

Time-Place: An open session of the Saugus School Committee was held this date at the Roby School Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mr. Doucette	not present
	Mr. Grabowski	present
	Mr. Malone	present
	Ms. Riley	present
	Ms. Reed	present

Ms. Riley moved, Ms. Reed seconded and it was VOTED: to adjourn the open session and to enter into executive session for the purpose of arbitration, litigation, and general privacy at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mr. Grabowski	yes
	Mr. Malone	yes
	Ms. Riley	yes
	Ms. Reed	yes

The open session was called back to order at 7:05 p.m. with a salute to the flag.

Roll Call:	Mr. Doucette	not present
	Mr. Grabowski	present
	Mr. Malone	present
	Ms. Riley	present
	Ms. Reed	present

Ms. Reed announced that the meeting was being recorded by Saugus Cable and asked that if anyone was recording the meeting that they announce it at this time. There was one person recording the meeting.

Special School Program/Presentation:

Julie Oliver, World Language Teacher at Saugus High School, was present this evening to tell the School Committee about her experience in Beijing in November. She was one of 100 teachers from North America attending the conference, which allowed teachers to collaborate and share ideas and teaching practices. While she was in China, Mr. DiOrio set up a Skype session so that Ms. Oliver could communicate with her class.

Sharon Hamer, Library Media Specialist, Belmonte Middle School, was present this evening to tell the School Committee about her experience attending the American Association of School Librarians Conference in MN. She was asked to present at the National Exploratorium representing Saugus.

Mr. Nelson, Athletic Director, was present this evening. The Superintendent congratulated him for completing his National Certification for Athletic Administration.

Mr. Nelson noted that all coaches in the Saugus Public Schools are certified by the MIAA.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Student Representatives Report:

Maggie Palermo was present this evening to report on events for the senior class:

- Senior class won Color Day
- The senior prom will be at the Tewksbury Country Club with the after prom party at the Boston Sports Club
- The senior class gift wrap fundraiser is going on at the mall until December 24th.

Caitlin McKinnon was present this evening to report on freshmen class events.

- Prince Pizza fundraiser
- Candy fundraiser
- Class T shirts
- The class is trying to get more student involvement.

Approval of Minutes:

There were no minutes this evening.

Report on Pupil Personnel Services:

Superintendent Langlois gave a report for Ms. Joyce.

- An additional teacher was hired at the Veterans School due to the number of referrals.
- The Agganis Enrichment Program is in place with 17 students and staff in place.
- PPS Director and the 5 ETL's in the district are working on the audit.
- There are openings for students at the Ballard School afternoon program.

Voting of Warrants:

Mr. Malone, moved, Ms. Reed seconded and it was

VOTED: to approve the bill schedule in the amount of \$560,766.98 as outlined in Mr. Rippin's memo dated December 8, 2011.

Superintendent's Report:

Belmonte Repair Project & Phasing: The Superintendent advertised for a construction manager to begin the construction phase of the Belmonte Repair Project. The construction phase is to begin this summer, and next year's grade 8 students will attend Saugus High School. The Superintendent has been working with principals Diorio and Bruno to craft a transition plan that is least interruptive to the high school program. There will be meetings with the parents regarding the move of the 8th graders.

Project 351: On Saturday, January 14, 2012 the Governor will conduct his second Project 351 Ambassador Day in Boston featuring ambassadors from participating middle schools throughout the Commonwealth. Eighth grade student Tia Trabucco from the Belmonte Middle School will represent Saugus.

NEASC Accreditation: Principal Diorio has been notified by the NEASC visiting chair, Pat Larkin that the final report is complete and has been reviewed by the NEASC Board. The final report will be provided forthwith according to the NEASC policy and procedure, and will include a presentation of the final report to the district's governance board and high school administration in the near future.

CACE Conference: The Superintendent, along with two Title I teachers representing the middle and elementary grades, attended the CACE Annual Conference for Title I in Chatham. The theme of the conference was Transforming the Learning Environment. Superintendent Langlois gave an overview of the conference.

Title IIB Grant: Saugus has submitted a competitive grant in cohort with Everett and Revere for Math and Science. Saugus is targeted to receive \$6,400 in professional development for 8-10 teachers, and is to be hosted in Saugus.

Handouts/Information: The following was included in the packet:

- Statement of Interest for Renovation of SHS Science Labs
- Special Education Parent Advisory, Meeting Scheduled 12/13/11, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Transmittal Letter of Final NEASC Evaluation Report, November 22, 2011
- Governor's Project 351 Nomination Criteria and Schedule of Events
- Roles and Responsibilities for School Committees and Superintendent, Center for Public School Leadership in MA
- FY13 Revised Budget Development Schedule
- Holiday Concert at Saugus High School Auditorium, 12/13, 7:00 p.m.

- High School Chorus Performance at North Shore Superintendent Round Table Holiday Gathering, 12/15
- Belmonte Middle School renovation Committee Meeting, 12/5, 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall
- 2011-2012 School Committee Calendar (Final Copy)

Mr. Grabowski suggested that they have a separate meeting for the NEASC discussion.

Mr. Grabowski noted that there was a typo on the proposed calendar.

The calendar will be put on the next agenda.

Report of Subcommittees:

Ms. Reed reviewed the list of subcommittee members for each subcommittee. She noted that if anyone from the public would like to serve on a subcommittee they are welcome to contact any school committee member.

Old Business:

There was not old business.

New Business:

Request School Committee Approval for SOI on Science Lab Initiative:

Mr. Malone moved, Ms Reed seconded and it was

VOTED: in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated December 8, 2011 for the Saugus High School located at Pearce Memorial Drive, Saugus which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future.

Priority 7

Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements. Because of the age of the high school, it has been extremely difficult to upgrade the high school science labs to meet current curriculum needs. To reiterate the citation from the 2011 NEASC Accreditation report; “the science labs are outdated, unsafe, and unable to meet the needs of the 21st century learner. The science labs are not fully or properly equipped for biology, chemistry, and physics.” Teachers are unable to meet curriculum requirements in the lab sciences as evidenced by the following: (1) lack of working gas in all labs and/or exposed pipes to Bunsen Burners, (2) insufficient sinks and tables for instruction, (3) limited storage for equipment and chemicals (4) insufficient technologies, lighting, and

electricity, and (5) inadequate safety/chemical wash. More importantly, the classroom structure is not conducive to effective learning in the science lab arena. The MA DESE endorses MassCore as the high school program of studies. This includes three years of lab science for all students to graduate. Although Saugus High School meets this requirement for all students, it is without fidelity; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Saugus to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

2012-2013 School Calendar for future consideration and action:

The School Committee will review the enclosed calendar for the year 2012-2013 and it will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

SHS Netbooks: Mr. Grabowski had requested information on the netbook computers that were given to the 9th grade students in the Academy program at the high school. He said that he had calls from parents asking why some students have the computers and others do not. He asked what the funding source is and who is responsible for the repairs.

Mr. Rippin reported that the funding came from the year end encumbrances. The computers come with a warranty. Anything beyond normal wear and tear is the responsibility of the parents.

It was noted that every student in the school has access to technology on a daily basis.

A discussion was held regarding the Academy.

The Superintendent noted that they are exploring the iPad for kids with special needs.

The Superintendent was disappointed that parents went to Mr. Grabowski and not to him with their concerns.

Evans School Revolving Account: A discussion was held regarding the Evans School revolving account and the funding source for repairs to the school.

Ms. Reed suggested that the School Committee schedule a meeting to discuss this topic.

A special meeting will be scheduled for December 15, 2011 with one agenda item: Evans School Repairs.

Mr. Malone moved, Ms. Reed seconded and it was
VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Signature: _____
Wendy Reed, School Committee Chairman