

Time-Place: An open session of the Saugus School Committee was held this date at the Roby School. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mr. Grabowski	present
	Mr. Leuci	present
	Mr. Malone	not present
	Mr. Stewart	present
	Ms. Reed	present

Cell phone Tower at Grabowski Field: A discussion was held regarding the cell phone tower that is planned to be installed at Grabowski Field next to the Veterans Memorial School. Members of the School Committee had the opportunity to view the site.

Mr. Leuci was opposed to the cell phone tower.

Ms. Reed did not feel the school or administration had any concerns.

Mr. Stewart did not feel the School Committee should have a role in this.

Ms. Reed noted that this belongs with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Appeals.

Superintendent Langlois noted that the bid has been awarded.

Mr. Stewart moved, Ms. Reed seconded and it was VOTED: to adjourn the open session at 6:15 p.m. to and enter into executive session for the purpose of negotiations, general privacy and non-union personnel.

Roll Call:	Mr. Grabowski	yes
	Mr. Leuci	yes
	Mr. Stewart	yes
	Ms. Reed	yes

The open session of the Saugus School Committee was called back to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mr. Grabowski	present
	Mr. Leuci	present
	Mr. Malone	not present
	Mr. Stewart	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.

Special Presentations:

Recognition of Greg Nickolas, Northeast Conference Community Service Award: Mr. Nelson recognized Mr. Greg Nickolas for his Northeast Conference Community Service Award. He was nominated by Mr. Nelson, Mr. Merrill and Mr. DiOrio.

Mr. Nickolas thanked Mr. Nelson for the recognition. He presented \$50.00 for the football program and \$100 for the golf program.

Mr. Leuci moved, Ms. Reed seconded and it was VOTED: to accept the gift from the Saugus Youth and Recreation to High School Athletics.

Recognition of NEC Spring All Stars: Mr. Nelson, Athletic Director, presented certificates to Saugus High School students who were Northeastern Conference All-Stars for the spring season. He thanked the school department and the School Committee for their support.

Mr. Fontanella, Outdoor Track Coach, congratulated Olisaemeka Obiefuna for his accomplishments in track. He noted that he was 7th in the state and qualified for nationals. He gave an overview of his accomplishments.

Report on Belmonte Middle School Grade 8 Trip to Washington, DC: Ms. Kerri Robbins, Vice Principal at the Belmonte Middle School, gave an overview of the Washington D.C. trip for the eighth grade students.

Four eighth grade students were introduced to speak about the trip.

Public Comment:

Mr. Palmerini, teacher at the Veterans School, spoke regarding the cell phone tower. He said they were concerned about this being so close to an elementary school.

Ms. Reed reported that the School Dept. did not take any position on the cell phone tower. The School Committee was not involved from the beginning.

Mr. Stewart noted that the Committee chose not to go on record since they did not feel they have a role in this. He reported that they did attend the site visit and asked the principal to gather concerns from staff. He did not come back with any concerns.

Mr. Leuci reported that he, as an individual, is against it, but the Committee did not take a stance on it.

Mr. Stewart moved, Ms. Reed seconded and it was
VOTED: to take two items out of order.

New Business:

Drama Conference: to the NE Theatre Conference: Ms. Lemoine was present this evening to request approval for an overnight trip for the Drama Club to the NE Theater Conference.

Mr. Leuci moved, Ms. Reed seconded and it was
VOTED: to approve the Drama Club overnight field trip to the NE Theater Conference November 17th.

Chorus Trip: Ms. Lemoine was present this evening to request approval of an overnight trip for Chorus to Harmony Explosion Camp.

Mr. Stewart moved, Ms. Reed seconded and it was
VOTED: to approve the overnight field trip for the SHS Chorus to Harmony Explosion at Worcester State College August 11-13.

Minutes for Approval:

Mr. Leuci moved, Ms. Reed seconded and it was
VOTED: to approve the Minutes of June 9, 2011 Open Session as presented.

Warrants: Mr. Rippin reported that they are very much on top of the bills.

Mr. Stewart moved, Ms. Reed seconded and it was
VOTED: to approve the bill schedule as outlined in the memo dated June 23, 2011 in the amount of \$405,365.68.

Financial Report:

Mr. Rippin reported that as of May 31, 2011 the Saugus Public Schools has expended and encumbered \$20,817,887 against the appropriated budget of \$25,010,250. He is projecting that the FY2011 budget will finish in a balanced position as evidenced in the column entitled FY2011 Projection 5/31/11.

Mr. Rippin noted the following change:
Transfer of \$640,571 Out of District Tuition expense from LEA to Circuit Breaker.

Mr. Rippin also discussed grant funds and revolving funds for FY2011.

Mr. Rippin reported that he has built the FY12 budget, but is waiting for Town Meeting to reflect the \$700,000 addition. He will be prepared to put it in a line item.

Mr. Rippin answered questions regarding the budget.

Superintendent's Report:

FY12 Budget Update: the Superintendent reported that on June 14 at the Board of Selectmen meeting, the Town Manager proposed a \$600,000 increase in the school system FY12 budget to \$25,610,250. The Board of Selectmen voted to add an additional \$100,000 to the school department beyond the Town Manager's recommendation, bringing out budget to \$25,710,250. Administration is revisiting the personnel affected by the reduction list and making determination of staff recall in the event that Town Meeting approves the Board of Selectmen's recommendation.

The Superintendent stated that they are appreciative of the efforts of the Town and hopes that when there is any other realized cash that the school dept. is considered.

Shore Collaborative Community Partnership: Superintendent Langlois reported that Saugus has taken the lead with the Shore Collaborative in creating a collaborative of community event for students with disabilities. The first was held June 14. The Superintendent and Ms. Joyce attended the event at Revere High School. There was much excitement among the students and the Superintendent would like to host the event next year.

End of Year Event Summary: Superintendent Langlois attended several moving on ceremonies and scholarship nights and is pleased with the character and achievement that the students demonstrated. There is much excitement among the parents and students in regard to the new programs at the high school and middle school. It appears that many students who typically would have considered private schooling have elected to participate in our Academy for Advanced Program of Studies, Pre-AP program grades 6-12.

District Improvement Plan: The District Improvement Plan was presented by Steering Committee Consultant, Irene Ladd, at an earlier meeting this evening. The Superintendent commended her for her work. A final draft was included in the packet.

Preliminary MCAS Results: The district has received its preliminary results on the MCAS objective section for all schools and awaits the open response portion in August. The results will be made public in September, 2011.

Information/Handouts:

- District Improvement Plan 2011-2014
- Calendar for 2011-2012

A supplement was given to the School Committee members. It was a book of poems that a woman wrote about her experiences in the Saugus Public Schools.

Mr. Grabowski reported that he was able to attend some of the end of year ceremonies. He talked with one parent whose son decided to stay in Saugus instead of attending Malden Catholic on a full scholarship.

Report of Subcommittees:

BMS MSBA Update: It was reported that the subcommittee met one time each month. They discussed their final submissions to the MSBA and had discussions regarding the final façade. They will be meeting on July 18th.

Policy Subcommittee:

Military-Connected Student Policy 2nd Reading: there were no comments from the public.

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

VOTED: to accept the Military-Connected Student Policy.

Policy to Deal with Student Allergies Amended 1st Reading: It was reported that this is an amended policy. Mr. Grabowski read the list of proposed changes. Ms. Reed noted that they are posted on the website. If there are any comments, they should be directed to the School Committee or Superintendent.

C.O.R.I. Requirement Policy 1st Reading: Mr. Grabowski read the proposed C.O.R.I. policy. This will be posted to the website. If there are any comments, they should be brought to the School Committee or the Superintendent.

Athletic Subcommittee: Mr. Leuci reported that a meeting had been posted for last week but was postponed until next week.

Mr. Stewart noted that a middle school football program had been made public before approval. A discussion was held regarding revenue and fundraising for the proposed program to make it self sustaining.

Old Business:

Comments Regarding Proposed Cell Tower on Hurd Ave: Ms. Reed noted that this was already discussed. The Committee does not feel it is a School Committee issue. They chose not to take a stand on this as a Committee.

New Business:

Vote on Recommendations to Approve the District Improvement Plan:

Ms. Reed thanked the steering committee members for working on this for the last six months with consultant, Irene Ladd. It will be updated on a regular basis.

Mr. Leuci moved, Ms. Reed seconded and it was
VOTED: to adopt the District Improvement Plan 2011-2014 as presented on June 23, 2011.

School Committee Calendar: the School Committee will meet on:

July 21

August 11

September 8

September 22

October 13

October 27

November 10 – Organizational meeting.

Ms. Reed requested that members of the School Committee get the Superintendent's evaluations back to her by June 30th.

Mr. Stewart reminded everyone of the Trivia Extravaganza on October 20th.

Mr. Grabowski attended a legislative briefing for elective officials at Bunker Hill along with Selectmen Wong and Crabtree and School Committee member Mr. Malone. They heard discussions on funding.

Mr. Stewart moved, Ms. Reed seconded and it was
Voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.