

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 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mr. Doucette	not present
	Mr. Leuci	present
	Ms. Reed	present
	Mrs. Wilson	present
	Mr. Malone	present

Mr. Leuci moved, Mr. Malone seconded and it was VOTED: to adjourn the open session at 6:05 and to enter into executive session for the purpose of collective bargaining and general privacy issues.

Roll Call:		
	Mr. Leuci	yes
	Ms. Reed	yes
	Mrs. Wilson	yes
	Mr. Malone	yes

The open session was called back to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:	Mr. Doucette	not present
	Mr. Leuci	present
	Ms. Reed	present
	Mrs. Wilson	present
	Mr. Malone	present

It was noted that Mr. Doucette had a prior commitment and would not be in attendance.

Minutes for Approval:

Mr. Leuci moved, Mr. Malone seconded and it was VOTED: to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2009 Open Session as presented.

Roll Call:		
	Mr. Leuci	yes
	Ms. Reed	yes
	Mrs. Wilson	yes
	Mr. Malone	yes

Mr. Leuci moved, Mr. Malone seconded and it was VOTED: to table the Minutes of September 10, 2009 Executive Session.

Roll Call:

Mr. Leuci	yes
Ms. Reed	yes
Mrs. Wilson	yes
Mr. Malone	yes

Warrants:

Mr. Leuci moved, Mr. Malone seconded and it was
VOTED: to approve the bill schedule in the amount of \$226,897.74
as outlined in Mr. Rippin’s memo dated September 24, 2009.

Roll Call:

Mr. Leuci	yes
Ms. Reed	yes
Mrs. Wilson	yes
Mr. Malone	yes

Mr. Rippin informed the School Committee that all carry overs will be paid or liquidated by the middle of November.

Student Representative:

Stephanie Parella, student representative and a member of the class of 2010, reported on the following:

- October 3 will be Quodoba Day and they will be selling burritos for \$1
- Funders Day will be held October 4th at the High School
- Saturday is the first home football game
- The students appreciate the reduction of the user fees.

Superintendent’s Report:

NEASC: Superintendent Langlois introduced Mr. Diorio, Principal of the High School and his chairpersons for the NEASC self-study process, Ms. Jane Osgood and Mr. Mike Hashem. Using a power point presentation Mr. Diorio gave an overview of the NEASC self-study process. Saugus High School will be assessed April 3-6, 2011.

Superintendent Langlois reviewed changes that have taken place in response to the accreditation.

Appointment of New Director of Guidance: Superintendent Langlois introduced the new director of guidance, Ms. Matolla and gave an overview of her experience. Her start date is October 8th.

Northeastern University Master of Education: Mr. Frank Woods, Science Curriculum Specialist for grades 6-12, was present this evening to discuss the districts involvement in the Northeastern University Master of Education on middle school science. The program is designed for middle school teachers who are seeking a second license in general science or who want greater knowledge in the subject area. Mr. Woods noted that he

pursued a Northshore Partnership Grant. The money has been used to train hundreds of teachers. 80% of the coursework is paid through the grant. Mr. Woods gave an overview of the schedule of courses. He would like to have these courses considered and approved as in-service.

Kids Come First: The Superintendent reported that Mr. Harel, Principal of the Veterans Memorial School, is managing two added programs at his school this year.

Mr. Harel spoke to the program for students with special needs, the student teacher mentor program and the Kids Come First Program, which is self-sustaining and affordable for parents.

Ms. Joyce noted that there was intensive professional development to develop these programs.

Mr. Kelly Moss, Assistant Principal Veterans Memorial School, spoke regarding the program “The Teacher in Me”. The Veterans Memorial School now has five Gordon College students at the school. He explained the student teacher process. They have been very impressed with the quality of the student teachers.

Summer Enrichment Program: Mrs. Carney, Lynnhurst Principal, gave an overview of the Summer Enrichment Program.

Ms. Christie Eng gave an overview of the extended school year enrichment program for students with disabilities. It was a collaborative program with Mrs. Carney’s Summer Enrichment Program. Everyone had a wonderful summer.

Open House: The Superintendent reported that he had the opportunity to attend “open house” at several schools and would like to commend the professionalism of our administration and teachers, and recognize the parents for the active involvement and interest in their child’s education.

Special Town Meeting: The Superintendent reported that two votes were taken at the Special Town Meeting on September 21st. A stabilization fund of \$59,000 was created by Town Meeting members to target the user fees for students. The user fees will be lowered by \$100.00.

As of November 1st students who played a fall sport will receive a refund of \$100 or the \$100 will be applied to a winter sport.

The School Committee submitted a warrant of \$100,000 through the Town Manager to pay for teachers at the Middle School.

In-service Day: the Superintendent reported that the first in-service day for staff was focused and effective as it relates to district initiatives. The day’s activities were developed by the Professional Development Committee. Sessions were focused on articulation of curriculum maps to staff, Collins writing, data warehousing, the NEASC self-study, IEP development, positive behavior supports, and technology. The Superintendent included an itinerary in the packet.

Subcommittee for Statement of Interest: The Superintendent reported that he worked with a sub-committee comprised of Ms. Reed, Mr. Leuci, Geoff Bruno, and Sam Rippin to submit to the Committee at large a copy of the SOI refresh for the Belmonte Middle School renovation. The Superintendent noted that no vote is necessary, but he would like the Committee to vote on the SOI refresh. The Superintendent gave an update on the SOI, which included the heating system, HVAC system, windows replacement, plumbing, lighting and replacement of asbestos tiles.

Special Event: The Superintendent reported that the school district will host its first special event on September 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the Roby Building, “Impact of the Proposed Charter on the School System”.

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

- Education Laws & Regulations – Caregiver Authorization Affidavits
- NSBA Call to Action
- MASC Bulletin
- Inspector General – Pursuit of Energy Conservation

MCAS 2009: Superintendent Langlois gave an update on the 2009 MCAS scores for the Saugus Public Schools.

FY10 Budget: Mr. Rippin, Executive Director of Finance and Operations gave a report on the background of the FY10 budget as voted by the School Committee in February and discussed the budget process.

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

VOTED: to accept the FY10 budget as allocated.

Roll Call:

Mr. Leuci	yes
Ms. Reed	yes
Mrs. Wilson	yes
Mr. Malone	yes

Mr. Rippin reviewed the maintenance update.

Mr. Rippin reviewed the proposed meal charge policy for students. He noted that the Point of Sale System will be put in place over the Columbus Day weekend.

Mrs. Wilson noted that this is a proposed policy that will need to go to the policy subcommittee for review.

Mrs. Wilson moved, Mr. Malone seconded and it was
VOTED: to refer the Meals Charge Policy to the Policy
Subcommittee for review.

Roll Call:

Mr. Leuci	yes
Ms. Reed	yes
Mrs. Wilson	yes
Mr. Malone	yes

Reports of Subcommittee:

There were no reports this evening.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Approval of Belmonte Middle School Statement of Interest Refresh: The Superintendent seeks approval of the Belmonte Middle School Statement of Interest refresh to be submitted.

Mrs. Wilson noted that Mr. Doucette has read the refresh and is supportive of it.

Ms. Reed moved, Mr. Malone seconded and it was
VOTED: to approve the refresh of the Statement of Interest for the Belmonte Middle School.

Roll Call:

Mr. Leuci	yes
Ms. Reed	yes
Mrs. Wilson	yes
Mr. Malone	yes

Approval of Saugus School District participation in the Northeastern University Master of Education program: The Superintendent recommends to the Committee approval of Saugus High School District participation in the Northeastern University Master of Education program in middle school science for staff in-service credit.

Mrs. Wilson moved, Mr. Malone seconded and it was

VOTED: to approve the Northeastern University Master of Education program for staff in-service credit.

Home School Students: The Superintendent recommends the approval of curriculum for seven home school students.

Mr. Leuci moved, Mr. Malone seconded and it was VOTED: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the curriculum for seven home school students.

Roll Call:

Mr. Leuci	yes
Ms. Reed	yes
Mrs. Wilson	yes
Mr. Malone	yes

Mr. Leuci stated that he thought the Belmonte Middle School should be classified as a middle school. Superintendent Langlois said that Mr. Bruno, Principal of Belmonte Middle School, believes that we are not too far away from the goal.

Student User Fees: Superintendent Langlois recommended that the School Committee accept the appropriation from the town to go toward user fee reduction.

User fees would be reduced as follows:

- \$350 to \$250
- \$250 to \$150
- \$1500 family cap to \$1000 family cap.

Mrs. Wilson moved, Mr. Malone seconded and it was VOTED: to approve the reduction in user fees as outlined by the Superintendent.

Roll Call:

Mr. Leuci	yes
Ms. Reed	yes
Mrs. Wilson	yes
Mr. Malone	yes

Mr. Leuci would like to see the user fees reduced further and perhaps eliminated in the future.

Mr. Leuci moved, Mr. Malone seconded and it was VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mr. Leuci	yes
Ms. Reed	yes

Mrs. Wilson	yes
Mr. Malone	yes