



# Town of Littleton School Committee



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JUSTIN MCCARTHY, Chair

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ELAINE SANTELMANN, Clerk

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES September 14, 2023 7:00PM

**PRESENT:** Justin McCarthy  
Jen Gold  
Stacy Desmarias  
Binal Patel

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kelly Clenchy  
Steve Mark  
Dorothy Mulone  
Karen Solomonides

**NOT PRESENT:** Elaine Santelmann

### CALL TO ORDER

Justin McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

On a motion by Jen Gold and seconded by Stacey Desmarais it was voted to accept the agenda to oaths and payroll. (AYE: Unanimous).

### INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

### RECOGNITION

- 1. Student Representative(s) Report:** Student Representative, Jay Kang gave an update of events for each school.
- Superintendent Clenchy announced a special recognition for Milli McGovern at the football game on Friday night.
- Superintendent Clenchy recognized all staff including custodians for their hard work this summer getting the schools ready for opening day.
- Superintendent Clenchy mentioned that Boston Magazine has ranked Littleton High School #6 in their most recent rankings.

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## **PRESENTATIONS**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Clenchy spoke about the redesigning of the school calendar, and May 31, 2024 being the day of High School graduation. Superintendent Clenchy provided an updated school enrollment as of 9/14/2023, enrollment was down a bit from previous year. The overview was included in the packet. School startup has gone smoothly considering the change in times, kids seem happier with the time change, some minor hiccups with bussing, it was discussed that registration for bussing could include a confirmation number after signing up to give parents ease of knowing their children are officially registered with bussing. Superintendent Clenchy spoke about the concerns regarding the temperature in some non a/c classrooms at the start of this year. District strategy plan in moving our district forward in the pursuit of our vision. Sewer project update discussed how the weather impacted the progress and how the buses were going to run. Still have 3 weeks of work at Russell Street after that the workers will be paving, and things will be back to normal. The workers are working at night to cut down on the traffic. High School is finished and will be back in the winter to install a pump station.
- 2. School Principal Updates:** All the principals echoed that the first two weeks have run smoothly, and they all see a positive change in the children's attitudes with the time change. All stated this was the best start to the school year in a long time.
- 3. High School Tennis Courts:** Tim Michalski and Alicia Day from parks and recreation spoke about the upcoming plans for tennis courts and pickle ball courts along with funding.

**On a motion by Justin McCarthy and seconded by Jen Gold it was voted to approve the tennis courts project presented by Park and Rec, to renovate the High School tennis courts from two courts to four courts using funds from the community preservation High School Tennis Courts Updated fund. AYE: Unanimous.**

- 4. LPS Connections caregiver Connection Series:** Focused on topics that were identified areas that our school community would be interested in learning more about.
- 5. Financial update from Steve Mark:** Reported that we've upgraded our Munis Software and working out some minor glitches

## **INTERESTED CITIZENS**

None

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PMBC:** High School roof – still a work in progress, still some leaking.

**Budget Subcommittee:** Committee Chair, Justin McCarthy stated we would like to get something on the calendar for a budget subcommittee meeting in October.

**Policy:** Policy JHA Absence to Observe Religious Holyday. Discussion on removal of Good Friday and to remove the part that says parents need to give 5 days' notice in advance to an absence.

**On a motion by Jen Gold and seconded by Binal Patel it was voted to remove the part of the JHA policy that says parents need to give 5 days' notice in advance to an absence as well as removing Good Friday as a school day off. AYE: Unanimous.**

**SLBC Update: Funding request from the SLBC in regard to requiring more funds for the feasibility and design study.**

**On a motion by Stacy Desmarais and seconded by Jen Gold it was voted to add a warrant to Town Meeting for school committee to support increased budget of \$385,000.00 for the OPM and feasibility study. AYE: Unanimous**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Binal Patel and seconded by Jen Gold it was voted to adjourn at 8:43 PM. Justin McCarthy, AYE; Jen Gold, AYE; Binal Patel, AYE; and Stacy Desmarais, AYE.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

**September 28, 2023**

**7:00PM**

### **DOCUMENTS AS PART OF MEETING**

LPS Connections caregiver Connection Series  
Tennis Court Design