

Chariho School Committee Meeting  
Regular Session Minutes – June 13, 2023

Committee Members Attendance: Chair Catherine Giusti, Donna Chambers, Tyler Champlin (arrived at 6:00 PM), Kathryn Colasante, Polly Hopkins, Clay Johnson, Craig Louzon, Linda Lyall, Andrew McQuaide, Larry Phelps, Patricia Pouliot and Karen Reynolds.

Administrators and Others Attendance: Superintendent Gina Picard, Assistant Superintendent Michael Comella, Director of Administration and Finance Ned Draper, ELA Fellow Kerry Pastore, Humanities Specialist Dana Thomas, Richmond Police Chief Elwood Johnson (left at 6:21 PM), Cranston Police Officer/ALICE Trainer Jamie Jennings (left at 6:21 PM), Attorney for the School Committee Jon Anderson (arrived at 7:00 PM), Systems Administrator Eric O'Brien and School Committee Clerk Donna Sieczkiewicz.

I. Meeting Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Silent Meditation

Chair Catherine Giusti called the meeting of the Chariho School Committee, held in the Chariho High School Library, to order at 5:00 PM. She asked all to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

II. Motion/Vote to go into Executive Session

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Andrew McQuaide and it was VOTED: That the School Committee go into executive session under the authority of R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(2) for the purpose of discussion and/or action pertaining to collective bargaining (1. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of May 23, 2023 - Discussion on Possible Impact Bargaining with NEA Certified Staff Pertaining to Article 8 and 2. Discussion on Memorandum of Agreement Between the Chariho Regional School District and Chariho Education Support Professionals pertaining to Article 19.1 of the collective bargaining agreement); under the authority of R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(3) for the purpose of discussion regarding the matter of security (ALICE Training) and under the authority of R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(8) for the purpose of reviewing and/or approving matters which relate to the privacy of students and their records (Approval of Executive Session Minutes of May 23, 2023 - Home Instruction Requests). In favor: Unanimous (Champlin was not in attendance for the vote).

III. Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance/Silent Meditation

Chair Giusti reconvened the meeting at 7:00 PM and asked all to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

IV. Closing/Sealing of Executive Session Minutes

1. Superintendent Picard recommended that minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (Discussion of MOA Between the Chariho Regional School District and Chariho Education Support Professionals) remain sealed until such time as an agreement has been reached.

Andrew McQuaide made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: That minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (Discussion of MOA Between the Chariho Regional School District and Chariho Education Support Professionals) remain sealed until such time as an agreement has been reached. In favor: Chambers, Champlin, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Johnson, Lyall, McQuaide, Phelps, Pouliot and Reynolds. Abstained: Louzon. The motion carried by a vote of 11 in favor with 1 abstention.

2. Superintendent Picard recommended that minutes regarding a matter of security (ALICE Training) remain sealed.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Andrew McQuaide and it was VOTED: That minutes regarding a matter of security (ALICE Training) remain sealed. In favor: Chambers, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Johnson, Louzon, Lyall, McQuaide, Phelps, Pouliot and Reynolds. Abstained: Champlin. The motion carried by a vote of 11 in favor with 1 abstention.

#### V. Disclosure of Executive Session Votes

Chair Giusti noted the first vote, to move item #4 to the first spot, was unanimous with Chambers, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins Johnson, Louzon, Lyall, McQuaide, Phelps, Pouliot and Reynolds voting in favor.

The next vote, to authorize the Superintendent to work with Chief Johnson on ALICE Training districtwide, passed with Chambers, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Johnson, Louzon, Lyall, McQuaide, Phelps, Pouliot and Reynolds voting in favor and Champlin abstaining.

The next vote, approval of executive session minutes of May 23, 2023 – Discussion on Possible Impact Bargaining with NEA Certified Staff Pertaining to Article 8, passed with Chambers, Champlin, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Johnson, Lyall, McQuaide, Phelps, Pouliot and Reynolds voting in favor and Louzon abstaining.

The next vote, approval of executive session minutes of May 23, 2023 – Home Instruction Requests, was approved by all with Chambers, Champlin, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Johnson, Louzon, Lyall, McQuaide, Phelps, Pouliot and Reynolds voting in favor.

The last vote, to return to open session, was approved by all with Chambers, Champlin, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Johnson, Louzon, Lyall, McQuaide, Phelps, Pouliot and Reynolds voting in favor.

#### VI. Recognition

Superintendent Picard asked all to join her in congratulating the following:

1. 2022-2023 Retirees: Certified Staff: Brenda Medina, John Labriola, Patricia Dipollino, Dorothy Cummings, Claudia Hartman, Patricia Pearce, Paul DeRita, Joseph Lopes, Jacqueline Haberland, Keith Croteau, Lynn Dowding, James McMonigle, Cristina D'Agostino. Support Staff: Laurie Capizzano, Frances Smith, Nancy Tanner, Marilyn Deware, Cheryl Ali. The Superintendent provided a little history of each retirees service to Chariho. They were wished the best in their retirement.
2. The High School Unified Basketball Team– Division III Champions: Gianna Pizzi, Keira Frias, Kailee Studley, Charlie Edmunds, Joseph Parrillo, Amelia Cole, Kyra Face, Jesse Rawlinson, Trent Burdick, Simon Callen, Alexis Cole, William Edmunds, Nicholas Quaratella, Gavin Rawlinson, Christopher Niziolek. Head Coach – Matt Bishop, Assistant Coach – Kim Rondeau, Parent Volunteer – Michelle Cole were in attendance. They were presented with a Charger pin and photos were taken.
3. Middle School Track and Field State Championship: Meriden Alge (1<sup>st</sup> Place in the 400 – she was in attendance. A Charger pin was presented to her and photos taken); Zoe Liguori-Bills (4<sup>th</sup> Place in the 800); Meriden Alge, Aila Grant, Halyna Mykhaulyshyn and Zoe Liguori-Bills (5<sup>th</sup> Place in the 4x400 Relay); Reid McCann (3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Boys' Turbo Javelin).
4. Attending was the Middle School Softball Undefeated State Champion Team – 15-0 Record: Norah Downing, Alana Valuk, Rilynn Catalan, Fiona Buckley, Maddie Dorgan, Baylin Goodwin, Kaelyn Comerford, Nicole Raymond, Mackenzie Bowman, Emily Popowich, Adriana Jeannenot, Emma Prentiss, Lindsey Raymond, Katie Charette, Kesten Hanks, Riley Myer, Gabi Ricci, Bryn Dos Santos. Head Coach – Kevin Dorgan. Assistant Coach – Trisha Whipple. They were presented with a Charger pin and photos were taken.
5. E-Sports Super Smash Brothers Team State Champions – Richard Ahern IV, John Cullinane, Aden Naylor, Connor Simonelli. Head Coach – David Landi. They were invited to attend but were unable to do so.
6. High School Boys' Tennis Division III Undefeated State Champions –They were invited to attend but the meeting conflicted with an awards ceremony so they will be recognized at the July meeting.
7. High School Boys' Track: Eli Sposato broke his own school record in the 400 (cracking the elusive 50-second mark) at the Hendricken Invitational Boys' Track and Field Meet. He won the race with a time of 49.97. Sposato, a junior, became the first athlete in school history to run the 400 in less than 50 seconds. He then went on to win the 400 in the State Competition and qualified

for the New England Meet. He was also selected as *The Westerly Sun Athlete of the Week* for the week ending May 27, 2023. He was invited but could not attend.

8. High School Girls' Track: Junior Erin von Housen improved her own school record in the 800, winning the event at the Mt. Pleasant Invitational Girls' Track and Field Meet with a time of 2:16.21. She placed first in the 3,000 at the State Competition and qualified for the New England Meet. Erin received All New England Honors placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 3,000 at the New England Meet. (Invited but couldn't attend)

Emily Brown earned 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-State recognition for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 300 Hurdles at the State Competition.

Weeko Thompson placed 6<sup>th</sup> in shot put in the State Competition and qualified for the New England Meet.

9. Matt Tiernan established a school record for kills in a season with 447. The previous record was 433 in a regular season. Matt has since surpassed 500 for the season with the High School Boys' Volleyball Division I win against top-seeded North Kingstown. (Invited but couldn't attend)

10. High School Boys' Volleyball Team – Division I State Championship Runner-Up: Canyon Krom, William Ellis, Quinn Sposato, Landon Marland, Kody Poplaski, Brandon Knowles, James Azzinaro, Travis Plante-Mullen, Matthew Tiernan, Ben Christensen, Michael Perry, Jack McCallig. Head Coach Lucas Marland (1<sup>st</sup> year). Assistant Coaches Shawn Cole, Rafael Gonzalez and Haley Sawyer.

11. High School Junior Varsity Baseball Team won the Justin Rocha Memorial Tournament.

12. Post-Season Awards: High School Girls' Lacrosse – Laurel McIntosh (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Division, All-Academic); Chaia Elwell (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Division); Emily Ballard (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Division); Megan Ballard (Honorable Mention); Gabrielle Macaruso (Honorable Mention); Kayden Jaillet (All Rookie); Kaitlin Wojcik, McKenzie Allen and Taylor Lambert (All Academic).

High School Boys' Lacrosse – Nate Ballard (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Division-Attack); Max Marshall (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Division-Midfield); Owen Gillis (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Division-Face-off); Drew DeNoncour (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Division-Defense and US Lacrosse "Bob Scott Award" for all of Division II – Bob Scott Award is for a senior player with exemplary service to their team, school and community. They must be outstanding students with high academic achievement and serve as role models within their school community).

High School Girls' Indoor Track – Brooke Kanaczet (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Sullivan Division in the 1,500 and the 1,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Medium Class in the 1,500, 5<sup>th</sup> in the 1,500 at the State Meet establishing a school record of 4:54.62 and 11<sup>th</sup> in the mile at the New England Championships with a school-record time of 5:18.04. Erin von Housen (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Medium Class in the 3,000 with a school record time of 10:33.07, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Sullivan Division in the 1,500 and the 1,000 establishing a school record in the 1,000 (3:04.26). 4x200 Relay Team of Emily Brown, Chloe Babcock, Emmiline Wiberg and Evelyn Campbell (3<sup>rd</sup> Team Sullivan Division). 4x400 Relay Team of Emily Brown, Emmiline Wiberg, Erin von Housen and Brooke Kanaczet (3<sup>rd</sup> Team Sullivan Division). 4x800 Relay Team of Brooke Kanaczet, Ella Murphy, Kara Linke and Erin von Housen (7<sup>th</sup> in the East Coast Invitational with a school record time of 10:45.08).

High School Boys' Indoor Track – Ian Clark (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Southern Division in the 55 dash and 300). Travis Plante-Mullen (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Southern Division in the High Jump). Eli Sposato (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Class B and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Southern Division in the 600).

## VII. Public Forum

Chair Giusti noted that there was no one signed up to speak during Public Forum. Polly went and got the clipboard and handed the Chair the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting sign-up to which the Chair noted it was for the next meeting. There was no one listed on this meeting. Richmond resident Scott Daigle noted his frustration that he was unaware that he needed to sign up to speak and he asked Polly about this. Chair Giusti stated she would make an exception and would allow him to speak for two minutes. Mr. Daigle came to the microphone and stated that he has very important information. He provided his name and town of residence. He is the step-parent of a special needs student at Chariho High School and he is here to speak about a despicable incident that took place at the High School which violated his son's privacy at the hands of another student in the boys' bathroom. If this isn't bad enough, he suffered another heinous disregard for his safety but this time at the hands of both Central and High School administration. On February 9 his wife

was contacted by Ryan Bridgham, Dean of Students at Chariho High School, informing her that while her son was using the restroom, another typically-developing general education student was lurking in the stall taking compromising pictures of him while he was using the restroom. The student that had taken the pictures shared them with his friends who, in turn, posted them to the school-sponsored chat room. His wife and he were invited to meet with administration the next day to discuss what happened and a plan to ensure his son's safety. Prior to the start of the meeting, Ms. Spas, Chariho High School Principal, informed them that she would not be attending the meeting as she had somewhere else to be. This surprised my wife and I as we expected the lead educator responsible for the safety and welfare of all the students, especially the most needy that cannot advocate for themselves, to make every effort to attend. Instead, Mr. Bridgham met with them to discuss the incident and to make a plan to keep Joseph, our son, safe. During the meeting, Bridgham told us that the student who had taken the pictures had shown no remorse and, in fact, had laughed at the picture he had made all the way to Instagram and thought it was funny. At the conclusion of the meeting, a safety plan had been put into place that would ensure the safety of my son in a safe environment and that the other boy would not come in contact with him again. June 5, my wife was informed by a family friend that the typically-developing, typically-developing general education boy who had taken pictures of my son was now on the same mini school bus, special education school bus that my son takes to school every day. Again, typically-developing educational student on a special eds needs bus next to my son who had a safety plan in place. My wife, extremely upset, immediately called the Dean and left a message. Immediately after she called the Principal, Ms. Spas, who at that time claimed she knew nothing about that boy being on the bus. At 3:00 that afternoon, Spas contacted my wife to let her know that that student would no longer be on the mini bus. Two days – Monday morning and Tuesday morning – it wasn't until Tuesday afternoon that the boy was finally removed. My wife peppered her with questions, wanted to know how something like this could happen, why the safety plan was violated, and who was responsible. No answers were given but a promise that her son would be safe and that they would investigate. On Thursday, June 8, my wife called Jen Durkin, Special Education Director, to find out what was going on. Ms. Durkin said they were still investigating and it would be best to meet in person to get all her questions answered. Durkin then asked my wife if there were any questions she would like answered. My wife gave her the same questions she had given to Ms. Spas. June 12 meeting with Ms. Spas, Ms. Durkin, and Mr. Bridgham. After one week of investigating none of our questions were answered and no guarantees for the future safety of my son other than the promise that they would do a really good job next year. We did, however, discover that Mr. Bridgham received a phone call on the Friday previous to that Monday at 9:30 AM with a request from the bus company informing him that the student that had taken pictures of my son would now be taking a special ed mini bus. How this did not set off the lights and someone did not think to follow-up at this point baffles him. Mr. Bridgham told the bus company that he was not aware of any authorization. He notified Ms. Spas at 12:30 about the phone call from the bus company and at 2:00 Mr. Bridgham calls the bus company to tell them no authorization was given from the administrator in charge of approving those buses. Again, typically-developing educational students that are moved, which is not customary, are moved only with the permission of Jen Durkin – a written email, verified, authorized email only and this again not customary. Monday morning my son's special ed mini bus driver is given a written order – again authorization – to pick up the boy on Friday who did not have authorization. For two days that predator sat next to my special needs son, not one occasion but both days and on one occasion asking him if he wanted to be his friend. Now does the hair on the back of your neck stand up when I tell you that because it should. We discovered that no official authorization was given to the bus company and there are no reports that that authorization was given to anyone except that one single male voice had made a phone call. One week to investigate and I get a male voice – who? Who knows? A lot of finger pointing that day. No accountability, no answers. Chair Giusti asked that he please finish soon as it has been way over two minutes. Mr. Daigle continued. This is about failed leadership, lack of communication, violation of basic leadership standards that are incumbent upon all school leaders. You should know. Each one violated. This is about a lack of empathy, bypassing policy and ignoring their own educational plan to keep my son safe. This is about the safety of not my own son but also of all special needs students. It happens once, it happens again – it will happen again. Nothing in place. No answers. I have to

go take another day out of work to go meet with you (pointing to Superintendent Picard) and Ms. Spas because I still can't get answers. By that time, it will be two weeks. I anticipate answers. I'm asking you, the duly elected officials by the taxpayers, Chariho High School stakeholders, I'm asking you – you have the power, you have the authority, you have the access. I'm asking you to investigate. I'm asking you to provide answers. Where's the accountability, where's the safety for my son, where's the safety for the children we just celebrated – we just celebrated the Unified Arts Team – where's their safety, where's their guarantees. I implore you, I'm begging you, please give me the answers that Central and High School administration refused to or cannot give. That's my speech. Thank you. I appreciate you giving me the time. I look forward to a timely... I will give all of you my information, contact information. I will email you. Superintendent Picard stated that she heard from Ms. Durkin today that you (Mr. Daigle) and your wife wanted to meet Monday. She can meet sooner than Monday. Mr. Daigle replied that he is a school teacher too to which Gina commented that she just wanted him to know that she can meet sooner. Mr. Daigle stated that he has to work too but Monday he has off for Juneteenth. He will be here on Monday and looks forward to some answers. He thanked the Committee and noted he looks forward to their responses.

Polly asked if she could just read a little thing about Flag Day in Public Forum to which the Chair responded that she has to sign up and didn't. She was informed that she can read it at the next meeting if she signs up. Polly replied she knows but Flag Day is tomorrow. She was here at 5:00 PM. Andrew McQuaide raised his hand and after being called on stated to Polly that she has been on the School Committee long enough to know that you have to sign up to speak during Public Forum.

#### VIII. Policy

A. Nutrition and Physical Activity Policy (Revision) – Superintendent Picard recommended approval of the revisions to this policy, which was reviewed by the Policy Subcommittee, to include a title change to Health and Wellness Policy. Craig made a motion, which was seconded by Andrew, to approve the revised policy. Clay stated that he feels the policy was clearer when it referred to parent/guardian not “family” which it has been changed to. Gina explained that they used a report card, called WellSAT, which provides us with a score. They use the word “family”. Clay wanted it to read parent/guardian to which Gina asked him to be more specific as in some areas the policy does refer to family to which Andrew agreed. Clay made an amendment to the motion that the word “family” be changed back to “parent/guardian” anywhere approval is being sought. Andrew seconded the amendment. Chair Giusti stated they will take a vote on the amendment.

Clay Johnson made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Andrew McQuaide and it was VOTED: To change the word “family” back to “parent/guardian” anywhere in the policy where approval is being sought (where appropriate). In favor: Unanimous.

Linda asked if there would be any other changes as she would prefer to see the document with the changes made before voting on it. There were no other changes noted. Gina stated that this policy is required by the State; we have to be in compliance. She can make the changes as requested and send this to the subcommittee members. She asked if Clay was OK with page 4 – the change to Family Wellness Education to which Clay replied that he is OK with titles; his request is just where consent or to inform is required. Larry asked if everything will change to which the Chair replied “no” and reiterated that Clay wants the change to be made to places where consent is needed to be given. It was decided that this item should be tabled and voted on after the changes are made. Andrew removed his second and Craig removed his motion.

Andrew McQuaide made a motion, seconded by Craig Louzon and it was VOTED: To table this item. In favor: Unanimous.

## IX. Business

A. Field Trip(s) – Superintendent Picard recommended approval of the following contingent upon compliance with policy:

1. Request of High School Girls' Volleyball Coach Kathryn McGeehan for 14 athletes and 2 chaperones to travel to the Smithtown West Invitational Volleyball Tournament in Smithtown, NY from September 22, 2023 to September 23, 2023.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Andrew McQuaide and it was

VOTED: To approved the request of High School Girls' Volleyball Coach Kathryn McGeehan for 14 athletes and 2 chaperones to travel to the Smithtown West Invitational Volleyball Tournament in Smithtown, NY from September 22, 2023 to September 23, 2023. In favor: Unanimous.

B. K-12 English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum Revision - Superintendent Picard stated that Dr. Comella will provide an overview and she recommended approval of the K-12 ELA Curriculum Revision. Andrew made a motion, which was seconded by Linda, to approve the K-12 English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum revision. Dr. Comella explained that the process can be both painstaking and rewarding and he named and thanked all those who assisted with the revision. He then provided an overview, beginning with pacing. Essential content and skills, along with written curriculum standards were discussed. He then explained what the Science of Reading was and how the District addresses student gaps in learning with universal screeners, robust assessments and differentiated instruction. Also discussed was how the District meets the needs of accelerated learners and how reading instruction is delivered. Karen noted that Dibels is the screener used for grades K and 1; what is the screening tool for grades 2-5? Dr. Comella responded that Into Reading Module Assessments are used for all students. Kathryn asked if parents are provided the results of all assessments to which Dr. Comella replied that parents are provided all assessment results but these are not mailed home with the exception of K-1 Dibels. Clay noted that assessments are a way to judge individual results but what about class results. Dr. Comella responded that there is higher level data specific to class, school, grade, etc. Gina added that this data will be used by School Improvements Teams to determine progress. Tyler noted how shocked he was at how his daughter came to school not reading and how well she is reading now in Kindergarten. Michael commented that it takes good teachers to do that. They just looked at data yesterday and are excited with the results. They are seeing more with writing as well. Clay asked how often is data collected to which Michael replied they get screening data the beginning of the school year, again in January and then at the end of the year. Gina noted that throughout the year they have screening data as formative assessments are given throughout the school year. Formative assessments are not a test; we use these to monitor what students do in a class. We have seen lots of growth. Linda asked what is being used as summative assessments for writing to which Dr. Comella explained that all assessments have a writing piece. Gina commented that Middle School students are drafting goals and learning to read data. This makes them part of the work and is showing great results. Everyone in Middle School takes RICAS so this gives a student an awareness and brings to their attention what we use the data for. The Middle School honors students who show growth and students like to see success.

Andrew McQuaide made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was

VOTED: To approve the K-12 English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum revision. In favor: Unanimous.

C. Consolidated Resource Plan – Superintendent Picard recommended approval to submit the CRP, which includes Title I, Title II, Title IV and IDEA. Dr. Comella will be available for questions. As is typical, the budget pages were included in the packet. There were no questions.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Andrew McQuaide and it was

VOTED: To approve the submission of the Consolidated Resource Plan. In favor: Unanimous.

D. Acquisition and Financing of Computers through a Master Finance Agreement and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Finance Agreement, Equipment Schedule and Related Documents, and Determining other Matters in Connection Therewith – Superintendent Picard recommended approval of the acquisition and financing of computers through a Master Finance Agreement and authorizing the execution and delivery of a Master Finance Agreement, Equipment Schedule and related documents per the attached quote from Apple dated May 16, 2023 in accord with terms of Master Finance Agreement Apple Quote No. 2212005676 pending review by legal counsel if any changes are made. Clay asked if this was similar to Master Agreements in the past to which Gina replied it is; we have to do this every year.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Andrew McQuaide and it was VOTED: To approve the Acquisition and Financing of Computers through a Master Finance Agreement and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Finance Agreement, Equipment Schedule and Related Documents, and Determining other Matters in Connection Therewith. In favor: Unanimous.

E. Memorandum of Agreement Between the Chariho Regional School District and Chariho Education Support Professionals Pertaining to Article 19.1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement – Superintendent Picard recommended approval of the MOA with ESP pertaining to Article 19.1 of the collective bargaining agreement.

Andrew McQuaide made a motion, seconded by Tyler Champlin and it was VOTED: To approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Chariho Regional School District and Chariho Education Support Professionals pertaining to Article 19.1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. In favor: Chambers, Champlin, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Johnson, Lyall, McQuaide, Pouliot and Reynolds. Abstained: Louzon and Phelps. The motion carried by a vote of 10 in favor with 2 abstentions.

#### X. Consent Agenda Items

Chair Giusti asked if there were any items to be pulled. Nothing was pulled.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Andrew McQuaide and it was VOTED: To approve the Consent Agenda Items. In favor: Unanimous.

A. Minutes – Approved the following:

1. Executive Session Minutes of May 23, 2023 – Approval of Executive Session Minutes of May 9, 2023 (minutes not sealed).
2. Regular Session Minutes of May 23, 2023.
3. Regular Session Minutes of May 24, 2023.

B. Transfers – Approved.

C. Bill Review – Accepted.

D. Revenue/Expenditure Account Status Report – As per enclosed.

E. Student Activity Fund Balance – As per enclosed.

F. Personnel Actions – None at this time.

G. Permission to Issue Bids/Request Quote – Approved issuance of the following with award of bid prior to the next School Committee meeting so long as the RFP comes in within the capital allocation for FY24:

1. CTC Door Replacement RFP
2. Middle School Door Replacement RFP
3. Hope Valley School Door Replacement RFP
4. High School Door Replacement RFP

H. Permission to Award Contracts – Awarded the following:

1. School Lunch Program Contract – Chartwells for FY24.

I. Home Instruction – Action taken in executive session.

J. Grants – None at this time.

K. Donations – None at this time.

## XI. Reports

A. Subcommittee Reports – None at this time.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. District Yard Sale – The Annual Yard Sale will be held on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> (8:00-10:00 AM) with district-wide government agencies and non-profits given first option. Attached is a list of items for sale.

2. Graduation Update – Last Friday we held our most important event of the year – 2023 High School Graduation. Gina noted that the students and those in attendance handled it with dignity and respect. It was a beautiful night enjoyed by all who were there.

C. Coming Events were highlighted and the Facility Walks schedule was reviewed.

## XII. School Committee Requests for Future Agenda Items or Legal Opinions

Tyler stated that he spoke to Dr. Comella earlier. He is requesting data and discussion around home school requests. The Committee sees who is going out but not who has returned. He would like to see who comes back and the impact this has to the District. He would also like to discuss communication that goes home to families (i.e. the things parents/guardians need to do but he is not sure if these are legal needs). He believes parents are overwhelmed. Chair Giusti requested that he put his request in an email to her. Kathryn added that another piece of information she would like, that is not clear, is if this is a “new” child to the district or if they have been here and are leaving the schools. The Chair asked that this request be sent via email as well.

Polly wanted to dig a little deeper into Mr. Daigle's concern to which Gina reminded the Committee that she will handle personnel issues. Polly suggested they look at strategies to tighten this up to which Linda reminded all that there are confidentiality laws they have to abide by.

Craig asked that, added to Tyler's request, he would like to see a couple years of data as we did have a pandemic to which Tyler replied that he definitely would like this year and the year before; the last five years would be great. The more data, the better but he does not want to overwhelm staff.

Clay felt there were a lot of personnel issues in Public Forum. He would like to hear about the lessons learned, stripping away the people.

Polly stated that she would like to look at Jon Anderson's contract as it expired to which it was noted that it just continues until either party decides to end the agreement or a new one is signed. Tyler added that they knew that Jon was waiting for both contracts to be settled before he brought forth his contract.

Kathryn questioned how the process of enrollment projections works. How do you plan for this in the fall?

Chair Giusti reminded all to please forward their requests via email to her so that she can make sure the agenda item is what they are looking for.

## XIII. Adjournment

Andrew McQuaide made a motion, seconded by Tyler Champlin and it was VOTED: To adjourn at 8:16 PM. In favor: Unanimous.

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Donna J. Sieczkiewicz, Clerk