

SCITUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING-WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

B. Routine Matters – Minutes and Bills:

Mr. LaPlante: Video is not functioning.

Job performance for someone in the office no vote was taken.

Mrs. Dias: Motion to seal the minutes

Mrs. Pendergast: Second

All in favor: Yes

Motion passes

Mrs. Guglielmi: Motion to Approve the Scituate School Committee Regular Session Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 1, 2016

Mrs. Pendergast: Second

Mr. LaPlante: Only 3 of us were here to vote on these.

All those in favor?

Only Mr. LaPlante, Mrs. Guglielmi and Mrs. Pendergast voted: yes

Motion passes

Mrs. Guglielmi: Made a motion to approve 2016-2017 Budget General Fund for January 2017 in the amount \$647,145.52.

Mrs. Pendergast: Second

Mrs. Pendergast: I see payment to Ed Myers on here none for Paul? Did here come in?

Dr. Filippelli: Paul came in but we have not done anything, because of the tabling of the contract.

Mrs. Pendergast: 2 payments to Scituate youth soccer for equipment?

Dr. Filippelli: Field fee

All in favor: Yes

Motion passes

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Mrs. Guglielmi: Made a motion to approve Grant Bills for January 2017 in the amount \$18,438.39.

Mrs. Pendergast: Second

All in favor: Yes
Motion passes

C. Correspondence:

1. A leave form from Maureen Kennedy requesting use of a personal day with reason on 2/27/2017 and a personal day with no reason on 2/28/2017.

Recommendation: Approve the request

Mrs. Pendergast: Motion to approve
Mrs. Dias: Second

All in favor: yes
Motion Passes

D. Report of the Committee Liaisons:

Mr. LaPlante: No Reporting tonight. I have some thoughts and I would like to continue and participating on the Budget Committee as liaison and I think it is a great addition to add Carolyn Dias.

Mrs. Guglielmi to continue as negotiations and Mrs. Pendergast is willing to serve:

Food Services do we need someone in that capacity?

Dr. Filippelli: Health and wellness we need.

Mr. LaPlante: Get rid of Food Service?

Dr. Filippelli: Health and wellness is required.

Policy Mrs. Pendergast will continue in that roll.

Mr. Sacco will take the roll of Health and Wellness.

Transportation?

Dr. Filippelli: We give updates in our reports and the town has traffic safety committee.

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Mr. LaPlante: I am going to cross it out, I would like to have liaisons that are productive and have meaning. School space needs I was on that.

Mrs. Dias: I would like to take that it may align with the budget and the Jacob's report.

Mrs. Guglielmi: School space needs is pointed by the Town Council.

Mrs. Dias: Do we want to make a recommendation tonight?

Mr. LaPlante: I will talk about that tonight, it is a liaison.

Mr. LaPlante: I will follow up, traffic safety?

Mrs. Guglielmi: Town Committee, just a liaison.

Mr. LaPlante: We have had issues with Rockland Road.

Mrs. Guglielmi: They meet quarterly.

Dr. Filippelli: Routes have to be reviewed yearly.

Mrs. Pendergast: Does there need to be a liaison.

Michael Payette, Town Council Vice President
482 Rocky Hill Road.

We will be working on this tomorrow night

Mr. LaPlante: Is there anyone interested

Mrs. Guglielmi: I would, it meets quarterly

Mr. LaPlante: SPP

Mr. Scacco: I would like to.

Mr. LaPlante: Scholarship

Mrs. Pendergast: Yes I would like to continue, there was a set committee.

Dr. Sollitto: Different committee than in the past.

Mrs. Pendergast: RI foundation?

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Dr. Sollitto: They have transferred everything to the RI Foundation but they still meet as a committee.

Mr. LaPlante: Dollars have moved but the committee is the same.

Mrs. Pendergast: Do we need someone on it.

Mrs. Guglielmi: I think it is a good idea, Bill Lenox is chair and they intend to meet monthly.

Dr. Sollitto: They are called the Scituate scholarship foundation, control of the finances is the RI Foundation.

Mr. LaPlante: Health and wellness, Jimmy are you interested.

Mr. Scacco: Yes

Mrs. Dias: I want to revisit policy development, it is so important for the strategic plan.

Dr. Sollitto: I will be reporting out on that and June has always been on that committee.

Mrs. Pendergast: Ours is outdated but it should it be something ongoing. Jimmy and Carolyn being new members we have been reviewing the policies we have and a lot of them are outdated and I think there should be some type of review.

Mr. LaPlante: My take on that is that you get into it some of these liaison positions or you do not, I do not want to mandate. Policies maybe ok, they should be reviewed.

Mrs. Guglielmi: I think that the strategic plan is much broader and it is one of those things that you have one or two meetings and you write a plan for a year.

Mrs. Dias: I think we have a different view. If we get everything paperless.

Mr. LaPlante: I want to Mike Hassell that manual.

Mrs. Pendergast: Most school websites the manual is online.

Mr. LaPlante: We have gotten some feedback and by next meeting we will have designated positions.

E. Assistant Superintendent's Report:

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

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1. Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

14 members on committee

Mr. LaPlante: Who selected them?

Dr. Sollitto: From the original group and I added a parent and high school student.

Mrs. Dias: I appreciate the report, in order for a plan to be a document that is not sitting on the shelf, it takes months and you need input with all the teachers, students and the people in the town, and the committee. You have an opportunity to ask for input, and I know you have representatives there. Teachers should work to the plan with specific benchmarks in there. I know it is my first meeting and I did know that you were close to complete and finalization of it.

Mr. LaPlante: Mike is that true you thought you were ready to finalize?

Dr. Sollitto: This meeting in January will be the first meeting in 4 years, this is a draft.

Mrs. Dias: Maybe you can have a process, we cannot just have them during the day, nights and weekend.

Dr. Sollitto: I do not have a problem having a public forum.

Mrs. Dias: We have to have multiple times.

Dr. Sollitto: We will see what we get at the first meeting.

Mrs. Dias: I know but it is the way we market it. I think we will start seeing some changes.

2. District Technology Committee

Mrs. Dias: One of things that I have mentioned to Larry and Brian. I would like to have an independent assessment done to understand educational technology. I am meeting with Mark on the infrastructure. We are hitting the reset button on our buildings and so we can plan.

Mr. LaPlante: Like a financial audit, it is hard to ask Mark.

Dr. Sollitto: I contacted from Eric Butash from the Highlander Institute.

Mrs. Dias: You are already on it.

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Mrs. Pendergast: I want to work with the committee comes up with parameters. I think it could be cost effective.

Mrs. Dias: Could validate or let us know what need.

Mr. LaPlante: Like having an engineer. We do not have a lot of extra dollars. It is challenging, the goal is to utilize the dollars clearly.

3. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Update

Defer to Mike Hassell

4. Transgender Policy

5. Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements

Department of Ed just sent out new regulations to review.

6. Sub teachers

Mr. LaPlante: What is the policy?

Dr. Sollitto: There has been a shortage. We will make an effort to have a certified teacher in from of every class room.

Mrs. Guglielmi: No teacher certification needed anymore?

Dr. Sollitto: No

7. Other Items to Note

District Newsletter

Dr. Sollitto: Names and contact information for Committee members.

Request from ACLU about tablet distribution and we do not do that. I have crafted a letter with Mr. D'Agostino and I will present.

Dr. Filippelli: We think that if someone is logging in at home into the district portal that could be the reason the ACLU is asking for policies. In many districts, you have to log into the secured district portal to access websites. There is potential for logging in which sites a student visits in the privacy of their own home. We are surmising that is why they are trying to get the data.

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Mike Hassell presents:

Presenting the Website I have developed, program of studies and the career technology pathway of studies.

They will not go out to print. First week of March advertising this to grade 8-11. This will include a family and student move up night, it is something we used to do and it has gone away and I want to bring it back.

We are working with the department chairs displaying what they have to offer. Students talking to teachers and talk to other students.

Guidance and I will be having grade level meetings talking to these students.

Talk with families and register course.

The site will be imbedded in our high school website, I have taken a 90 page document and reduced it to about 70 pages.

We were able to take out web address to look at our social media sites, our core values and beliefs.

Option for Career Pathways:

Looking to launch (3) career and technical pathways; Biomedical, Computer Science and Pre-engineering. Project lead the way is a non-profit organization and other school in RI use it.

We have a pathway team, teacher training and they would be trained in the summer time. They get open access. We are looking to identify those teachers.

Mrs. Dias: Based on the 3 programs how does that help us compete and alleviate students leaving.

Mr. Hassell: We are hoping to prepare our kids and give them a 21 century education 17 years later. There are high percentages of students going into these field and our Governor has identified them as high need areas in RI.

Our students are going to other schools for the CTE programs. Any student who puts an application in for next year, I have had meetings with each student and their parents.

Mrs. Dias: There are opportunities for students to come here. When will that happen?

Mr. Hassell: It took 10 years for Ponagansett to get where we are today.

Mrs. Dias: We have a lot of catching up.

Mr. Hassell: What we need to do right, we need to implement but it would not be RIDE approved.

Mrs. Dias: Is there any opportunity to get revenue?

Dr. Sollitto: RIDE needs a year's worth of data for approval.

Mrs. Pendergast: If we are not approved as a pathway program next year. What about our own students that want to go to Ponagansett and we will not be able to keep them

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Dr. Sollitto: Even if we offer a RIDE approved program we cannot keep them here.

Dr. Filippelli: It never used to be that way, the current Commissioner changed that 2 years ago and there is pending litigation with a school in the southern part of the state.

Mr. LaPlante: We are in a competitive society.

Mr. Scacco: We are not allowed to recruit.

Mrs. Dias: We are retaining them.

Mr. Hassell: this is our first step in retaining them. Our objective, if you build it they will come. If we do it right my hope is that children will stay here.

Michelle Casale
21 Hunter Ridge Drive

If this is approved the student can go out of district?

Mr. Hassell: Yes they can go. I voiced my concerns with RI Department of Ed and it sounded that they are aware of this issue.

Mrs. Dias: We are out performing Ponagansett and everyone needs to know that.

Mr. Hassell: We are offering two out of three classes that Ponagansett is offering. We are doing this but they are a RIDE approved and we are not.

Mrs. Dias: They are going for Computer Science and Engineering. They are going for Biotech.

Dr. Sollitto: We have lost students to all 3 programs.

Mr. LaPlante: In terms of roll out. If we have a freshman and it is not approved by the time they get to their Sr. year will it be retroactive?

Mr. Hassell: Yes, for the students that go through the pathway it is the local LEA.

Dr. Sollitto: The department of ED will issue one of three distinctions on diploma

Mr. Scacco: You are saying right in our curriculum we have the same classes as Ponagansett and students are still leaving.

Mr. Hassell: Ponagansett's Computer Science is more in line however the other 2 are not. We have been working with the department ED.

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Kim Smith
714 Hartford Pike

How are you going to make this better for students to stay here?

Mr. Hassell: This a huge undertaking and we have worked for 6 months and it has taken years for other districts to create a program. Let's look other programs.

How are going to make it different for students and parents who want to stay.

Mr. Hassell: Once you sign up with project lead the way, we chose those 3 programs of study.

Are we looking for qualifications or guidelines for teachers to attract students from Ponaganset

Dr. Sollitto: In order to teach in a CTE program you need to be certified. With Project lead the way will do the training.

Mr. Hassell: You can see another site: STEAM and we have had committee and a lot of teachers that have jumped on board. They are developing assessments and they are project based with some component of all 5 of the content area. You will see an icon that will identify.

Advanced course work.

A tutorial of why students should take IP classes.

An advance course work network and they could take a virtual class

Mrs. Pendergast: They are Scituate students just taking a class.

Mr. Hassell: Yes, the last one is program studies.

Mr. LaPlante: Have our done all this work?

Mr. Hassell: The icon was developed by one of our art students. The department heads and guidance have helped me big time. It is through Google sites.

Highlight is Mrs. Trainer has done in the English department. She has developed a survey. It is surrounded around student interest instead of English course work. English 11 and 12 instead of English 11 and 12. A Jr. could sign up for different literature and the kids are very excited about it. Meet the needs of a 21 global economy and what Scituate students need the most.

Mr. Scacco: This is amazing and it is just what college is like. With the 2021 with the STEAM class they have to take or they have the option to take?

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Mr. Hassell: STEAM committee is looking at a requirement in their 4 years of taking one of those STEAM classes.

Mr. Scacco: I just want to make sure that all students are offered what they need, say they want to be an attorney.

Mr. Hassell: A lot of our students take Physics, if you would like to be a STEAM course you need to hit this criteria.

Mr. Scacco: Very excited and I look forward to hearing more.

Mrs. Pendergast: What does it cost the district?

Dr. Sollitto: I think there was a cost analysis done and it will depend on enrollment. Good job to Mike Hassell and the High School Faculty.

Mrs. Dias: It is a little over \$300,000 It is the whole package, what is our return on investment?

Mark Delsesto
76 Angell Lane

How are we going to know this is working? I heard we lost 10% of our kids to Ponaganset

Dr. Sollitto: We are not losing 10% to Ponaganset, we have 15 kids at Ponaganset.

Mrs. Pendergast: Ponaganset is one of many.

Dr. Sollitto: Data collection is key at the school level, why they are leaving and what we need to offer to keep them there.

Mr. Delsesto: Is there a marketing problem?

Mrs. Dias: I do not want to underestimate the importance of staying focused on achievement.

Mr. Delsesto: I hope that the law is not over turned.

Michelle Casale
21 Hunter Ridge Drive

How are we out performing?

Mrs. Dias: if you look at the state data by grade we are out performing in other districts.

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Mrs. Casale: I compared and I was surprised at where we are as compared to Ponagansett.

Mr. LaPlante: I have been on the school committee for a decade and we could talk for days about why. I think we do very well. Per pupil by cost is very good. We have slipped. It is the leadership and we have great people on the bus, look at what this people are doing I am very happy with what they are doing.

F. Superintendent's Report

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

1. 2017-2018 School District Budget

Dr. Filippelli: What you have in front of your tonight is a budget created based on the committee directing me to construct a budget that will address all the needs of the district. We have to budget for worst case scenario regarding out of district placements. RIDE will have to grapple with the per pupil amount.

1st draft of the expenditure side and we will need another session.

In July I will be here for 18 years. I am aware of the spending tolerances of the town. However, we have to find the balance here.

Budget is up by 1.6 million it is under new business and my recommendation is to table that ahead of the meeting with the Town Council on February 1st.

Attachment A. which is the budget page 2 vocational school regular that is up 232%; I expended another \$430,000 in addition to what was budgeted last year which was \$850,000.

I have always said our out of district is \$850,000 that is all in number.

Page 3 - \$853,212 that is what was budgeted next year, I do not want you to get spooked by that number. I think we need a work session to pair that number down.

I want you to understand as a district if we get a high needs special education we have to provide it.

Page 4 -Pathway program implantation to try and stop the bleeding and I have ask Mr. Hassell to try and bring it down.

If you add those 2 together it is about 1 million dollars so if you take those out you are at a normal budget projection for Scituate.

I have kept asking myself we are at on budget at a normal level. We need more money to create programs to stop students from going to other districts. I think students will stay here. I think the reset button, with the field and bond and the new courses it is what is good for kids.

Attachment is the budget and then the capital improvements; historically the Town Council took the school department's capital improvements are out of the budget because it artificially inflates my budget.

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Attachment B which lists the capital expenditures.

Attachment C is the revenue side. The Fund Balance is listed and this is an item that always comes up and it is \$952,000. After state aide we are fairly confident we will get that. We are using that Fund balance as revenue, think of that as your savings. It is very important to put that Fund balance back. If that \$952 dips I will left with about \$750 and I have to replenish that next year before we figure out fixed expenses.

If I keep using that, it is crucial to replace and I need that. I need that for regular operations. If you expend the fund balance down, you will need a million dollars to fill that gap before you ask for one new dollar in a budget.

Mr. LaPlante: It is important to Bond rating to have a good Fund balance.

Mrs. Pendergast: Capital Reserves I believe it is not the Fund balance.

Dr. Filippelli: No that is the Fund balance. Creating the new CTE program is a big expenditure. Need to table under new business to come up with that. We have meeting as late as last Thursday. Hot topic is page one on the consultant's salary was taken down because Mike and I would be taking more of these duties.

Mrs. Pendergast: I am disgusted with this process. No one has seen this before tonight. We are talking about putting these things on line. I never received this document. I am flabbergasted.

Mr. LaPlante: This is a process there has to be a time to first see this document. I do not think these guys have been sitting on this waiting to spring it on you.

Mrs. Pendergast: The liaison are to the Town Council.

Mr. LaPlante: What information were you not provided?

Mrs. Pendergast: A site budget for every school that Paul provided.

Dr. Filippelli: With the site budget Paul would give the number.

Mrs. Pendergast: Paul has been working with you. I have never seen a school budget for each school to backup this budget.

Dr. Filippelli: The committee asked me to have the principals create actual budgets for their schools and be sure that they were captured in this budget. The principals gave me that information and it is what was captured in here. I can provide a site budget. I asked them for it and the numbers and in here.

Mr. LaPlante: We need a discussion about process and I do not like idea of criticize to criticize.

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Mrs. Pendergast: I am not criticizing to criticize, I saw these Monday.

Mr. LaPlante: Colleen would like to see before Monday

Dr. Filippelli: We had our final budget liaison meeting Thursday morning, Lisa made the adjustments and Jenn had to create the packets to go out for this meeting.

Mrs. Dias: I do not know what happened in the past, as committee that I think we need a workshop in November and December so we can understand the budget by school.

Dr. Filippelli: We cannot do it in November because we need the information from the audit report to construct the preliminary budget.

Mrs. Dias: November is the budget to actuals and this is how we are doing. I was taken aback why do we have to vote on a budget our first meeting and we talked through that.

Mr. LaPlante: It is passed practice, you cannot vote if you do not put it on the agenda, we have to preserve the right to vote so we have to put it on. We reserve the right to change. Should they have be done earlier, yes. These guys are new and the chairman is no longer on the committee. We need to not criticize and change is where we need to be going.

Mrs. Pendergast: I am thrilled we are tabling this.

Mrs. Guglielmi: I have never considered it a final budget, George K has said why do you give this to us in April we are changing it all the time. Hopefully we will get done by April. I do not know that there is something to get upset about.

Mrs. Dias: The other thing is that I appreciate us being able to work together. I do not want to cherry pick each item. We have a 26% decrease from the elementary schools to the middle school. We have not had a chance to look and fresh eyes we can fine efficiencies. I would like to have a work session with a deeper look in order to support Larry through the process.

Dr. Filippelli: Paul said he has not seen a budget like this in 20 years.

Mr. LaPlante: Thanks for the handoff.

John Mahoney, Town Council President
Mahoney Drive

I share Colleen's concerns.

1.6 Million we will not have anything else. EMS does not exist only part time volunteers and we lost a couple of souls. We have infrastructures that is falling down. I think those

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meetings should happen. 1.6 million we only have so many dollars, our tax bases in residential we do not want to bring commercial business to.

Michael Payette, Town Council Vice President
482 Rocky Hill Road

Get the information to the committee, I do not want to tell you how to do your job. Moving forward would be good for transparency.

Mr. Scacco: As of 2 weeks ago Carolyn and I were not on the committee.

Mr. Payette: We transitioned months ago.

Mrs. Dias: We talked about changes.

Michael Marcello
874 Chopmist Hill Road

Can I ask you about the Fund Balance?

Dr. Filippelli: The total if you do not take out the \$952,000 I think it is \$163,467.

Mr. Marcello: What is historically you have never dipped and you are getting below the \$952,000.

Dr. Filippelli: Yes by being prudent.

Mrs. Dias: Important to get your budget to actual. You have a structural deficit us blowing my mind. I am not a fan.

Mrs. Pendergast: I think it goes along with, expenditures by object which Larry sent to us. This was provided to us by what we are spending and what we encumber. I look at the end the balance \$898,000.

Dr. Filippelli: What was the date of the report?

Mrs. Pendergast: 11/30/2106

Dr. Filippelli: That is what you have left to spend from now through 3/31.

Mrs. Pendergast: To tie this together, fixed costs a balance of 900,000. What is encumber for the end of the year?

Mrs. Dias: When I looked at the finals in the teacher's side, it was the last 2 columns you are building in. Let the Fund balance be if you have a special needs. It will take

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time to fix it. To me it is smoke and mirrors. Maybe for the bond rating? For a superintendent to manage a budget like that is crazy because you are always going hat in hand to the town council.

Mr. Marcello: We are talking about the process and we get a budget meeting in January and it would be a first for a work session. You have never taken the budget on the road and done the hard work that needs to be done. You are budgeting to have a surplus. I think Mike Hassell said it best you have a 21 century education system 17 years later. We have 9 million dollars worth of repairs from RIDE report.

Scott Amaral
55 Rolling Green Drive

Open meeting laws these need to be posted with the agenda's ahead of time.

Mr. LaPlante: Dates on the budget as of date.

Mr. Amaral: I need to take this home and look at this. The consultants do they fall under state law the salary and hours?

Dr. Filippelli: Hiring any retiree they can only work 90 days under state law. That \$20,000 will give me about 30 days between transportation and budget.

George Kuzmowycz
37 Esek Hopkins Road

A lot of people new to this process and the January meeting, is to authorize the School Committee to enter into negotiations with the Town Council, so people who are coming here tonight. I wanted to clarify that.

Mrs. Dias: I think that how it was stated on the agenda.

Mrs. Pendergast: It has to be our best product and it is no way our best product.

Mr. Kuzmowycz: Page 1, mention of a retirement benefit to retired superintendent, off set for healthcare benefits.

Mrs. Guglielmi: It was decided from the strike.

Dr. Filippelli: 3,000 a year for 3 years as for healthcare to offset only. If you have been into the district x number of years you have the option to have it reduced.

Mr. Kuzmowycz: Function of prior service. Equipment by lease and I think the Assistant Superintendent a reorganization of the committee if they could be provided to the public.

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Dr. Filippelli: Capture a line for an increase for the purpose of the budget and we got this from the Principals, it is just a placeholder in the budget.

Mr. Kuzmowycz: Base on anticipated recommendations.

Mark Horner
81 Trimtown Road

How many other district have consultants?

Dr. Filippelli: I know this has been a hot topic for some in the district. We do not have a full time consultant. Years ago, Scituate went from 3 full time people in the central office down to 2 full time and a consultant. Smithfield has Super, Assistant, Business Manager, full time Special Ed so we are extremely lean.

My plan on the consultant issue, is looking at what can Mike and I do. When we go into negotiations, Ed is knowledgeable. Other districts have the full-time people to do it and now we have split that further.

Mr. LaPlante: I looked around and when I first came on the committee. If you look at Narragansett there administration page they have so many people. He is cheaper than David. It is not good to you put your administrators in a negotiation setting. These guys are newly appointed and we wanted some transition time with institutional knowledge to be available to them.

Mr. Horner: You have been here before and you have been part of the budget process?

Dr. Filippelli: No absolutely not, I touched the budget a little last year with Paul. I have never looked at it before that. The first time I was part of the process was last year when Paul was leaving.

Mark: You had 3 full time people.

Dr. Filippelli: No Paul took care of the budget because he was listed as the business manager. I with the other people in my office help with the budget and all other operations. Our central office is very lean compared to other districts.

Mr. Horner: More kids in Smithfield. Paul did it himself.

Dr. Filippelli: I do not need Paul like I need Ed, the budget process is messy, I only need him for a few days. I need Ed for negotiations. Ed knew that Paul and I have reduced the consultant budget by 26,000.

Richard Finnegan
47 Ridge Road

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Are you looking at a business manager?

Mr. LaPlante: We are looking at that under new business.

2. School Day Waivers for North Scituate and Clayville

Thanks to Glenn and his assistant in the middle of Christmas dinner we had billowing smoke coming out of NSES

Mrs. Pendergast: Glenn and Ed that came to deal with that.

Dr. Filippelli: Yes

3. Grant Awards

4. Stage II Updates

Mrs. Pendergast: Voter approval?

Dr. Filippelli: Yes

Tracy from RBG and Glenn to capture something for Caito field. If the bond did not pass we would still be eligible for RIDE approval to get the 35% reimbursement.

This came out of the meeting Monday night: A, B and C

What we are looking at based on audience feedback, we need to balance need and want based on the Jacob report.

Mr. LaPlante: Give some examples

Dr. Filippelli: Jacob report was done in every district that charges RIDE with looking at all the schools in the state, listed all the upgrades they thought were necessary. A lot of work has been done to pair that number down we are looking at what really needs to be done. Working with RGB to create this report.

At the meeting on Monday night RIDE will determine what project they would approve. We have to be smart on how we plan this out, what Tracy and Glenn did is to capture the priority one items 1st. When you look at the break out here you are still unbalanced.

Mrs. Dias: One is fire code life and safety, and RIDE will never approve an application if we do not address these.

Dr. Filippelli: Yes that is the balance. Tim McCormick was unable to make some of those meetings and we took Tim's feedback. The alternate C is to fix Caito field and put in the regulation track, put in the plumbing for the lighting but not installing it yet. The issue is checking those boxes, would it accomplish getting a field, yes, does it give us a track, yes. If will also check the box to fix up Manning field.

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Does it reduce the cost of the bonds and balance your 1, 2, and 3's? Yes

Tim McCormick
428 Trimtown Road

Meetings were during the day and I was not able to attend. Hearing about the RIDE issue and RGB said it will not fly because 2/3 were related to sports fields. It was almost dead on arrival with the cost. Go back to a grass field you do not have to put in plumbing because it is not in jeopardy. How do we get in the track with synthetic field and temporary stands was still in. Is it what this committee wanted but the percentage is 63% to 42% which is more salable.

Dr. Filippelli: The original bond was 11.5 million so the committee has sharpened the pencil.

Mr. LaPlante: This gross number is at 100% subject to the reimbursement from the state.

Dr. Filippelli: We have to expend 50% in 5 years.

Mrs. Pendergast: What the committee as a whole had decided, but we did not have the Jacob report at that time.

Mr. McCormick: This accomplished the health and safety concerns, give the town a track.

Mrs. Pendergast: Speak to the over usage of the field.

Mr. McCormick: New field we put in a well that is more than sufficient and I hope we find money for professional maintenance. You can replace that turf. We drained the swamp. We need a well down at Manning field.

Dr. Filippelli: 25,000 for a well.

Mr. McCormick: You have a maintenance issue down there. Volunteers have put time in.

Mr. LaPlante: We have the practice field.

Mr. McCormick: The big issue is the overuse.

Mr. Payette: I am glad you mentioned that.

Mr. McCormick: Get it under five for the tax payers.

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Mr. LaPlante: Alternative C is your new name.

Mrs. Pendergast: You put pen to paper and it is a more viable option.

Dr. Filippelli: Tracy sent out an email and secured a meeting with RIDE, that has to happen. Tim's approach is balanced. The committee has to approve stage 2 we have building committee to approval. I am seeking a signature to move forward.

Mr. Payette: Can you reach out to RIDE submitting A, B and C

Dr. Filippelli: It is what you want.

Mrs. Dias: I do not think it is passable.

Mr. Payette: You will have to call an emergency meeting

Mrs. Guglielmi: When are you having the meeting?

Mr. Payette: Tomorrow morning.

Mr. LaPlante: Post and provide as much notice.

G. Public Comments

Melissa Horner
81 Trimtown Road

Has the overage been paid for?

Dr. Filippelli: Yes

The prior Town Council Approved

Dr. Filippelli: Yes

How will you address no overage?

Dr. Filippelli: Bond, it will all go out to bid and you have a clerk of the works would handle that.

Does it matter the size of the budget, why did it run over.

Dr. Filippelli: The total cost was \$156,000 when they started to take it up they needed to do extra grading were the well was, it lengthen the field.

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Driveway for emergency fields did you know a rescue cannot go down that road and it is flooded. You are asking for money again.

Dr. Filippelli: I would have to ask Glenn, the project was not done until November.

It was before the ground froze.

Dr. Filippelli: We were there with the reporter from the Valley Breeze and there was not one puddle.

That is because it was pumped.

Dr. Filippelli: There are no pumps.

A portable, you are asking for money but how are you going to manage it.

Mrs. Dias: We are in a position of this not happening again because of RIDE there are engineers that review them and come very close to budget, they require the review of the plans.

RIDE will help us with this.

Mrs. Dias: You have to follow the rules if you want to receive 33% reimbursement.

Scott Amaral
55 Rolling Green Drive

Going with plan C, we need that track it is very important.

Dr. Filippelli: Students use Ponaganset and Smithfield tracks now.

Joe Maggiacomo
11 Nottingham Drive

Is that 35% kick back before or after bond.

Dr. Filippelli: RIDE has 2 times where the issue back to the town.

Mr. Maggiacomo: Is there a provision in the bond were we can call the bond back.

Mr. LaPlante: Bond is cheap because of good credit rating. Idea is to utilize those dollars as a rolling capital fund.

Mr. Maggiacomo: 20 year bond?

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Mr. D'Agostino: Probably, you are not going to get your 1.2 million over a period of about 3 years. You are in arrears. You have a 4.2 million. You are going to get it.

Erica McCormick
428 Trimtown Road:

Seen the billboard in front of the IGA and it starts with you. Last year we had a commercial on channel 10 it starts with you. We have been working with other schools across the state and with our grant. 2 of our Scituate youth that have working with a tobacco free RI and E-Cig and vaping is up. These 2 students with other youth in the state have put together a conference.

Mr. Scacco: How long is the billboard up?

Mrs. McCormick: 3 months, specific to our town.

H. New Business:

1. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #9080 Transgender Policy

Mrs. Pendergast: Motion Approve and Adopt the policy

Mrs. Dias: Second

All in favor: yes
Motion passes

2. Discussion/Vote: Stage II Approval (RIDE necessity of School Construction)-for reimbursement and potential bond:

Mrs. Guglielmi: Motion to approve alternate C, which includes a track and other priority items.

Mr. Scacco: Second

All in favor: Yes
Motion passes

3. Report in Open Session the vote during Closed/Executive Session regarding the job performance and salary of Lisa Casinelli:

Mr. LaPlante: Clear for the record no vote was taken in Executive Session.

Mrs. Dias: Motion we make adjustments to the current job description or create a job description and accompanied by a salary review.

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Mr. LaPlante: Larry please get us a purposed job description and salary recommendation in advance.

Mr. Scacco: Second

All in favor: yes
Motion passes

Mr. LaPlante: Next meeting maybe later this month.

Mr. Scacco: Motion to table the 2017-2018 budget discussion/vote

Mrs. Pendergast: Date for public work session?

Mr. LaPlante: Motion to table and set January 24, 2017 work schedule work session 6:00 PM on budget and will be posted like regular.

Mr. Scacco: Withdraw the motion.

Mr. Scacco: Motion to table and reschedule to work session January 24, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Mrs. Pendergast: Second

All in favor: yes
Motion passes

5. March School Committee meeting date change:

Dr. Filippelli: March school Committee meeting: Financial Town Meeting.

Mr. LaPlante: Meeting on 24th and February 1st meeting and committee is on February 7th. Maybe it is not necessary to change that meeting.

Mrs. Guglielmi: Beginning of March still ok.

Mr. LaPlante: No action necessary.

6. Ratification of Northwest Special Education Region Collaborative Agreement

Recommendation: Approve the agreement as proposed

Mrs. Pendergast: Motion to ratify

Mr. Scacco: Second

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All in favor: yes
Motion passes

7. Discussion/vote Consultant Contract

Dr. Filippelli: This is discussion for Paul only.

Mr. LaPlante: That contract has been amended.

Mrs. Pendergast: Nothing that binds us to dates.

Mr. LaPlante: Motion on the consultant contract for Paul

Mrs. Dias: Motion to approve

Mr. Scacco: Second

All in favor: yes
Motion passes

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

Resignations:

1. Sal Gelsomino; Middle School Boys Baseball Head Coach

APPOINTMENTS

1. Jason Goffe: 1.0 Science Teacher, Scituate High School, effective 1/3/2017

Mr. LaPlante: Motion

Mr. Scacco: Motion to approve all

Mrs. Pendergast: Second

All in favor: yes
Motion passes.

Committee Remarks:

Mr. Scacco: I am new and young however it want to thank the community, look forward to working with everyone.

Mrs. Pendergast: Welcome Ms. Dias and Mr. Scacco

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Mrs. Guglielmi: Welcome Carolyn and Jimmy it is going to be a good year.

Mrs. Dias: Looking forward to working with our fellow committee members and our new leadership.

Mr. LaPlante: I really like the composition of our committee now, I think we are going to do good things.

I would like to thank everyone who comes out, what I like is that everyone cares.

L. Discussion of Future Business

M. Adjournment:

Mrs. Dias: Motion to adjourn

Mr. Scacco: Second
All in favor: yes

The Committee unanimously approved the motion at 10:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. Guglielmi, Clerk

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

February 7, 2017

1. **Strategic Planning Committee Update**

On January 18th, the Strategic Planning Committee met to discuss revisions to the current plan and to begin a draft. Excellent discussion took place and feedback was given as to the format and presentation of the plan. As a follow-up, I met individually with several members that were unable to make the initial meeting. One big take-away from the meeting was to make the plan more interactive and user friendly. Rather than a lot of words, the new plan will have some visual aids and electronic links. Currently, I am reworking the plan to incorporate the feedback from the committee. Once this is done, the draft plan will be sent out electronically to teachers, parents, and community members for feedback. Following this, the plan may be revised again and the draft will be presented at a public forum for additional input. Rather than push the plan forward quickly, the committee decided to take a slow and steady approach to allow for feedback and revision prior to presentation to the school committee for approval. A formal timeline has not been established but I estimate a final draft will be completed by April.

2. **District Technology Committee Update**

The district technology committee meeting took place on January 31st. The committee, chaired by Greer Charon, discussed several issues and concerns regarding technology across the district. One topic discussed was an upcoming Technology Assessment that will be conducted by the Highlander Institute and Fuse fellows. This assessment will be two-pronged with a lens towards the technology infrastructure and a lens toward blended learning and in-class teacher needs. I have coordinated the assessment and have asked Highlander to expedite the process. Plans are to conduct a multi-day district visit and present a formal findings report. Highlights of the report will be presented by Highlander at the March 7th School Committee meeting. Information from this assessment will drive the direction of technology for next year and beyond.

3. **High School Course Proposals**

As reported by Mr. Hassell at the January School Committee meeting, the high school has plans on an expanded offering of courses for students for the 2017-18 school year. There are over 40 new course proposals for your review. You have been provided with a list of these courses and Mr. Hassell is here to answer any questions regarding the new courses. It is important to note that not all of these classes will run each year. However, we must get these courses into the program of studies so student choice is heard. Courses will be established based on the number of students selecting the given course.

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4. **Project Undercover**

On January 17th, I met with Jeannie Vachon from Project Undercover. Project Undercover is a non-profit organization that aims to provide assistance to underprivileged youth. As a result of our meeting, Project Undercover donated a pallet of age appropriate books to each elementary school and to the middle school as supplemental resources. All donations come from Ocean State Job Lot. I would like to express our appreciation to Ocean State Job Lot and to Project Undercover for their generous donations and I look forward to forging a positive relationship with Project Undercover in the future.

5. **Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements**

Guidance Director, Mrs. Battisti and Principal Hassell are reviewing the new graduation regulations for the class of 2021 and will be presenting a policy change over the next few months.

6. **Other Items to Note**

The January edition of the District Newsletter was issued on January 23rd. This edition not only went out to our school department listserve but was also sent to the town's listserve.

February will be a busy month as several RIDE workshops are scheduled. I will be out of the office quite a bit for trainings and workshops. This includes workshops on Title I, Title II, PARCC administration, Superintendent Association meetings, and several other informational meetings.

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1. 2017-2018 School District Budget:

Based on the joint town council/school committee meeting on 2/1/2017, I have not been directed to make any changes to the school department budget. There are two items I want to caution the committee about: 1. We are running a risk by zeroing out all of Glen's needed items. As of the writing of this report, Lisa and I are checking with RIDE and our auditors to ascertain if we can actually use any existing capital accounts to fund the line items we brought down to zero. 2. Based on the information we get to point number 1, we may be able to reduce the monies the committee put into the Equipment/Buy Lease line at the last meeting and make some of those purchases out of capital as well. This would bring our budget down from 4.1% to 4%. We should discuss those potential changes to the budget tonight and I would ask for some direction from the committee on how you would like me to make any further alterations to the budget. There is yet another budgetary hurdle in front of us. Lisa and I had a conference call with the town treasurer on 2/2. He advised against us using the \$952,000 number as revenue again in our budget because we are only projecting to replace an actual \$585,952. By making this change, it will definitely increase the percentage on the asking side but it will be a more accurate portrayal of the decrease in fund balance as it stands right now. Because we are only projecting to recover \$585K, if we put the \$952,000 back (which we really don't have right now because we are not recouping \$952K in this budget year), we run the risk again of not replacing it and further depleting the fund balance. Lisa and I have revised the budget to reflect this and it is attached to this report and also posted online.

2. STAGE II CONSTRUCTION SUBMISSION

The town building committee had an emergency meeting on January 26th to discuss and approve changes to the Stage II necessity for construction submission which was due to the department of education on February 1st. One of the big changes to bond was to include an artificial turf field instead of a sod field that was discussed at last month's meeting. I communicated this change to RIDE because it skews the original balance of need (between athletics and priority items) that was presented when Glen, RGB, Carolyn and I met with them on 1/19/2017. At this point, we readjusted the bond to come in at 4.89 million dollars and still be able to hopefully meet RIDE's approval. This was accomplished by removing the LED lighting from the bond and finding an alternate funding source for it, by removing the portable bleachers and moving them over to the local capital side of the 5 year asset protection plan, and by moving the septic system line item over to health and safety rather than athletics. As I get more information from RIDE after they have reviewed the Stage II application, I will keep the committee informed. One aspect the committee may want to start looking at is marketing and advertising the bond. We will not know until May if we are approved by RIDE. However, it would probably be beneficial for the department to begin a marketing strategy to help with this endeavor. I know the SYA has been eager to help in this regard. Additionally, RGB will help as part of their regular costs with digital schematics and presentations. However, if we need additional marketing help from RGB, there will be a cost associated with that. Our Stage II application based on the aforementioned items has been officially submitted and date stamped at RIDE on 2/1/2017. We made it! Now we just need to get advisory council approval and final Board of Elementary/Secondary Education approval in May.