

UNION #28 JOINT SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, March 27, 2023
Final Minutes

Present: Beth Erviti, Mackensy Bailey, Jen Taylor, Tilman Wolf, Jess Rocheleau, Barbara Doyle, Dan Hayes, Steven Blinder, Members; Craig Cohen, Chair; Corrina Wcislo, Director of Student Support Services; Lindsay Rodriguez, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Caitlin Sheridan, Director of Finance and Operations; Jennifer Culkeen, Superintendent; Public Guests.

1. Meeting Called to Order by Craig at 6:34 P.M.

2. Public Hearing: None.

3. Approval of the Minutes from January 30, 2023:

CRAIG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 30, 2023. BETH SECONDED. VOICE VOTES ALL AYE.

4. New Business:

1. Special Education Legal Counsel Discussion:

Corrina explained that we might be able to use the same law firm for Special Education counsel, which would be beneficial in a number of ways (sometimes concerns begin with General Education counsel and move into Special Education, for example), and not at all detrimental. It would require hiring a different law firm than the one we've been using up till now. Corrina will make a presentation on this at the next JSC meeting.

Craig asked Corrina to provide in her presentation some examples of items we might ask for counsel on, as well as a summary of how long we've been using our current counsel.

5. Old Business: None.

6. Superintendent Report:

Jennifer reported out on her goals for the year as well as the priorities she and the Leadership Team have set to meet those goals. She shared various actions and events she and the Leadership Team have created and supported in pursuit of these priorities. These activities will improve efficiency within the Union, strengthen ties between the schools and our communities, and help us meet the varied needs of all our students.

JSC asked some questions about the surveys and community-oriented events the Leadership Team have undertaken.

7. Director of Finance and Operations Report:

Caitlin reported that we're coming to the end of budget season. The Wellness Advisory Council has met for the third time to discuss what we can do to strengthen our schools' health procedures. She's going to be getting more training on budgetary matters soon. There are no specific concerns with the Expenditure Report at this point.

8. Director of Student Support Services Report: No report.

9. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Report:

Lindsay presented highlights from the U#28 Literacy Group meeting on March 10. They mapped out how each building is using screeners and diagnostic tools for literacy, looked at data, mapped assessments, identified and recorded focus areas for students, and came up with recommendations and next steps. Student progress on MCAS

mostly fell within the desired range of 40-60 points. Shutesbury has the highest score on both this metric and accountability. Certain student groups, such as students with disabilities, tend not to meet or only partially meet literacy thresholds. Lindsay answered questions at what the data mean in terms of statewide performance and how the state looks at it, and offered to prepare information on Math MCAS data for the next meeting. She also laid out how walkthroughs and a feedback loop is used to offer insight back to the schools and teachers based on the data we collect.

10. News/Updates from Each School and Union #28:

Wendell/New Salem: No report.

Leverett: No report.

Shutesbury: Dan said things are well at SES. He thanked the Administrative team for looking at each school uniquely; we can all learn from each other. Our 6th Graders just showcased their Science Projects and book reports. We're putting on a School Play that all grades are participating in, and our Spaghetti Dinner is coming back on May 5. Caitlin and Jennifer mentioned the phone system has been installed, and thanked Debbie Lee for all her hard work on that project.

Erving: No report.

10. Future Items to Discuss:

- Next Meeting Date: May 15, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.
- Budget & Personnel Committee - October 2023

11. Adjournment at 7:30

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