>3. A letter from Ann Battey requesting use of a personal day with reason on 5/22/15.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The date requested is contiguous with a school vacation. According to the STA contract, the school committee must vote to allow the date requested.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u> Approve the request.</p> <p>Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>REPORT OF LIAISONS TO TOWN COMMITTEES OR RELATED ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>159-6</p> <p>Chair Umbriano stated the new list of liaisons was given to the Committee and the audience. She stated that any Committee member who saw a group they would like to join are welcome.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the committees that were listed and those that had been removed. The list will be revised.</p>
	<p>Nothing to report.</p>

BUDGET COMMITTEE	
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATIONS	Nothing to report.
FOOD SERVICES	Nothing to report.
POLICY DEVELOPMENT	Mrs. Pendergast discussed her interest in rewriting and updating policies. There was a discussion regarding how to do the updates. Dr. Filippelli offered to help Mrs. Pendergast with the process.
SCHOLARSHIP	Nothing to report.
TRANSPORTATION	Nothing to report.
SCHOOL SPACE NEEDS STUDY COMMITTEE	Nothing to report.
TRAFFIC SAFETY	Nothing to report.
SCITUATE YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Mr. LaPlante spoke about improving the fields. He stated the funding would not come from the school or town, but through external funding.
HEALTH AND WELLNESS	Chair Umbriano state the policy needed to be rewritten. After the Health and Wellness committee meets, she will have the policy read under New Business again.
	<p>159-7 <u>ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</u> Dr. Filippelli read his Report into the Record (which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference).</p>
	<p>159-8 <u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</u> Dr. Lescault read his Report in the Record (which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference).</p>
<u>PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS</u>	<p>159-9 <u>Erika McCormick; 428 Trimtown Road</u> Ms. McCormick discussed the liaison list. She was disappointed that Scituate Prevention Partnership was taken off the list. After some discussion, the Committee agreed to put this group back on the list with Mrs. Esposito as the liaison.</p>

	<p><u>Tim McCormick; 428 Trimtown Road</u> Mr. McCormick discussed Honors programs. He suggested a peer review with communities.</p> <p>Mr. McCormick also discussed the Space Needs Committee. He wanted to clarify that the sports facilities do not fall under the umbrella of the Space Needs Committee.</p> <p>Mr. McCormick also commended the SYA for trying to raise the funding for the Manning Field project.</p> <p><u>Kevin Pendergast; 2 Apple Hill Drive</u> Sgt. Pendergast asked if the Committee had ever considered having a full time Athletic Director. He sees firsthand the demands on Mr. Ryan who is a teacher and the Athletic Director.</p> <p><u>Kevin Ryan; Athletic Director, Scituate High School</u> Mr. Ryan spoke about the New Business item of the coaching evaluation. He stated that he already developed an evaluation based on a rubric and thought it was good. Mr. Ryan also asked if any other extra-curricular position has a School Committee member as part of their evaluation team.</p> <p><u>Kristen Polseno</u> Mrs. Polseno asked if it were possible to opt back in to the PARCC testing. Dr. Filippelli stated it is possible, but it would not help the district numbers.</p>
<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p>	<p>159-10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #4040: Policy for Diabetes Care Management <i>Added sentence, "Refer to Policy #4080: Diabetes Management Policy for detailed diabetes management care information."</i> <u>Recommendation:</u> Approve and adopt the policy as written 2. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #4070: Food Allergy Policy <i>Deleted date from top of page 1; corrected RIGL referenced on page 2.</i> <u>Recommendation:</u> Approve and adopt the policy as written.

3. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #4080: Diabetes Management Policy

Deleted date from top of page 1; deleted “(Diabetic Coma)” and “(Insulin reaction)” as definitions from page 2.

Recommendation: Approve and adopt the policy as written.

4. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #6060: Exposure Control for Bloodborne Pathogens

Deleted sentence, “Vaccinations will be provided for personnel as a precaution for safety.”

Recommendation: Approve and adopt the policy as written.

5. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #8030 Student Progress (Scituate Middle School Promotion/Retention Policy)

Recommendation: Approve and adopt the policy as written.

6. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #8141 Athletes Walking to Manning Field

Recommendation: Approve and adopt the policy as written.

7. Second Reading of revised Policy #8210: Policy on School Response to Bullying, Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Violence

Deleted date from top of page 1; corrected RIGL referenced on page 1; deleted reference to repealed RIGL.

Recommendation: Approve and adopt the policy as written.

8. First Reading of the Coaching and Athletic Director policies.

See Assistant Superintendent’s Report for details on this item.

Recommendation: Approve the first reading and schedule a second reading for the June meeting.

Chair Umbriano suggested grouping items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 together for a vote.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi that the policies be approved. After some discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Filippelli noted that Mrs. Esposito found a correction to be made on item #5. Dr. Filippelli gave the Committee a copy of the corrected language. Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast that the policy be approved with the correction. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. LaPlante discussed item #8. He stated that these policies need to be in place before the next school year. He spoke about how much time and effort he put into researching other towns' policies and pulled pieces from them that are appropriate.

Mrs. Esposito stated that she can see the amount of time and effort Mr. LaPlante put into the policies but feels he should not have done this alone. She asked that the first reading be tabled until the Committee has time to form a subcommittee to look into the policies presented.

Chair Umbriano asked Mrs. Esposito to hold her motion and allow Mr. LaPlante time to present the policies.

Mr. LaPlante continued to present the policies. He stated these policies clearly state expectations of coaches as well as the athletic director. Mr. LaPlante stresses the need for timeliness in posting positions as well as the need to make it clear that the policy of the School Committee is to post these positions each year so it is clear that the coach or athletic director is not being let go for cause.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. LaPlante made a motion to table this item until it can be revised. There was no second.

Mrs. Guglielmi stated that the evaluation form was very lengthy. She asked if there were items that could be grouped together to condense the form. Mr. LaPlante agreed that some questions had common threads. He agreed that revisions were needed.

Mrs. Esposito stated that she is an expert in assessments. She would like to write the evaluation forms.

After more discussion, Chair Umbriano suggested that feedback be given to Mr. LaPlante on what he presented so the policies could be revised. Chair Umbriano stated that there have been many years of discussion about these policies and she was glad Mr. LaPlante got started.

Mr. Ryan spoke about his own evaluation for coaches that he created last year. He also set up a survey for athletes to evaluate the coaches. He would then gather all the responses and pass them on to the coach. Mr. LaPlante stated that this is consistent with what he is trying to implement.

Rosemary Montagano; Elmdale Road

Ms. Montagano stated that if the coach is doing a good job, he shouldn't have to reapply.

Mr. LaPlante stated if the coach is doing a good job they should be confident and reapply for the job.

Mike Marcello

Mr. Marcello stated that it is inappropriate to have a School Committee member evaluate the Athletic Director. He added that School Committee members do not evaluate any other employee except the Superintendent.

Tim McCormick

Mr. McCormick stated that it is interesting to have well defined policies, however, it is tricky with sports. He stated it is not all about winning. You can have a mediocre team with a good coach and good comradery, then if a coach from a stellar team in another town comes in and is hired the dynamics of the team change.

Mr. LaPlante stated the evaluations are not connected to wins and losses.

After more discussion, Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast to table this item. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. First Reading of revised Policy #4050: District Wellness Policy

Recommendation: Approve the first reading and schedule a second reading for the June meeting.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast to table this item. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. Manning Field Renovations

See Superintendent's Report for details on this item.

Recommendation: Approve the project as described in the Superintendent's report to level the outfield area of the baseball field at Manning Field.

Mr. LaPlante moved to approve the project subject to a window of time to allow him to get donations of labor and materials. Mrs. Esposito seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved support.

11. Elementary Drama Program

See Superintendent's Report for details on this item.

Recommendation: Approve an Elementary Drama proposal as described in the Superintendent's report.

Erin Erickson spoke to the Committee about her proposal. The Committee acknowledged her hard work and wonderful performances with the drama club. The Committee suggested that Ms. Erickson request assistance from the other PTA/PTO groups in town to continue the program. The Committee did not feel this was something that needed their approval.

No action needed.

12. First Reading of Policy #8101: Responsible Use, Internet Safety and Bring Your Own Device Policy

See Assistant Superintendent's Report for details on this item.

Recommendation: Approve the first reading and schedule a second reading for the June meeting.

13. First Reading of Policy #4090: Snacks in the Classroom

Recommendation: Approve the first reading and schedule a second reading for the June meeting.

Mr. LaPlante moved to approve #12 and #13; seconded by Mrs. Pendergast. The motion was unanimously approved.

14. Ratification of Fiscal Impact Statement for Paraprofessional Agreement 2015

See Superintendent's Report for details on this item.

Recommendation: Accept the Fiscal Impact Statement for the Paraprofessional Agreement.

Mrs. Guglielmi motioned, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast, to approve the Fiscal Impact Statement. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Ratification of Paraprofessional Agreement

Recommendation: Approve the Paraprofessional Agreement.

Mr. LaPlante moved, seconded by Mrs. Esposito to table this item. The motion was unanimously approved.

16. Ratification of Superintendent's Office Staff Agreement

Recommendation: Approve the Superintendent's Office Staff Agreement.

Mrs. Guglielmi motioned, seconded by Mrs. Esposito to approve the agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

17. Discussion/action on Committee's consideration of impact of Financial Town Meeting Vote to remove School Resource Officer funding from School Budget appropriation

Recommendation: Discuss and take whatever action the Committee deems appropriate regarding the impact of Financial Town Meeting vote to remove School Resource Officer funding from the School Budget appropriation.

Mrs. Pendergast recused herself from the discussion and left the room.

A discussion followed regarding the resource officer's salary being part of the police budget.

Chair Umbriano stated she asked the police department for a job description for the resource officer and discovered there isn't one. She feels this is a good time to create the job description.

Mrs. Esposito asked if there was a job description when the job was originally created with grant funding. Dr. Lescault stated that the chief at the time did not write a job description because he wanted to let the job evolve as needed.

Dr. Lescault stated if the Committee thinks there needs to be a job description, it should be written as a joint effort with the School Committee and the Police Department.

Mr. LaPlante moved to establish a liaison group to work on the job description. Mrs. Esposito seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Mrs. Esposito volunteered to be on the committee.

Mrs. Pendergast returned to the room.

18. First Reading of amended By-Laws Article II, Section 1. Regular Meetings

Recommendation: Approve the first reading and schedule a second reading for the June meeting.

After some discussion of the wording, Mr. LaPlante moved to approve the reading as amended; seconded by Mrs. Pendergast. The motion was unanimously approved.

	<p>159-11 <u>APPOINTMENTS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thomas Zammarelli; Girls High School Lacrosse Volunteer Coach 2. Lori Menna; 12.5 hour Paraprofessional, Hope Elementary School, effective 3/30/15 3. Sheila Scuncio; 19.92 hour Paraprofessional, Clayville Elementary School, effective 4/14/15 4. Laura Harrell; 19.92 hour Paraprofessional, Clayville Elementary School, effective 5/4/15 <p>Mr. LaPlante moved to accept the appointments; seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi; the Committee unanimously approved this motion.</p> <p><u>RESIGNATIONS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lynn Conti; 19.92 hour Paraprofessional, Clayville Elementary School, effective 3/20/15 2. Shelia Scuncio; 19.92 hour Paraprofessional, Clayville Elementary School, effective 5/1/15 3. Susan Hartley; School Committee Recording Secretary <p>Mr. LaPlante moved to accept the resignations; seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi; the motion was unanimously approved.</p> <p><u>REAPPOINTMENTS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peter Ceprano; Boys Tennis Head Coach <p>Mr. LaPlante moved to accept the reappointment; seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi; the motion was unanimously approved.</p> <p><u>TRANSFERS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Caroline Lomastro; 30 hour Custodian, Scituate Middle/High School, effective 4/28/15

Mr. LaPlante moved to accept the transfer; seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi; the motion was unanimously approved.

NON-RENEWALS

ANTONELLI, Kristy	HS	.90 English
BETTEZ, Patti	NS	grade 4
BROMAGE, Jennifer	MS	1.0 special ed
CHARON, Greer	MS/HS	1.0 librarian
CRIPPS, Frances	MS/HS	.40 FCS
DONNELLY, Henry	MS/HS	Guidance
DUNNE, Jonathan	MS	1.0 SS
FALLS, Kaitlin	NS	grade 2
FOX, Emily	HS	1.0 Sped Ed
FRATANTARO, Lucia	Clayville	30 psychologist
GAUDREAU, Michael	MS	grade 6
GROVES, Abbie	Clayville	1.0 special ed
HERFORD, Michele	MS	.35 Art
LEONHARDT, Nicole	HS	.40 Spec Ed
McCARTHY, Peter	HS	1.0 science
PACKHEM, Edward	HS	.40 IT
PALUMBO, Marissa	Hope	grade 5
PAQUETTE, Paula	MS/HS	.95 FCS
PARK, Jennifer	MS	.75 computer
PISATURO, II, Frank	MS	.20 music
PONTARELLI, Kristen	NS	grade 5
RADTKE, Sara	Clayville	1.0 K
RAINONE, Lauren	HS	1.0 FL
RATCLIFFE, Ashley	Clayville	1.0 special ed
RATHBUN, Mary	HS	.50 guidance
SANTIAGO, Desiree	MS	.25 math
SHEWCHUK, Meg	MS/HS/Hope	.90 PE
THEROUX, Lisa	Clayville	.65 SNT
WARING, Heidi	HS	1.0 math
WASILEWSKI, Kevin	Hope/Clayville	1.0 speech
WHITE, Diane	NS	.60 librarian

After some discussion, Mr. LaPlante moved to accept the non-renewals, seconded by Mrs. Guglielmi the motion was unanimously approved.

159-12
COMMITTEE REMARKS

MRS. ESPOSITO	Nothing to report.
MRS. GUGLIELMI	Nothing to report.
MR. LAPLANTE	Nothing to report.
MRS. PENDERGAST	Mrs. Pendergast stated the meetings are not usually this long. She thanked Mr. LaPlante for his efforts on the coaching policy. Mrs. Pendergast also stated that the committee needs to evaluate the Superintendent.
CHAIR UMBRIANO	Nothing to report.
DISCUSSION OF FUTURE BUSINESS	159-13 None
<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	<p>159-14</p> <p>Mr. LaPlante moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Pendergast to adjourn at 10:13 P.M. The committee unanimously approved motion.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Mrs. Guglielmi, Clerk</p> <p><i>Minutes prepared by Jennifer Carnevale, Acting Recording Secretary. Neither the Clerk nor the Recording Secretary is the designated Public Records contact for the Scituate School Committee or Scituate School Department under the RI Access to Public Records Act ("APRA"). For all APRA inquiries, please contact the Superintendent's office.</i></p>

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

April

May 5, 2015

1. PARCC UPDATE

As I have been reporting, there were many opt outs of the PARCC testing in Scituate over the last two months. The highest concentrations were at the middle and high schools. District-wide, we are touching 30% of the district opting out. We have followed RIDE's directives, whereby they asked districts for school principals to have conversations with parents asking them not to opt out. Our principals did as directed but we did not refuse any parent who wished to opt their child out of the test. One of my major concerns with the opt outs is that our district is going to lose its status at our schools. For example, the high school has been a commended school for the past three years (one of only three in the state to achieve this honor). The federal No Child Left Behind regulations indicate that schools must have 95% participation rate for yearly assessments. However, there is NO federal regulation which indicates that because a school drops participation rate from one year to the next that they should lose the status from the year before. I confirmed this fact with the director of assessment (Mary Ann Snider) at RIDE. Additionally, at our last Superintendent's meeting, I respectfully challenged both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner on this fact and asked them directly why RIDE made this a stipulation if the PARCC participation rate was not 95%. I told them that a school and district should not be penalized because a parent is exercising their right not to have their child participate in the test. I am still awaiting a valid answer as I (along with my colleagues across the state) don't believe the answer I was given by Mary Ann. Initially I was told that it was RIDE's assessment advisory group that came up with schools losing status for lack of participation. However, one of our principals, (Bryan Byerlee) was on that statewide committee representing RIASP and he said he was told by RIDE at the meetings that in fact it was a federal regulation that schools had to have 95% participation. We now know this to be false. As an aside, all of the superintendents on that RIDE committee left because they felt RIDE was not listening to them.

So where do we go from here? I had the opportunity to speak with some staff members of Governor Raimondo about this issue as well. I have also been interviewed numerous times by Linda Borg of the ProJo and have made my concerns known. At this point, I have lodged my concerns and complaints with every entity possible. I am hopeful that the new incoming administration at RIDE will address this very serious issue. The other problem with our high number of opt outs is the validity of the PARCC test for Scituate. I can't see how the testing data could be considered valid with so many of our students not participating.

2. **ELEMENTARY REPORT CARDS**

Over the last few months, I have been meeting with the elementary report card committee. Due to the changes in curriculum with the common core, there is a need to take a look at the grading span of our current elementary report card. I want to note that we are not looking to change the current structure of the report card or the current grading practices. The committee is simply looking to change the grading timelines and go from a quarterly based report card to a trimester based report card. Thus, instead of a report card going home four times a year, it will go home three times a year. The benefit to this is that teachers have more time to assess the students' skills as the students access greater content driven by the curriculum. With your approval, we are intending to roll out the change to trimesters for the Fall of 2015. As a personal note, my daughter attends elementary school in Smithfield and they went to trimesters last year. I actually like the reporting method because I have a better idea of her skill level from trimester to trimester and can see her growth more clearly. I trust this will be the same situation in Scituate.

3. **BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) POLICY**

Tonight, a new policy is up for its first reading. It is the district BYOD policy. We are attaching this policy to our current acceptable use policy for all students in the district. A committee of educators consisting of Dr. Sollitto, Mark DiLuglio, Keith Sanzen (middle school), Dennis Ballou (high school) and myself reviewed current best practices, research, and exemplar policies on BYOD. We made the decision to create this policy and move forward with BYOD because we felt that long term, a BYOD policy is more advantageous than a district going one to one technology. As the committee knows, I do a lot of consulting at night with districts on technology. I have seen one to one implemented well in some areas and badly in others. There are access issues, parental issues, content issues, and professional development issues in most places. Therefore, due to the rapid rate at which technology changes, the high budgetary constraints of a one to one initiative, and our students having a high saturation rate of smart phones, tablets and other tech on their own, we decided to move ahead with creating this policy. For those students who do not have access to technology, the schools have various technology that can support those student's learning needs (iPads, tablets, netbooks, laptops) so that there are no equity and access issues by the passing of this policy.

4. **CONSOLIDATED RESOURCE PLANNING:**

I will soon be undertaking the task of completing the district CRP plan. As you know this plan incorporates the planning and dissemination of Title I, Title II and IDEA federal grants. RIDE has rolled out their planning sessions and I attended both of them. However, RIDE has not given district the federal allocations of money yet. As in years past, I will update the committee on the progress of the CRP at the June meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

May 5, 2015

1. 2015-2016 Secondary Courses

I met with Principal Sollitto and guidance personnel to review student course sign-ups/requests for 2015-2016. Our goal throughout this annual process is to meet as many of the student requests as possible, as efficiently as possible. Overall we will be running 2.0 sections or .4 FTE positions less than this year. I am requesting Committee approval to run 3 courses with less than the required 15 students. We believe not running these courses would be very detrimental to our students. The courses are French IV Early Enrollment, Calculus Early Enrollment and Calculus AP.

2. School Lunches

Each year the United States Department of Agriculture establishes a weighted average price target for paid school lunches for the following year. To comply with that requirement and to provide Aramark with some flexibility to provide modest increases to their food service workers, Marylou and I are recommending a \$.10 increase in elementary and secondary lunch prices. The prices are currently \$2.40 and \$2.65 respectively. If the Committee agrees, this will be the first increase since 2013-2014.

3. Kindergarten Sections 2015-2016

Based on 69 students registering for kindergarten, we will need to run four all-day kindergarten sessions next year. The breakdown of the 69 students is: Clayville 16 (2 no shows), Hope 25 (3 no shows) and North Scituate 28 (1 no show). The schedule of sections is the same as is currently in place. It will provide room for growth at Clayville and North Scituate and will require some selective redistricting at Hope. Kindergarten maximum class size is 22, with the option of additional teacher compensation for up to one additional student.

4. Elementary Drama Program Proposal

Attachment A is a detailed formal proposal for a Scituate elementary drama program from Erin Erickson. It is listed under New Business for consideration by the Committee. Also attached are the prior year financials from the program she ran at the Hope School. Erin will be at the School Committee meeting and prepared to answer any questions the Committee has about her proposal.

5. Manning Field Baseball Field Upgrade

As you probably know, the baseball outfield at Manning Field drops about 5 feet from the infield. As a result, a player in the outfield cannot see home plate and in turn can barely be seen by players in the infield. Leveling out that portion of the outfield that drops off is something the Committee has periodically discussed over the years. Steve Gormley and David Provonsil previously developed engineering plans and cost estimates to do the project. However, each time the issue has been raised, given the number of pressing problems we were facing at the time, it was put on hold. I think Scituate deserves a field that is not

substandard and potentially unsafe. For that reason, I am recommending that the Committee consider committing the resources to level the outfield area of the baseball field at Manning Field. Obviously, the project would have to be bid, but the cost projection from several years ago was about \$40,000. If the Committee decides to endorse the project, I would insist that a public walk-through be held for any interested constituent to offer their input on the project and to gain an understanding of exactly what will be done and what will not be done. Everyone also needs to understand and accept that no construction or renovation is possible without causing some inconvenience.

6. Fiscal Impact Statement

Prior to executing any collective bargaining agreement between a school committee and representatives of teacher and/or other school employees, the school committee must prepare a bargaining fiscal impact statement. Attachment B is the statement for the Paraprofessional Contract scheduled for ratification under New Business.