

Chariho School Committee Meeting
Regular Session Minutes – October 12, 2021

Committee Members Attendance: Chair Linda Lyall, Vice Chair Catherine Giusti, George Abbott, Ryan Callahan, Donna Chambers, William Day, Gary Liguori, Craig Louzon and Linda McAllister.

Absent: Lisa Macaruso.

Administrators and Others Attendance: Superintendent Gina Picard, Assistant Superintendent Michael Comella, Director of Administration and Finance Ned Draper, Systems Administrator Eric O'Brien and substitute School Committee Clerk Kathy Koziol.

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

Chair Linda Lyall called the meeting of the Chariho School Committee, held in the Chariho High School Library, to order at 6:40 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silent meditation.

II. Motion/Vote to go into Executive Session

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Ryan Callahan 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 (Memorandum of Agreement Between the Chariho Regional School District and NEA ESP Pertaining to Custodial Overtime); under the authority of R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(3) for the purpose of discussion and/or action pertaining to the matter of security including but not limited to the deployment of security personnel or devices (Approval of Executive Session Minutes of September 28, 2021 – Emergency Operation Plans) 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 (1. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of September 28, 2021 – Approval of Home Instruction Requests and 2. Approval of Home Instruction Requests); any persons to be discussed have been so notified.

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

The Committee returned to open session at 7:03 PM and Chair Lyall reconvened the meeting at 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent meditation in memory of Allie Nelson.

IV. Closing/Sealing of Executive Session Minutes

1. Tabled

2. Superintendent Picard recommended that minutes which relate to the privacy of students and their records (Approval of Home Instruction Requests) remain sealed.

Ryan Callahan made a motion, seconded by Craig Louzon and it was

VOTED: That the minutes which relate to the privacy of students and their records (Approval of Home Instruction Requests) remain sealed. In favor: Unanimous.

V. Disclosure of Executive Session Votes

Vice Chair Giusti disclosed that voting in favor to approve the executive session minutes of September 28, 2021 – Emergency Operation Plans were Abbott, Callahan, Chambers, Day, Giusti, Liguori, Louzon, Lyall and McAllister.

The second vote, approval of the executive session minutes of September 28, 2021 – Approval of Home Instruction Requests, voting in favor were Abbott, Callahan, Chambers, Day, Giusti, Liguori, Louzon, Lyall and McAllister.

Voting in favor of approving the Home Instruction Requests were, Abbott, Callahan, Chambers, Day, Giusti, Liguori, Louzon, Lyall and McAllister.

All were in favor of returning to open session with Abbott, Callahan, Chambers, Day, Giusti, Liguori, Louzon, Lyall and McAllister voting.

VI. Recognition – The following were congratulated:

1. Richmond School Green Team for their donation of 249 lbs of fruit and vegetables to local food banks and Richmond School. They have far exceeded their goal for 2021 by over 80 lbs. We truly appreciate the incredible work this team has accomplished over the summer.
2. Sheila Grover and David Stall for their service to the Chariho community as members of the School Committee. We wish them well.

VII. Public Forum

None at this time.

VIII. Business

A. AP, SAT and PSAT Data Presentation – High School Principal Andrea Spas and Assistant Principal Jean Bradanini presented data. There was discussion after the presentation and questions were answered by Andrea and Jean.

B. Approval of Superintendent Goals – Goal One: Improve outcomes for students by creating a strong implementation plan in ELA and Mathematics. Goal Two: Continue to increase efficiency and communication with district systems and plans to maximize workflows, communication and to ensure increased levels of productivity to realize Vision 2023. Goal Three: Monitor and adjust the approach to FY22 budget and create a FY23 budget that meets the learning needs of the district and school communities.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Ryan Callahan and it was
VOTED: To approve the superintendent's goals for the 21-22 school year. In favor: Unanimous.

IX. Consent Agenda Items

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Ryan Callahan and it was
VOTED: To move all Consent Agenda Items. In favor: Unanimous.

A. Minutes – Approved the following:

1. Executive Session Minutes of September 28, 2021 – Approval of Executive Session Minutes of August 10, 2021 (minutes not sealed).

2. Regular Session Minutes of September 28, 2021.

B. Transfers – Approved.

C. Bill Review – Accepted.

D. Budget Summary – None at this time.

E. Balance Sheet – None at this time.

F. Personnel Actions – Staff Updates included in FYI.

G. Permission to Issue Bids/Request Quotes – None at this time.

H. Permission to Award Contracts – None at this time.

I. Home Instruction – Action taken in Executive Session.

K. Donations – None at this time.

X. Reports

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. CALA Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) Community Advisory Board (CAB) will meet on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 2:30 PM in CALA ALP Common Room 124.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. ESSER III Update – The towns have put the survey online via Facebook page or media posts. Right now items 1 (High quality curricula materials) and 5 (Learning supports and intervention) have the most support.

C. Coming Events were highlighted.

XI. School Committee Requests for Future Agenda Items or Legal Opinions

Craig Louzon would like to discuss having a student liaison from SEAP to School Committee. George Abbott brought up that a member of the community asked him to request that the issue of CRT as it might relate to policy or program be discussed. Chair Lyall will take that into consideration. Chair Lyall would like the creation of a policy subcommittee back on the table.

XII. Adjournment

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Ryan Callahan and it was

VOTED: To adjourn at 7:42 PM. In favor: Unanimous.

Kathy Koziol, Substitute Clerk