A meeting of the Revere School Committee was called to order on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:10 PM in the Ferrante School Committee Room at Revere High School.

1. Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor, Brian Arrigo, Mrs. Stacey Rizzo, Vice Chair, Ms. Susan Gravellese, Secretary, Mr. Michael Ferrante, Mr. Dan Maguire, Mrs. Stacey Rizzo, Vice Chair, Mr. Fred Sannella, Ms. Carol A. Tye.

2. Recognition: Dr. Kelly feels very proud of the many accomplishments that our students have made. Tonight, we celebrate the tremendous accomplishments of a lot of our students. A number of our students have moved on to the state fair in History Fair. Our winter athletics have done a great work this year on the field and in the classroom. We also have certificates for Myopoly participants who have had the best projects at Revere High School, competing with their AP projects trying to demonstrating their ability to conduct scientific research on different topics. One of the things that make us most proud in the Revere Public Schools is the incredible talent of our students and their incredible diversity.

   a- Certificates were awarded for Middle School History fair
   b- Certificates were awarded for Winter Athletics
   c- Certificates were awarded for Myopoly

3. Superintendent’s Report
   a- Community Needs Forum from Nellie Mae Grant
      Dr. Kelly informed us that we will be having a Community Forum on Community Needs around Immigration which will focus on explaining to the community different legal aspects about becoming citizens in the United States, what steps they need to take, who can they meet with, and agencies that are available; this will be held at the Revere High School in the Learning Common. They have a date selected but they are finalizing time and other pieces of information. As soon as it is available, we will put it on the website and share it on Twitter.

   b- MCAS
      Dr. Kelly said tonight we will talk about our state assessment system which we used to call MCAS and now is MCAS 2.0. As you know we did a pilot of the PARCC assessment for the last several years in grades 3 through 8 and MCAS 2.0 will be a hybrid between our original MCAS test and the PARCC assessment. One of the major changes that the parents should know about is that the state has changed how they describe the different performance levels that students will achieve. This will impact students just in grades 3 through 8. This will not affect the students at the high school level. The definitions are new ones and the differences between the old version and the new version is that what we used to call Advanced will now be called Exceeding Expectations, what used to be called Proficient is now Meeting Expectations. The third category used to be called Needs Improvement and still is for the High School, but for grades 3 through 8 will say Partially Meeting Expectations. The state put in some language directing schools and parents to work together to consider whether the student needs additional academic assistance in that subject area. The fourth designation used to be called Warning in grades 3 through 8 and Failing at the High School level. It will now be called Not Meeting Expectations in grades 3
through 8 and here again the state calls on the school to consult with the parent or the guardian to
determine what kind of interventions we can put in place to help get that child back on track.

c- End of Cycle Progress Report
Dr. Kelly said that we’ve been talking about this for several months and have some information
on things that she’s been working on to help to improve the district and improve the performance
as a superintendent. This will be shared next month in details. She wanted to acknowledge the
School Committee members and the public that we are continuing to work in directions we hope
and make the schools even better than we already are.

d- Post Lottery Information
We conducted the lottery last Wednesday night and we are in the process of doing our post lottery
information so families can have the information on students’ assignments – letters will be sent
home. We had one problem with the lottery this year and it was specifically with the Whelan 5th
graders who selected the Rumney Marsh Academy as their first-choice school. The parents of all
students involved were notified and although we seek to prevent any issues, we were unable to
prevent this human error. After investigating, we feel confident with the accountant’s
explanation.

4. Student Representative Report
Gianni Hill started with an announcement about a Fundraiser hosted by the Revere High School
PTO and it’s a Cinco de Mayo “Chair”-ity Auction at Margaritas/ Comfort Inn on Friday,
May 5, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Revere High School PTO.
He talked about some site visits at the High Schools. The most recent one was by MAPLE, which
is a Public-Private Partnership between the Learn Launch Institute and the Massachusetts
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and it’s to catalyst personalized learning in
the Commonwealth with the purpose of better preparing students for their future. He read a thank
you email that came from one of the participants praising our students.
Two weeks ago, we had another site visit, it was a group from Jackson Public Schools and
Jackson Ohio which consisted of classroom visits and hosted a student focus with twenty
students, teachers, and administrators. From this group, he read a poem that the team created to
describe their visit.
He said those two site visits were great and we are always happy to open up our school to
everyone.

5. Public Participation- None

6. Consent Calendar
Mayor Arrigo asked if any committee member would like to take any item off the consent calendar.
Mayor Arrigo requested a roll call vote on the consent calendar.

Roll Call:

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7. Report of Sub-Committees

Mr. Sannella shared that the Plant and Maintenance subcommittee met. Progress has been made on the list of suggested improvements that the committee compiled in August. Many larger school projects have been included in the Mayor’s five year improvement plan that will be financed through his new Capital Reserve Fund.

8. Old Business- None

9. New Business

a- HEARING: School Choice

The published hearing regarding “School Choice” took place.
Mayor Arrigo asked if there were any proponents in favor of School Choice.
Seeing and hearing none he closed that side of the hearing.
Mayor Arrigo asked if there were any opponents to School Choice.
Seeing and hearing none he closed that side of the hearing and opened to the School Committee.

Ms. Tye

MOVED: That the Revere School Committee go on record as being not in favor of School Choice and therefore voting YES will indicate that we do not participate in School Choice.

Dr. Kelly said that each year we are required to vote on whether or not we want to accept students from other communities as students at Revere Public Schools. Because of our current overcrowding situation and many other reasons, it would not be favorable to invite students from other districts to participate in our school programs so we urge the Committee to vote to NOT participate in School Choice which means if you vote YES you will not accept students into the Schools Choice program.

Roll Call:

Mr. Ferrante - Yes  Mrs. Rizzo - Yes
Ms. Gravellese- Yes  Mr. Sannella- Yes
Mr. Maguire - Yes  Ms. Tye - Yes
Mayor Arrigo - Yes  VOTED

10. School Committee Interests- None

11. Motions

Mr. Sannella

MOVED: That Superintendent Dr. Kelly instructs the director of transportation, in the interest of public safety, to look into the Paul Revere school bus stops on Mills Avenue (River side). And that Mr. Farrell attend the next Committee of the Whole to discuss a better way to work for the safety of the children.

VOTED
Ms. Tye: on behalf of the entire School Committee

MOVED  That effective April 24, 2017, we increase substitute’s salaries in the amount of $10 over the current salaries rate to wit:

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VOTED

12. Executive Sessions-

Mayor Arrigo

MOVED  That we are going into executive session this evening and we will not be returning from executive session.

VOTED

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.
The next regular meeting of the School Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DK/rd  Dianne K. Kelly, Ed.D.
       Superintendent of Schools