

MINUTES

BANGOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 21, 2021

School Committee members present: Chair Carin Sychterz, Warren Caruso, John Hiatt, Clare Mundell, Susan Sorg. Via ZOOM: Vice Chair Marwa Hassanien, and Tim Surette.

A. 1. & 2. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Sychterz, and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

C. Public Comments:

Sam Conners, (minor), of 75 Bellvue Ave., Bangor High School student. Representing Maine Youth Power.

Jordyn Miller, of 47 Pine Trail, 2020 Bangor High School graduate. Representing Maine Youth Power.

Morgan Pysynski, (minor), of 131 West Broadway, Bangor High School student. Representing Maine Youth Power.

Wells Mundell-Wood, of 79 Norfolk Street, Bangor High School graduate. Representing Maine Youth Power.

Phoebe Dolan of 105 Stevens Road, Representing Maine Youth Power. Director, Voting Registration Platform.

Brian Pittman of 93 Grant Street Bangor. FY 22 Budget Review

D. 1. a. Superintendent Tager recommended approval of the FY 22 Budget Revisions.

ARTICLE 1 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommend \$22,203,901

VOTED by roll call, 7-0 to approve Article 1 as presented.

ARTICLE 2 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommend \$9,849,851

VOTED by roll call, 7-0 to approve Article 2 as presented.

ARTICLE 3 To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommend \$1,399,076

VOTED by roll call, 7-0 to approve Article 3 as presented.

ARTICLE 4 to see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommended \$4,423,364

VOTED by roll call, 7-0 to approve Article 4 as presented.

ARTICLE 5 to see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommended \$1,323,526

VOTED by roll call, 7-0 to approve Article 5 as presented.

ARTICLE 6 to see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommended \$2,696,758

VOTED by roll call, 7-0 to approve Article 6 as presented.

ARTICLE 7 to see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommend \$2,000,000

VOTED by roll call, 7-0 to approve Article 7 as presented.

ARTICLE 8 to see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommend \$6,100,104

VOTED by roll call, 7-0 to approve Article 8 as presented.

ARTICLE 9 to see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommend \$1,553,200.

VOTED by roll call, 7-0 to approve Article 9 as presented.

ARTICLE 10 to see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Recommend \$80,359

VOTED by roll call, 7-0 to approve Article 10 as presented.

ARTICLE 11 to see what sum the district/unit will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act.

Recommended \$51,630,139

VOTED by roll call, 7-0 to approve Article 11 as presented.

ARTICLE 12 to see if (the school administrative unit) will appropriate **\$549,251** for Adult Education and raise **\$200,000** as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

VOTED by roll call, 7-0 to approve Article 12 as presented.

ARTICLE 13 The Bangor School Department has received more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, the School Committee is authorized to first use \$500,000 of the additional state subsidy to decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education; the School Committee is then authorized to use \$313,665 for extra staffing; the School Committee is then authorized to transfer to the City the remaining amount of \$862,901 to the Bangor School Department Capital Reserve Fund which would eliminate the need for bonding. Yes: Members Caruso, Sorg Surette and Chair Sychterz. No: Members Hassanien, Hiatt, and Mundell.

D. 2. a. On behalf of Superintendent Tager, Assistant Superintendent Harris Smedberg reported the following resignation(s):

Julie Stacey	Math Teacher	James F. Doughty School
Jamie Redding	Grade 4 Teacher	Fairmount School
Amy Trask	English Teacher	Bangor High School

b. On behalf of Superintendent Tager, Assistant Superintendent Harris-Smedberg reported the following teacher reassignment(s) for the 2021-2022 school year:

Jessica Gallant from Social Worker in the Choice Program Districtwide to Social Worker at Bangor Regional Therapeutic Program.

Sheri Thompson from Social Worker at Bangor Regional Therapeutic Program to Social Worker in the Choices Program Districtwide.

E. 1. a. 1. On behalf of Superintendent Tager, Assistant Superintendent Harris-Smedberg VOTED 6-1 by roll call to approved the Minutes of the June 23, 2021 Regular School Committee Meeting. Members Hassanien, Hiatt, Mundell, Sorg, Surette and Sychterz. Abstained: Member Caruso.

b. 1. Superintendent Tager recommended approval of the May 2022 Financial Report.

VOTED 7-0 by roll call to approve the May Financial Report as presented.

c. 1. a. On behalf of Superintendent Tager, Assistant Superintendent Harris-Smedberg recommended the following teacher nomination(s) for the 2020-2021 school year with a one-year Probationary Contract:

Ryan Misler	History Teacher	Bangor High School
Mark Quinn	Health/PE Teacher	Bangor High School

VOTED 7-0 by roll call to approve the nominations as presented.

- c. 2. Superintendent Tager recommended Committee approval of the following extra-duty assignment(s) for the 2020-2021 school year:

Danielle Williams	Cheering Coach	James F. Doughty School
Maureen Barron	Softball Head Coach	Bangor High School

VOTED 7-0 by roll call to approve the nominations as presented.

F. Comments and Questions from the Committee:

Member Surette shared he reviewed the by-laws for SPRPCE and he believes that leadership can be someone other than an active superintendent. Superintendent Tager spoke with Dr. Webb, who is currently serving as the SPRPCE leader and his understanding is that they will work in tandem.

Chair Sychterz explained why she voted for the budget and how ESSER3/ARP Funds should provide extra funding to the schools.

Member Hiatt shared that disagreement is okay and all School Committee members want what is best for the students.

Member Caruso explained his vote on the budget, that the process is healthy, the last vote is not a swing vote; and that a yes vote was showing good citizenship to help the City.

Member Mundell shared that all School Committee members have student’s well-being at heart, but may have different ways to achieve that support. She also welcomed Superintendent Tager.

Superintendent Tager expressed that dialog is good, believing all present were serving to help students, and a desire to keep relationships with the City of Bangor positive.

Member Mundell shared she was elected on a reform platform and that we all need to be open to new thinking.

Member Surette expressed an interest in Social Studies and Civic Literacy, applauding the students who spoke up during the Public Comment time. He reiterated that the last vote is not a swing vote in the close votes, but rather each vote counts towards a total.

Member Sorg also supported that the last vote is not a swing vote, and that last vote should not be seen differently than other votes cast prior. She welcomed Superintendent Tager.

F. 2. Representative Reports

Member Sorg reported on UTC Committee who will meet July 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Member Mundell asked about the School Committee. Member Caruso explained how the Scholarship Committee worked and Director of Finance Jerry Hayman shared further information.

Chair Sychterz reviewed the important dates.

J. VOTED by roll call vote, 7-0, to enter Executive Session at 8:52 pm for the purpose of negotiations with the Teachers' Bargaining Unit pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(D).

Returned to public session at 8:48 p.m.

K. Voted by roll call 4-0 to adjourned at 9:44 p.m. Members Caruso, Hassanien and Surette left before the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,



James Tager
Superintendent of Schools