

Carlisle School Committee

Minutes

May 16, 2019

Superintendent’s Office, Carlisle Public Schools, 83 School Street, Carlisle, MA 01741
8:30 a.m.

Present – School Committee: Melynda Gambino - Chair, David Model, Eva Mostoufi, Sara Wilson

Present – School Administration: James O’Shea, Superintendent; Susan Pray, Business Manager

Meeting Documents:

Draft Solar Lease	Draft Solar Power Purchase Agreement	CSC comments on same
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I. Call to Order

Chair Melynda Gambino called the meeting to order at 8.32 a.m. Mr. Model served as Acting Secretary for the meeting.

II. Information/Discussion Items

- A. Solar Project Update: Ms. Gambino reported that in a pre-application meeting between Ameresco and the Planning Board, it came to light that the Transfer Station is built on the site of a former landfill, and that this would require a much deeper set of anchoring holes to be dug. Ameresco does not think that project is now economically viable and it is an open question as to whether the School project can go forward separately. In the meantime, the Town, its Board of Selectmen and the School feel the contracts for the School project should be finalized. The BoS voted in favor, with comments, in its meeting on May 14th. Ms. Gambino circulated the comments she had. Ms. Sorn of the Mosquito, in attendance, asked whether Ameresco had conducted bore samples of the Transfer Station to assess the ground structure; we do not know the answer at this time.

III. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent O’Shea reported on the process to recruit a new Director of Student Services. Lori Bruce, a finalist, had met with staff and parents on May 13th; additional resumes have been received and will be evaluated by the DSS Search Committee today. Mr. O’Shea also mentioned parents’ meetings to present the new Middle School schedule. One meeting was held last night and another is scheduled for tonight.

IV. Members’/Committee Reports as Needed

- A. Board of Selectmen: Ms. Gambino reported that BoS would like a member of the CSC to serve on the Long Term Capital Requirements Committee (LTCRC). There was a discussion about whether certain items should be considered capital or operating

expenses. It was agreed that the School's expenditures should not be treated any differently than those of other Town departments. Ms. Wilson volunteered to serve on the LTCRC.

- B. Parent-Teacher Organization: Ms. Gambino asked for a volunteer to serve as liaison to the PTO. It was agreed that this should be a rotating assignment for all Committee members.

V. Action Items

- A. Mr. Model made a motion that the School Committee vote to approve the Solar Lease, payment schedule, and Solar Power Purchase Agreement, subject to edits to the Lease as discussed at this meeting and the Board of Selectman's meeting on May 14th, and to authorize Town Counsel to make the edits to the Lease, and to authorize the Chair to sign the Lease and the Solar Power Purchase Agreement on behalf of the School Committee. Ms. Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Warrants

- A. Payroll Warrant #7719 \$492,071.14. Includes retroactive adjustments made for new teacher salaries pursuant to the MOA signed with the CTA.
- B. Accounts Payable Warrant #7919; \$116,826.43.

VII. Other Business

There was no other business.

VIII. Adjourn Meeting

Mr. Model made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Mostoufi seconded the motion, and all members present voted in favor. The public meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Model
Acting Secretary