

LONGMEADOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Longmeadow, Massachusetts

Longmeadow School Committee Meeting – February 28, 2017
535 Bliss Road, Longmeadow, MA 01106

Approved 3-28-2017

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Dupere, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and announced the Tuesday, February 28, 2017 meeting of the Longmeadow School Committee was being recorded, aired live by LCTV, and livestreamed on longmeadow.org.

Present: Mr. Russell Dupere, Vice Chair; Mr. John Fitzgerald, Ms. Michelle Grodsky, and Ms. Stephanie Jasmin.

Also present: Dr. M. Martin O’Shea, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Mazza, Asst. Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Ms. Susan Bertrand, Asst. Superintendent for Learning; and Ms. Dianne Georgantas, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Ms. Jess Hutchins, Chair; Ms. Elizabeth Bone, Clerk, Mr. Michael Clark, Ms. Nishal D’Souza, Student Representative

Audience: one (1)

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Correspondence** – None.
4. **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ms. Grodsky, that the School Committee approve the minutes to the February 14, 2017 School Committee meeting as presented. Motion passed with a vote of three (3) in favor and one (1) abstaining, Ms. Grodsky.

5. **Visitor Comments** – None.
6. **School Committee Announcements and Recognitions** – None.
7. **Business with Guests**

- **Drug Free Communities Support Program Grant and CLOSE Community Coalition MOU** – Dr. O’Shea presented the School Committee with an overview of the Drug Free Communities Support Program grant. The School Committee was asked to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the CLOSE Community Coalition and the school district in order for the district to apply for

and act as the fiscal agents for the grant. Ms. Shelly Warren, Substance Abuse Coordinator and representative from the CLOSE Community Coalition described the makeup of the Coalition and the partnership that they would like the School Committee to support. The partnership is in place of applying for 503B non-profit status. The schools are already set up to accept federal funding, and would act as a fiscal agent for the grant. The grant is \$125,000 a year for five years and is renewable.

Ms. Grodsky moved, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, that the School Committee approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the CLOSE Community Coalition and the Longmeadow Public Schools as presented and authorize the School Committee Chair to sign the MOU.

Discussion: Ms. Grodsky asked if there were any financial expectations for the district. Dr. O'Shea stated the grant is a matching grant although the matching can be in kind services. Ms. Warren has identified current programs which would offset the matching funds required by the grant.

Ms. Jasmin disclosed that she is part of the Coalition and therefore was abstaining from participation in the discussion, and vote.

The motion passed with a vote of three (3) in favor and one (1) abstaining, Ms. Jasmin.

8. Administrative Reports

- Superintendent Report – No report.
- School Committee Chair Report – No report.
- Student Representative Report – No report.
- Other Reports (LPVEC, Legislative, SEAL, Food Services, Energy Task Force) – No reports.

9. Sub-Committee Reports

- **Finance Sub-Committee** – No report.
- **Middle School Working Group** – Ms. Grodsky reported the Select Board voted to support the submission of the Statements of Interest for both middle schools. Mr. Fitzgerald congratulated Mr. Dupere and Ms. Grodsky for their work on the SOIs and in obtaining the support of the Select Board. Ms. Grodsky and Mr. Dupere in turn thanked Mr. Fitzgerald for his work over the years on Middle School Working Group.
- **Policy Sub-Committee** – No report.

10. Ongoing Business

- None.

11. New Business

- **Tuition Rate for Pre-School 2017-2018** - Mr. Mazza stated the Pre-school rate for the 2016-17 school year is \$2,000 and a discount of \$50 was offered for parents who paid the tuition, in-full, by August 1st. He described the program and how it operates as a peer model programs.

Mr. Mazza collected data on area pre-schools and provided that information to the School Committee., He recommended a rate of \$2,000 for the 2017-18 school year. His recommendation will include continuing to offer the discount if tuition is paid, in-full, by August 1st. He also recommended including a discount of 10% for families with multiples.

Ms. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ms. Grodsky, that the School Committee set the Pre-School Tuition rate to \$2,000 and offer a \$50 discount to families who make the tuition payment, in-full, by August 1, 2017 and including a discount of 10% for families with multiples for the 2nd, 3rd, etc. child. for the 2017-18 year.

12. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

13. **Executive Session** – There was no executive session for this meeting.

14. Adjournment

At 6:28 pm, Mr. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ms. Grodsky, that the School Committee adjourn the February 28, 2017 School Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

List of documents viewed or discussed during this meeting:

- Agenda for February28, 2017
- Annotated agenda for February 28, 2017
- DRAFT minutes for February 14, 2017 School Committee meeting.
- CLOSE Community Coalition of Longmeadow Overview of the Drug Free Communities Support Program Federal Grant
 - Memorandum of Understanding Between Coalition and Grantee/Legal Applicant
 - Area Pre-School Tuition rates