

**Leicester Public Schools
School Committee Workshop
February 3, 2020 @ 5:30 P.M.
Leicester High School Media Center
174 Paxton Street, Leicester, MA 01524**

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Stella Richard	Present
Nathan Hagglund	Present
Tom Lauder	Present
Scott Francis	Present
Tammy Tebo	Present

Also, in attendance were Marilyn Tencza, Superintendent of Schools
Cady Maynard, Director of Finance and Operations

1. Tom Lauder – MASC/MASS New Member Handbook

School Committee member Tom Lauder discussed the new MASC/MASS member handbook he received from the 2019 MASC/MASS Joint Conference. He would like to see the Committee assign a Mentor to newly elected members.

2. MASC Upcoming Events

Stella Richard, School Committee Chair shared with the other Committee Members upcoming MASC/MASS events for consideration.

Member, Nathan Hagglund informed the Committee members that he attended the January 29, 2020 School Safety Workshop offered by MASC at Assabet Voc. Tech in Marlborough, MA.

3. MASC Update on Student Opportunity Act

Stella Richard, School Committee Chair shared with the other Committee Members a memo put out by MASC with information regarding the new Student Opportunity Act. The Superintendent informed the Committee members that the district must hold a Public Forum for parents to give their input on how they would like to see the extra funds used.

4. School Committee Handbook

The School Committee members reviewed and discussed their current handbook. The members compared their handbook to some other districts. They will review it and suggest revisions, at the March workshop.

5. FY21 Budget Workshop Discussion for Budget Vote

Cady Maynard, the Director of Finance and Operations presented the FY21 Budget and discussed the need for a final budget number to present to the Finance Committee. The Committee members will vote on a budget number at the February 11, 2020, meeting.

6. School Committee Mid Cycle Goals

The Committee members reviewed and discussed their progress on each of their SY19-20 goals. They continue to work on each section of the School Committee policy book for review and revisions.

7. Superintendent Mid Cycle Evaluation

The Superintendent provided the Committee Members with her Mid-Cycle Evaluation goals. She provided dates, documents and access to each link listed under her goals. She feels she need to work towards more community involvement.

8. SY20-21 School Calendar

The School Committee members reviewed and discussed the SY20-21 calendar. They will vote on the school calendar at their next opening meeting on February 11, 2020.

9. Annual Town Report

Superintendent Tencza shared the School Departments Annual Report that has been forwarded to the Town Administrator to be included in the Town's Annual Report.

10. Statement of Interest - HS Boilers

Superintendent Tencza and Cady Maynard, Director of Finance and Operations informed the Committee members of some ongoing issues with the boilers at Leicester High School. The District is proposing submitting a Statement of Interest (SOI) to Massachusetts' School Building authority (MSBA) for consideration of an Accelerated Repair Program (ARP), as the process may take several years through multiple application submittals.

The Committee will vote on the Statement of Interest (SOI) at the February 11, 2020, open session meeting.

11. Policies

a. MASC Revisions:

JBB Equal Education Opportunities

JFABD Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services

JFABE Educational Opportunities for Military Children

JFABF Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care

The Committee members reviewed the section J policy revisions suggested by MASC. These policies will be moved to the April workshop for further discussion and revisions.

b. Section C. General School Administration

Policies in Section C. General School Administration will be moved to the February 11, 2020, open session meeting for a First Reading.

12. Public Comment

None

13. Executive Session

M.G.L. Chapter 30 (A) Section 21 (a) (3) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union personnel (Leicester Paraprofessionals Association) as well as nonunion personnel (Superintendent of Schools) and not reconvene in open session.

A motion was made by Member Nathan Hagglund to go into executive session and not to reconvene to open session at 6:50 p.m. Seconded by Member Stella Richard.

14. Adjournment

Roll Call

Stella Richard	Present
Nathan Hagglund	Present
Tom Lauder	Present
Tammy Tebo	Present
Scott Francis	Present

List of Documents and Material used during this meeting which are on file at the Leicester Public Schools Central Office.

- MASC/MASS New Member Handbook
- MASC Upcoming Events
- MASC Update on Student Opportunity Act
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- Superintendent Mid Cycle Evaluation
- SY20-21 School Calendar
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