



School Committee

There will be a special meeting of the Chelsea School Committee on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and take action on the items in the following agenda. The meeting is **closed** in order to observe social distancing guidelines. The meeting will be livestreamed for the public at Chelsea cable TV and, <https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/>

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **School Committee Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 25, 2021, and the Special Meeting on March 30, 2021. (Enclosure A)
4. **Public Comment:** Anyone wishing to speak during the public comment period can email superintendent@chelseaschools.com to receive the Zoom Link and instructions. You can choose to have your comment read by sending your comment to the same email. Public Comments can also be telephoned in and will be read into the record at 617-466-4456.
5. **Presentations:** Equity Update
6. **Report of the Superintendent of Schools:**

Student Achievement: Indicators of Success to be emailed the day of meeting.

Covid-19 Update: Update on School Re-opening

Student Representative Update:

Personnel Update: *Will be presented at the May meeting

Enrollment Reports: *Will be presented at the May meeting

Committee Reports: Policies & Procedures (Enclosure B)
Budget & Finance (Enclosure C)
Curriculum & Instruction (Enclosure D)

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7. Unfinished Business: None

8. New Business:

- Consideration and action to accept \$10,000 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FAFSA Completion Opportunity grant. *Item #:* 21SC31 (Enclosure E)

Explanation:

This grant will be used to provide direct support to students and families as they complete the Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application for college financial aid. Funds will be used for contracted services and stipends, and other expenses in support of the program.

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 37A provides for the acceptance of grants for educational purposes only with the approval of the Chelsea School Committee.

- Consideration and action to accept the following changes to federal grants allocations for SY2020-2021 school year totaling a net increase of \$6,482. *Item #*21SC32 (Enclosure F)

Explanation:

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has adjusted Chelsea's allocations for FY2021 for Title I, Title IIA, IDEA and Early Childhood Special Education grants as it does each year. The additional funds will be used for the same priorities as were originally established for each grant.

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- Consideration and action to accept the following private grants for SY2020-2021: BOKS Grant (\$2,000), Sports Matter Grant (\$1,000), New England Patriots Foundation (\$5,000), Personal & Workplace Success Skills (\$2,500), and Anna B. Stearns Foundation (up to \$15,000). *Item #*21SC33 (Enclosure G)

Explanation:

Funding from the BOKS Program will support fitness/training programs for female athletes at CHS and will be used to purchase equipment and sports supplies. The Sports Matter Grant (from the Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation) will also be used to support girls' sports at CHS. In addition, the athletics program will receive funds from the Patriots Foundation to support the football team at CHS. These funds will be used to purchase equipment. The Intergenerational Literacy Program (ILP) will receive funds from the Personal & Workplace Success Skills Library Case Study to be used to pay teacher stipends, printing costs and other expenses. Funds from the Anna B. Stearns Foundation will be used by the ILP for stipends, student assistants, supplies, and other expenses.

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- Consideration and action to accept \$30,000 from Education Development Center/NSF for the Innovation Pathways to Data Careers (IPDC) grant. *Item #21SC34* (Enclosure H)

Explanation:

The District submitted an application for an Innovation Pathways for Data Careers (IPDC) grant. As part of the first year of this grant, Chelsea High School will design, develop, and test curriculum for a data module to be integrated into high school civics courses. Funds will be used for stipends, travel, materials/supplies, indirect costs, and other expenses in support of the program. It is anticipated that the District will receive additional funds for professional development and other activities in years 2 and 3 of the grant program.

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- Consideration and action to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$915,000 to move funds from Benefits & Payroll Adjustments, Early Learning Center, Clark Avenue Middle School, and Chelsea Opportunity Academy to Facilities & Transportation. *Item #21SC35* (Enclosure I)

Explanation:

Savings are available in Benefits & Payroll Adjustments due to reduced spending for Retiree Health Insurance. Salary savings at the Early Learning Center, Clark Avenue Middle School, and Chelsea Opportunity are projected due to some positions being transferred onto grant funds and other vacancy savings. Savings in Other Instructional Programs is due lower spending in after school programs and in the Intergenerational Literacy Program due to remote learning. The funds are being transferred to Facilities & Transportation to fund one-time expenses such as additional building improvements. Funds may also be PPE and cleaning supplies, and contractual services in support of reopening

- Consideration and action to approve the Autism Awareness Resolution. *Item #21SC36* (Enclosure J)

Explanation: The Chelsea School Committee supports that the month of April is Autism Awareness Month in the Chelsea Public Schools. The Chelsea School Committee encourages our students and staff to join in the celebration of this special observance.

- Consideration and action to approve the Fair Share Amendment Resolution. *Item #21SC37* (Enclosure K)

Explanation: The Chelsea School Committee supports the proposed Fair Share Amendment, which would create an additional tax of four percentage points on annual income above one million dollars and dedicate the funds raised by this tax to quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation.

- Consideration and action to approve the National Arab American Heritage Month Resolution. *Item #21SC38* (Enclosure L)

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9. Communications: None

10. Announcements:

11. Adjournment:

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