

SHAWSHEEN VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee

May 28, 2024

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TOWN CLERK
Meeting called to order by Chair Fiore at 7:05 p.m. with Superintendent-Director McIntosh and the following members present: Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Huberty, Ms. Lawson, Mrs. Meuse and Messrs. Fusco, Hutchins, Moffat, and O'Donnell. Also in attendance were Ms. Jenna Lesko, Business Manager and Ms. Sarah Johansen, Student Representative.

The meeting then began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Representative Report

Ms. Johansen reported that this will be her last meeting and thanked the Committee for their support. Senior sign-out begins on Wednesday. The Senior Prom was held last week and the Junior Prom will be held on May 30th. Sara reported that she was awarded as one of three Presidential Scholars in Massachusetts, the only student in a vocational school. Spring sports are winding down, with Boys and Girls Lacrosse, and Baseball moving on to playoffs.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

School Committee Re-Organization

Chair Fiore turned the meeting over to Mr. McIntosh as Chair Pro Tem until a Chairman has been elected.

After accepting nominations for Chairman, Mr. O'Donnell was nominated by Ms. Asbedian and seconded by Mr. Fiore.

With a roll call vote, Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Huberty, Ms. Lawson, Mrs. Meuse, and Messrs. Fiore, Fusco, Hutchins, Moffatt and O'Donnell voted for Mr. O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Donnell assumed the role of Chair and continued with the re-organization.

Nominations were accepted for Vice Chair:

Motion made by Mr. Moffatt, seconded by Ms. Asbedian, to nominate Mrs. Gillis as Vice Chair.

With a roll call vote, Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Huberty, Ms. Lawson, Mrs. Meuse, and Messrs. Fiore, Fusco, Hutchins, Moffatt and O'Donnell voted for Mrs. Gillis. Motion carried unanimously.

Nominations were accepted for Secretary:

Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mr. Moffatt, to nominate Ms. Huberty as Secretary.

With a roll call vote, Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Huberty, Ms. Lawson, Mrs. Meuse, and Messrs. Fiore, Fusco, Hutchins, Moffatt and O'Donnell voted for Ms. Huberty. Motion carried unanimously.

Nominations were accepted for Treasurer:

Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Fiore, to nominate Mr. Fusco as Treasurer.

With a roll call vote, Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Huberty, Ms. Lawson, Mrs. Meuse, and Messrs. Fiore, Fusco, Hutchins, Moffatt and O'Donnell voted for Mr. Fusco. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Approvals

Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Ms. Asbedian, to approve the following payments for legal invoices, as presented:

Howard Greenspan	05/01/2024	\$1,402.50
Nuttall, MacAvoy	05/06/2024	2,377.00
Murtha Cullina	05/20/2024	119.00

Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Ms. Asbedian, to approve the Minutes of April 23, 2024 as written.

Motions carried unanimously.

Business Manager Report

Ms. Lesko went through the Budget Transfers spreadsheet that was shared with the Committee which showed the accounts she planned to transfer overages to fund the Masonry project and the cleaning contract which both came in over budget. She is hoping to have the audit for the June meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Enrollment is holding steady with 1281 students currently in the building, and there are currently 233 seniors out on coop, working for 215 different employers. There are 80 juniors currently out, working for 23 different employers. At the SkillsUSA state competition, Shawsheen earned 28

Medals – 16 gold, 3 silver and 9 bronze. There are 16 students attending the national competition in Atlanta, the most students attending at one time. Mr. McIntosh plans to attend the competition this year to see Cole Kelley, a senior in HVAC, go for this third straight gold medal.

Mr. McIntosh updated the committee on the status of the budget, with all 5 towns voting approval of Shawsheen's budget at Town Meeting. The Stabilization Fund also was approved by four out of the five towns, needing only three to pass. Mr. McIntosh also provided an update on the new master schedule, with another format brought forward by department chairs. They are still working on resolving exactly what this will look like and hope to be able to bring it to the Committee for a vote at the June meeting.

Mr. McIntosh reported on the 50th Anniversary event, as well as the Culture Fair, both huge successes. The Masonry project will begin as soon as students are out of the building, hoping to have the building on site by the last week of July. Staffing is still ongoing with most positions filled for the fall.

Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Fusco, Chair of the **Budget Subcommittee**, reported that the subcommittee met on April 24th and unanimously approved the budget transfers requested by the Business Manager.

Motion made by Mr. Fiore, seconded by Mr. Fusco, to approve the budget transfers as requested by Mr. Jenna Lesko, Business Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

MASC OFFICIAL
& ALTERNATE
DELEGATE Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mr. Fiore, to designate Ms. Gwen Lawson as the official delegate to the MASC Convention in November. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Mr. Moffatt, to designate Mrs. Taryn Gillis as the alternate delegate to the MASC Convention in November. Motion carried unanimously.

OUT OF STATE
FIELD TRIPS Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Ms. Asbedian, to approve all of the out of state field trips as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT
OPPORTUNITY
ACT PLAN
APPROVAL Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Fiore, to approve the Student Opportunity Act Plan, as prepared by Ms. Jessica Cook, Principal, in collaboration with the Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.

JUNE MEETING DATE CHANGE	After discussion the meeting scheduled for June will not change and will be held on Tuesday, June 25 th as scheduled.
SPECIAL EDUCATION LEGAL COUNSEL	Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Ms. Lawson, to hire KM Education Law with the agreement that this will be until October, giving the Committee time to do meet with Ms. Meinelt before making a long-term decision. Motion carried 9-1, with Mrs. Meuse opposed.
DONATION OF EQUIPMENT TO ADVANCED MANUFACTURING	Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Ms. Asbedian to approve the equipment donation by Trak Machine Tools to the Advanced Manufacturing department. Motion carried unanimously.
REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE	Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Mr. Moffatt, to approve the leave of absence requested by a member of the Programming & Web department. Motion carried unanimously.
MASC RESOLUTION	Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Fiore, to approve and endorse the resolution to the MASC Resolutions Committee For consideration at the MASC/MASS Convention in November: WHEREAS, students applying from sending districts being wait-listed is preventing non-member and school choice students from attending, and WHEREAS, there are 92 schools in Massachusetts that have Chapter 74 programs, but there are gaps across the Commonwealth where students do not have access to a Chapter 74 program school, and WHEREAS, Chapter 74 schools serve a higher percentage of students with IEP's and 504s, and who are more economically disadvantaged than their sending districts, and WHEREAS, Massachusetts is in need of more skilled trade workers to keep pace with both the growth of industry and the retirement of the current workforce, and WHEREAS, all students in Massachusetts deserve the opportunity to pursue the best secondary education available, THEREFORE, let it be know that the Massachusetts Association of School Committees calls upon the Governor and the legislature

to support the expansion capacity of the current Chapter 74 schools, and to work with districts that lack access to vocational technical schools to create programs.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DONATION FROM BOB'S FURNITURE STORES Motion made by Ms. Asbedian, seconded by Mr. Fusco to approve the donation of \$2,500 from Bob's Furniture Stores and to use the money for alumni scholarships. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda Items

1. Date for School Committee Retreat

Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to enter into Executive Session to discuss non-union contracts, collective bargaining strategies and a litigation update, which if discussed in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the public body. With a roll call vote, Chairman O'Donnell, Ms. Asbedian, Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Huberty, Ms. Lawson, Mrs. Meuse and Messrs. Fiore, Fusco, Hutchins and Moffatt voted yes. Motion carried unanimously. The Committee entered into Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. stating they would return to public session for a potential vote on non-union contracts and adjournment.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:35 p.m.

NON-UNION CONTRACTS Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Fiore, to approve the amended language for sick-leave buy back and longevity. Motion carried unanimously.

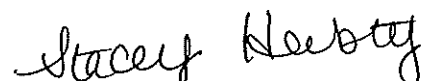
Motion made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Mr. Hutchins, to approve the pay scales for non-union contracts as presented by Superintendent-Director McIntosh. Motion carried 9-1, with Mrs. Meuse opposed.

Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Mr. Fusco, to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Faiola
Recording Secretary



Stacey Huberty
Secretary