



## **School Committee**

### MINUTES OF THE CHELSEA SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

August 23, 2017

**APPROVED 9-7-2017**

The Chelsea School Committee met on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea.

**Members Present:** Jeannette Velez, Ana Hernandez, Richard Maronski, Robert Pereira, Shawn O'Regan, Rosemarie Carlisle, and Kelly Garcia.

**Also Present:** Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary M. Bourque, Executive Director for Administration and Finance Gerry McCue, School Business Manager Michael Mason, City Council Delegate to the School Committee Luis Tejada, and Administrative Assistant and Clerk to the School Committee Terry Young.

**The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**School Committee Minutes:** The minutes of the June 1, 2017 and June 21, 2017 School Committee Meetings were unanimously approved.

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools:** Dr. Bourque noted that this week there have been trainings and professional development for administrators and new teachers in preparation for opening of schools next week.

Dr. Bourque presented and discussed a memorandum regarding the number of credits students received at Chelsea High School. The Chelsea High School schedule was adjusted because of the receipt of the DESE Turnaround Grant. With the schedule adjustment, credits must also be adjusted. Dr. Bourque explained that this is a pilot program which will be reviewed later in the year. A copy of the memorandum is attached and forms a part of these minutes.

**Public Comment:** None

**New Business:**

- Consideration and action to approve additional appropriations to the 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$1,046,185.  
Chairman Velez called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Maronski left the meeting at this time.

Jeanette Velez	Y
Rosemarie Carlisle	Y
Ana Hernandez	Y
Kelly Garcia	Y
Shawn O'Regan	Y
Richard Maronski	AB
Yessenia Alfaro-Alvarez	AB
Robert Pereira	Y
Diana Maldonado	AB

Having six votes in the affirmative, and three absent, the motion was approved.

- Consideration and action to correct the hourly rates for certain positions approved for FY2018 at the School Committee's June 1, 2017 meeting.  
Chairman Velez called for a roll call vote.

Jeanette Velez	Y
Rosemarie Carlisle	Y
Ana Hernandez	Y
Kelly Garcia	Y
Shawn O'Regan	Y
Richard Maronski	AB
Yessenia Alfaro-Alvarez	AB
Robert Pereira	Y

Diana Maldonado	AB
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Having six votes in the affirmative, and three absent, the motion was approved.

- Consideration and action to amend the hourly rate schedule to add a new position, Classroom Monitor.  
Chairman Velez called for a roll call vote.

Jeanette Velez	Y
Rosemarie Carlisle	Y
Ana Hernandez	Y
Kelly Garcia	Y
Shawn O'Regan	Y
Richard Maronski	AB
Yessenia Alfaro-Alvarez	AB
Robert Pereira	Y
Diana Maldonado	AB

Having six votes in the affirmative, and three absent, the motion was approved.

**Communications:** Chairman Velez mentioned the Back to School Celebration that will be taking place on August 24, 2017 from 2:00-5:00 at the Williams Building. School supplies will be available and local organizations will be present.

Mr. Pereira announced that he and his wife are expecting a child and he will not run again. He will be serving on the School Committee until December.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Pereira moved to rescind a previous vote.

- Consideration to rescind a previous vote on the motion to approve an additional appropriations to the 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$1,046,185.  
Chairman Velez called for a roll call vote.

Jeanette Velez	Y
Rosemarie Carlisle	Y
Ana Hernandez	Y
Kelly Garcia	Y

Shawn O'Regan	Y
Richard Maronski	AB
Yessenia Alfaro-Alvarez	AB
Robert Pereira	Y
Diana Maldonado	AB

Having six votes in the affirmative, and three absent, the motion was approved.

- Consideration and action to approve additional appropriations to the 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$1,046,185 with revised line items.  
Chairman Velez called for a roll call vote.

Jeanette Velez	Y
Rosemarie Carlisle	Y
Ana Hernandez	Y
Kelly Garcia	Y
Shawn O'Regan	Y
Richard Maronski	AB
Yessenia Alfaro-Alvarez	AB
Robert Pereira	Y
Diana Maldonado	AB

Having six votes in the affirmative, and three absent, the motion was approved.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

**Recorded by**

**Terry Young  
Administrative Assistant  
Clerk to the Chelsea School Committee**

To: CHS Parents and Guardians  
 From: Chelsea High School Administration  
 Date: August 29, 2017  
 Re: Change in Graduation Credit Structure

*Approved  
 Mary M. Binger  
 08-21-2017*

Memorandum

As a result of the Level 3 School Turnaround Grant, we are making significant changes to the school bell schedule in order to better support the needs of our students. We are continuing with our block schedule but moving to a semesterized model where students will be taking only 4 classes per quarter/semester.

This schedule change allows students to be eligible for more credits per year than in the past. Because of this, we will be piloting a change in our promotion and graduation credit structure for students who entered fall 2015 onwards. We want to ensure graduation is attainable but also hold rigorous and high academic expectations for all of students. Because students are now eligible for more credits per year we will be increasing the number of minimum credits needed to graduate as well as to be promoted to each grade level. The previous and new requirements are outlined on the chart below.

Credit System Prior to 8 Period Schedule			Pilot Adjustments w/Turnaround Semester Schedule		
Grade Level	Potential Credits	Grade Level Transition	Current Grade Level	Potential Credits	Grade Level Transition
9	35		9	41	
		25			30
10	35 (70)		10	41 (82)	
		55			65
11	35 (105)		11	41 (123)	
		85			100
12	35 (140)		12	41 (164)	
Graduation Requirement	120		Graduation Requirement	140*	

\*students who entered CHS Fall of 2014 or earlier will continue with the previous 120 credit structure

