

## SHAWSHEEN VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting

May 24, 2022

## M I N U T E S

Meeting called to order by Chairman Fusco at 7:31 p.m. with Superintendent-Director Jackson and the following members present: Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Bartolone, Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Kim, Ms. Lawson, Mrs. Meuse and Messrs. Fiore, Moffatt and O'Donnell.

Also in attendance were Mr. Tony McIntosh, Superintendent Director-Elect and Ms. Tayla Tildsley, Student Representative.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Meuse asked for a moment of silence for the families in Uvalde, Texas.

Student Representative Report

Ms. Tildsley reported that senior sign-out is under way, with graduation scheduled for Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> on the football field. The senior prom was on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Castleton in New Hampshire, with a great time had by all. She updated on other upcoming events for each class, as well as MCAS. Eleven students won gold medals in SkillsUSA and will be attending Nationals in Atlanta in June. Ms. Tildsley also updated the Committee on spring sports with many of our teams heading to playoffs. Ms. Tildsley wrapped up her report by thanking the Committee for her time with the group.

Public Comment

Joseph Zechner, a resident of Billerica and also a Plumbing Instructor at Shawsheen, spoke to the Committee about his experiences as both a student and teacher, and the lack of professional development opportunities geared towards student issues and guidance for teachers in dealing with these.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the Minutes of April 26, 2022 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL BILLS

Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the following payment for legal invoices, as presented:

Howard Greenspan	05/01/2022	\$2,337.50
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Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Moffatt, seconded by Mr. Fiore, to approve the following payment for legal invoices, as presented:

Nuttall, MacAvoy	05/09/2022	\$172.00
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Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jackson also updated the Committee on SkillsUSA, with eleven gold medalists who will be attending Nationals in Atlanta in June; ten silver medalists and 12 bronze. Covid cases have begun to decline after a short spike reported last month. Shawsheen's budget was approved by all five towns at their town meetings which begins the fiscal year on July 1. Health Assisting students went to Burlington to assist with lab testing for their Health Fair. Dr. Jackson also updated the Committee on the admissions process this year which he felt was a great success. There were six appeals with four confirming the original score, one score was updated and the appeal successful with the student admitted, and one looking for more records. All Committee members should be in the Committee Room at 5:00 on graduation to begin the procession.

Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Moffatt, as Chair of the **Budget Subcommittee**, reported that the Subcommittee met this evening for a presentation from Colleen D'Alfonso from Daniel Dennis on the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report. The Subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend approval to the full Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT & AUDITOR'S REPORT	Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Mrs. Meuse, to accept the FY22 Financial Statement & Auditor's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
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Discussion turned to the nomination for the Business Manager position.

Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Ms. Asbedian, to postpone appointment of the Business Manager. Motion failed 2-8.

Mr. Moffatt gave an overview of the interview process, with the Budget Subcommittee recommending the appointment of Jenna Lesko to the position of Business Manager.

Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Ms. Bartolone, to accept the nomination of Jenna Lesko for the position of Business Manager, pending the successful negotiation of her contract. Motion carried 8-1-1, with Mrs. Meuse opposed and Ms. Asbedian abstaining.

New Business

MASC OFFICIAL AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE Motion made by Mr. Fiore, seconded by Mr. Moffatt, to nominate Mrs. Gillis as the official delegate to the to the joint MASC/MASS Convention in November. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. O'Donnell, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to nominate Mrs. Meuse as the alternate delegate to the joint MASC/MASS Convention in November. Motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIPS Motion made Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the student out of state field trips for 2022-2023. Motion carried unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Moffatt, to approve the Professional Development Plan as written. Motion carried unanimously.

RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE MINUTES Motion made by Mrs. Gillis, seconded by Mr. Moffatt, to accept and release the Executive Session Minutes of March 23, 2021; April 27, 2021 and January 18, 2022. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Ms. Lawson abstaining.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS Mr. Fusco distributed the subcommittees that will be available for 2022-2023, and will have these, as a draft, before the next meeting.

Future Agenda Items

1. The School Committee Retreat is scheduled for Friday, July 8 from 9:00 a.m. until early afternoon.

Executive Session

Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Ms. Asbedian, to enter into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategies and contract negotiations with non-union personnel which if discussed in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the public body. With a roll call vote, Chairman Fusco, Ms. Asbedian, Ms. Bartolone, Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Kim, Ms. Lawson, Mrs. Meuse and Messrs. Fiore, Moffatt and O'Donnell voted yes. Motion carried unanimously. The Committee entered into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. stating they would return to public session for the sole purpose of adjournment.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:25 p.m.

Motion made by Mrs. Meuse, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to adjourn at 10:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Faiola  
Recording Secretary

Cheryl Bartolone  
Secretary