

Reports

Chariho Regional School District

Health and Wellness Subcommittee
Agenda December 12th, 2023

Meeting Notes:

Attendance: Jessica Purcell, Kristin Svenningsen Haxton, Cathy Moffitt, Jessica Geremia, Antonia Lucier, Taylor Berlinsky, Gina Picard, Katie Kirakosian, Michael Comella

There were not enough committee members to constitute a quorum. No votes will be taken.

- I. Call to Order 4:03 pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes for October 10th, 2023 (*Tabled until March due to lack of quorum*)
- III. RIHSC Breakfast Debrief
Notes:
 - *Whole teacher connection. Katie is starting a new journal club; Katie will follow up with Jessica Geremia to look at developing a team for Whole Teacher.*
 - *Applying for Farm-to-School USDA Grant*

IV. Grant Report

A. Learning Inside Out Grant

1. Review Vision statement:

- a) **Chariho Environmental Vision Statement (DRAFT)** The mission of the Chariho Regional School District's Green Team is to promote a connection to the environment and share ways in which students, staff, and the community can be environmental stewards. The Green Team will also create outdoor classrooms, pollinator gardens, and green spaces and encourage students, staff, and the community to use these spaces now and in the future.

Notes:

Toni will send out the waste study to the committee. The committee thought that the statement matched the district's goals. No other feedback on the vision statement.

B. W.E.L.L. Initiative (**W**ellness in **E**ducation **L**eads to **L**earning)

- Mike provided an update. Waiting for RIDE to conduct a walkthrough of school spaces identified for furniture.

C. Project AWARE (**A**dvancing **W**ellness and **R**esiliency in **E**ducation):

- No new updates. The year closes on December 30th. Katie will begin writing a year two plan (for January to June).

D. **B**ipartisan **S**afer **C**ommunities **A**ct (BSCA grant)

- No new update

E. **T**rauma-**I**nformed **S**ervices in **S**chools (TISS cohort)

- No new update

F. FY 24 Farm-to-School Grants - USDA

- Katie is working on developing the application

V. Discuss Health and Wellness Goals for SY 23-24 (*Tabled until March meeting due to lack of quorum*)

- A. Continuing to expand community and school resources to support mental health support for students and staff
- B. Increase participation on the Health and Wellness Committee to include student voices.
- C. Expanding the farm-to-school program

- VI. Therapy Dog update:
 - *Hope is currently in training on campus with Mr. Gencarelli at Hope Valley. Hope is considered a compassion dog until her training is complete.*

- VII. Progress of Stage II Building Plan Submittal to RIDE:
 - *Gina provided an update on the Stage II application with RIDE*

- VIII. Cardiac Emergency Response Team Update:
 - *The high school participated in an onsite simulation and received certification as a Heart Safe School.*

- IX. Report from the Food Service Director
 - *Staffing is better across the district. Student participation has increased at lunch. Breakfast counts are still low across the district. High has added a spaghetti bar, mac and cheese, different pizza varieties, and brunch for lunch. Still trying to expand the options at the middle schools. Layout of the cafeterias is an issue. Grades 5 & 6 have more options because of the layout of the space. Grades 7 & 8 still get at least two hot options. Smoothies are popular at the elementary schools. Richmond and Hope Valley will include smoothies as a lunch option.*

- X. Adjourn

No quorum at the meeting. Minutes of the meeting submitted. No votes were taken.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 5th, 2024

Necessity for School Construction Committee Meeting

January 8, 2024

Committee Members Present: Superintendent Gina Picard, Director of Buildings and Grounds Jason Sullivan, Ashaway Principal Jeffrey Scanapieco, Hope Valley Principal Giuseppe Gencarelli, Gregory Zenion, Karen Reynolds, John Devereaux, Craig Louzon, Patricia Pouliot, Director of Administration and Finance Ned Draper -arrived at 4:09

Others in Attendance: Cathy Ellithorpe-SLAM, Ted Tolis-SLAM, Mark Rhoades – SLAM, Holly Demers-Colliers, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Administration and Finance Kathryn A. Koziol

Absent: Catherine Giusti

1. Meeting Call to Order

Greg Zenion called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes 12/04/2023 meeting

Karen Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Craig Louzon and it was

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the 12/04/2023 meeting

In favor: Devereaux, Gencarelli, Louzon, Picard, Reynolds, Scanapieco, Sullivan, Zenion

Absent: Draper

Abstain: Pouliot

3. Discussion of the scope of RIDE stage II project

Superintendent Picard explained the scope of stage II project. Stage II is about the options that the district/communities have –in this case, to consider the cost of building 3 new elementary schools as compared to the cost to continue to provide maintenance on the elementary schools that are already between 50 - 70+ years old. To make sure that the community is aware of the current RIDE incentives and the timeline of the incentives. There was discussion with the committee and with the community in attendance.

4. Discuss RIDE stage II project progress to date

Colliers and SLAM prepared a presentation. Cathy Ellithorpe and SLAM are developing concepts for 3 new schools on the current elementary sites. Mark Rhoades of SLAM delivered the presentation showing the concept for the new elementary schools. There was discussion with the committee and with the community in attendance.

5. Bond Discussion

Superintendent Picard provided the update that Karen Grande has been approved as Bond Council and contract goes in front of the School Committee tomorrow night. Representative Kennedy, Representative Spears and Senator Gu will sponsor the bond. There was discussion with the committee and with the community in attendance.

6. Request for future meetings

None at this time

7. Set date and time for future meetings

Already scheduled

January 31, 2024 4:00 - 5:30 PM at CHS library.

February 12, 2024 4:00 – 5:30 PM at CHS library.

8. Adjournment

Karen Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Jason Sullivan and it was

VOTED: To adjourn at 5:04 PM

In favor: unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn A. Koziol

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING

ENCLOSURE

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of the qualified electors of the participating towns of Charlestown, Hopkinton, and Richmond, joined together as the Chariho Regional School District.

To be held in the
CHARIHO REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
on Switch Road in the Town of Richmond
Tuesday, March 5, 2024
at 7:30 P.M.

To the respective Town Sergeants and Constables, or any of them in the Towns of Charlestown, Hopkinton and Richmond.

Greetings:

You are hereby required to call and warn all electors of the respective towns of Charlestown, Hopkinton and Richmond, who are voters qualified in their respective towns to vote at the financial town meeting next preceding this Chariho Regional School District meeting and also those voters who are certified by the Board of Canvassers in their respective towns as qualified to vote in their respective towns on any proposition for the imposition of a tax or for the expenditure of money, to assemble in the Chariho Regional School District Meeting of the participating towns of Charlestown, Hopkinton and Richmond to be held in the Chariho Regional Middle School Auditorium on Switch Road in the Town of Richmond on Tuesday, the fifth day of March A. D. 2024 at seven thirty Post Meridieum time (7:30 PM) pursuant to the provisions of an Act passed at the January session A. D. 2006 of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations entitled, "An Act in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 286 of the Public Laws, 1986, and Chapter 279 of the Public Laws, 1997, entitled 'An Act in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 55 of the Public Laws, 1958, Entitled 'An Act Authorizing the Towns of Charlestown and Richmond together, or together with the Town of Hopkinton, to join in a Regional High School District, Incorporating said Regional High School District and Providing for the Issuance of Bonds, Construction and Operation of a Regional High School for the Joint Use of the Participating Towns, within said Regional High School District established by this Act as amended'", as amended, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following propositions:

I. To participate in a public hearing before the Chariho Regional School District Committee concerning its proposed school budget for the 2024-2025 budget year.

II. Shall there be established a Regional School District Building Committee, which shall be charged with the responsibility and authority:

a. to undertake consideration of constructing, furnishing, and equipping of three elementary schools (one in each of the towns of Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton) and improvements at the Switch Road Campus including, but not limited to, costs of demolition, design, health and safety projects, playgrounds, landscaping paving and all expenses incidental thereto; to endeavor to limit overall expenditures for all such undertakings within an amount not to exceed the sum of one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) in the aggregate; and to report the findings and recommendations of said Building Committee to the Regional School District Committee and to each of the member Town Councils within six (6) months from the date of the first meeting of such Building Committee; all in accordance with the purposes and provisions of the Chariho Act (P.L. 1986, Chapter 286, as amended); and

b. if, upon authorization by act of the General Assembly or otherwise, appropriate funding is approved by the electors of the Regional School District, to secure competent architectural and engineering and other appropriate services for the purpose of making of surveys, the preparation of plans, and specifications for constructing, furnishing, and equipping of three elementary schools (one in each of the towns of Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton) and improvements at the Switch Road Campus including, but not limited to, costs of demolition, design, health and safety projects, playgrounds, landscaping, paving and all expenses incidental thereto; to endeavor to limit overall expenditures for all such undertakings within an amount not to exceed the sum of one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) in the aggregate; all in accordance with the purposes and provisions of the Chariho Act (P.L. 1986, Chapter 286, as amended); and

c. if appropriate funding is approved by the electors of the Regional District as aforesaid, to construct, furnish and equip three elementary schools (one in each of the towns of Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton) and improvements at the Switch Road Campus and to demolish buildings as appropriate; all in accordance with the purposes and provisions of the Chariho Act (P.L. 1986, Chapter 286, as amended); and

d. if appropriate funding is so approved by the electors of the Regional School District as aforesaid, to make all contracts and agreements which may be necessary for the exercise of the powers vested in said Building Committee; all in accordance with the purposes and provisions of the Chariho Act (P.L. 1986, Chapter 286, as amended);

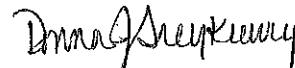
d. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that said Building Committee shall not make any expenditures or incur any liability unless the necessary appropriations therefore have been authorized by the electors of said Regional School District, or, if pursuant to act of the General Assembly, any bonds which may have been so authorized and approved thereunder have been successfully sold; and

e. the term of said Building Committee shall expire as to any authorized building or project at such time as any authorized building or project shall have been constructed and accepted by the architects engaged by the Building Committee and for one (1) year thereafter, whereupon the office of said Committee as to that authorized building or project shall terminate?

III. Shall the budget of the Chariho Regional School District for the 2024-2025 fiscal year be adjusted so as to allow the transfer of funds from the fund balance in the amount of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars, with any additional amounts deemed necessary in carrying out said Building Committee's approved responsibilities to be approved by vote of the Regional School District Committee, for the purpose of providing funds in said amount to the Regional School District Building Committee, which funds are to be used by said Building Committee at its discretion, for necessary and proper expenses it may incur in carrying out said Building Committee's responsibilities as charged by action of the voters of the Regional School District assembled in a Regional School District Meeting; provided however, that any of such funds which are not expended by said Building Committee shall be returned to the General Fund of the Chariho Regional School District?

IV. To transact any and all business that may be lawful at said meeting.

By authorization and directions of Said Act hereinbefore quoted. Witness the hands of the Clerk of the Chariho Regional School District and Chairperson of the Chariho Regional School District Committee affixed hereto this 9th day of February, 2024.


Donna J. Siczekiewicz
Clerk


Catherine M. Giusti
Chairperson

PLEASE NOTE: Individuals requesting special accommodations must call 364-7575 forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting date.

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE CONTINUATION OF ANNUAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

To the qualified electors of the towns of Charlestown, Richmond and Hopkinton:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Meeting and Public Hearing of the Chariho Regional School District, scheduled to be held by the Chariho Regional School District Committee on March 5, 2024 concerning its proposed School Budget for the 2024-2025 budget year, will be continued if there is a lack of a quorum of qualified voters and will reconvene on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 in the Chariho Middle School Auditorium at 7:30 PM. If there is a quorum present on March 5, 2024, the meeting will not be continued.