A meeting of the East Bridgewater School Committee was held on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Anne Kenneally Hynes Library in the East Bridgewater Jr/Sr High School. In attendance were: Chair Ellen Pennington, Co-Chair Hazel Tessier, Jonathan Babcock, Theresa Maltz, Superintendent Elizabeth Legault, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Gina Williams, School Business Administrator John Shea, and Recording Clerk Joanne Benner. Mr. McKinnon and Mr. Rhuda were not in attendance.

Motion to open at 7:01PM: Maltz/Babcock  Vote:  4 in favor

Also in attendance: Senator Walter Timilty, Representative Michelle DuBois, Bill & Will Lucini from Lucini Bus Lines, and community members.

The attendees stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

- The public comment period is not an open public forum. Speakers may address topics on the agenda, items specified for public comment, or items within the scope of the School Committee’s responsibility. No one came forward for public comment.

Report of Subcommittees and Standing Committees:

- Action is required, after review, of the recommended changes to the Educational Philosophy submitted by the subcommittee to update the current Educational Philosophy. Chair Pennington requested this be tabled until the next meeting because of the absence of Mr. McKinnon and Mr. Rhuda. Mrs. Maltz said she would like to put more work into it and agrees to it being tabled. Motion to table: Babcock/Maltz  Vote:  4 in favor

- Action is required, after review, of the Superintendent’s Evaluation timeline. Chair Pennington said this is similar to last year’s timeline. The deadline for the Superintendent to submit evidence for her review is 4/23/19. On 5/1/19 there will be an evaluation workshop for the Superintendent to present/discuss evidence. The deadline for School Committee members to submit their individual evaluations is 5/8/19. A date will be set for the subcommittee to meet and compile the evaluations and on 6/20/19 it will be presented at an open meeting. Mrs. Maltz said someone will need to replace Hazel and Chair Pennington is aware of that. She questioned why all of the free form comments were not transferred over. Chair Pennington explained the subcommittee meets and does a compilation of the data and comes to agreement on what should be put on the final edit. Motion: Maltz/Babcock  Vote:  4 in favor

New Business:

- John Shea, School Business Administrator, will discuss the FY19 Revolving Accounts and FY19 Operating Budget. Page 1 & 2 are the reports he submits monthly and we are tracking well on budget. As it is close to
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the end of the year we look at it daily. In the packet is the Softright report backing up the budget numbers shown line by line. Mrs. Maltz asked if the school choice funds were ear marked for anything. She questioned why we don’t use it to bring in an adjustment counselor. Superintendent Legault said when she came to the district the revolving accounts were in the red because they were used in ways, and for things, they should not be and that is not a good practice. Mr. Shea said the account is used to pay for some salaries and Dr. Williams said it has helped pay for curriculum, chrome books, and a Mitchell School behavioral specialist. Mrs. Maltz doesn’t like that we have this amount in an account when we need counselors and support for the students. Superintendent Legault said she hears what she is saying, would like to have the capacity to fund all of the district needs, and maybe it is something that can be looked at.

❖ Update on the FY20 School Department Budget – nothing at this time.

❖ Discussion on approval process for one-time spending from revolving accounts. Chair Pennington requested this be tabled due to the absence of Mr. McKinnon and Mr. Rhuda. The remaining members agreed to table the discussion. Mr. Shea said he included in their packet the data on accounts that made purchases over $5000.00 for their review.

❖ Discussion on the school bus bids received and opened on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. Mr. Shea said there were 4 requests for the bid specs and we received 2 proposals; one from First Student and the other from Lucini Bus Lines. It is his determination that Lucini Bus is offering the lowest price and the most advantageous proposal for the district.

❖ State Representative Michelle DuBois presented Mrs. Tessier a citation from the House of Representatives thanking her for her years of service to the students and town of East Bridgewater. Senator Walter Timilty presented a citation from the State Senate on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and thanked her for the good work she has done these past 3 years.

Action Items:

❖ Action is required by the School Committee to vote to on a school bus provider. Per the recommendation of Mr. Shea the Committee motioned to vote for Lucini Bus Lines. 
Motion: Babcock/Maltz Vote: 4 in favor

❖ Action is required on the School Committee Meeting minutes from the March 5, 2019 and March 14, 2019. 
Motion: Babcock/Tessier Vote: 4 in favor

❖ Action is required, after review, to approve accounts payable warrant 40V dated 3/27/19. 
Motion: Maltz/Babcock Vote: 4 in favor

Motion: Maltz/Tessier Vote: 4 in favor

Superintendent Legault said the Drama Club will be presenting The Adams Family on Friday and Saturday at 7:00 PM. Mr. Ponte will be coming to a meeting in the next few weeks with a couple of students to showcase the new uniforms. On Sunday it is the annual Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast starting at 7:00 AM. Last Thursday she attended the meeting of the Kiwanis Club and was able to speak of all of the
initiatives and good things that are happening in the schools. They are supportive of the district giving scholarships every year.

A motion to close was made at 7:44 PM: Babcock/Maltz Vote: 4 in favor

Respectfully Submitted by,

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