

Chariho School Committee Meeting  
Regular Session – May 14, 2024

Committee Members Attendance: Chair Catherine Giusti, Vice Chair Karen Reynolds, Donna Chambers, Tyler Champlin, Kathryn Colasante, Polly Hopkins, Craig Louzon, Linda Lyall, Larry Phelps, Patricia Pouliot and Jessica Purcell. Absent: Andrew McQuaide.

Administrators and Others Attendance: Superintendent Gina Picard, Assistant Superintendent Michael Comella, Director of Administration and Finance Ned Draper, Systems Administrator Eric O'Brien, High School Principal Andrea Spas, High School Assistant Principal Jean Bradanini, FFA Advisors Stacie Pepperd and Christine Haberek, NEA Chariho Certified Staff President Vin Levcowich, Hopkinton Town Councilor Steve Moffitt and School Committee Clerk Donna Sieczkiewicz.

I. Meeting Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Silent Meditation

Chair Catherine Giusti called the meeting of the Chariho School Committee, held in the Chariho High School Library, to order at 6:31 PM. She asked all to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

II. Motion/Vote to go into Executive Session

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and Jessica Purcell and it was

VOTED: That the School Committee go into executive session and close the meeting to the public under the authority of R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(1) for the purpose of discussion and/or action pertaining to an individual's job performance or character (Pre-deprivation Hearings/Non-Renewal of Teacher Contracts); under the authority of R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(2) for the purpose of discussion and/or action pertaining to collective bargaining (1. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of April 9, 2024 - Memorandum of Agreement with NEA Education Support Professionals; 2. Discussion on Memorandum of Agreement Between the Chariho Regional School District and Chariho Education Support Professionals pertaining to the June 19<sup>th</sup> Holiday and 3. Revision to Articles 13 and 14 of the Certified Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement); under the authority of R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(3) for the purpose of discussion regarding the matter of security (Approval of Executive Session Minutes of April 9, 2024 - Discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Chariho Regional School District and the Town of Richmond Pertaining to the Funding for a School Resource Officer) and under the authority of R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(8) for the purpose of reviewing and/or approving matters which relate to the privacy of students and their records (1. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of April 9, 2024 - Home Instruction Requests and 2. Approval of Home Instruction Requests); any persons to be discussed have been so notified. In favor: Unanimous.

III. Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance/Silent Meditation

Chair Giusti reconvened the meeting at 7:00 PM and asked all to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

IV. Closing/Sealing of Executive Session Minutes

1. Superintendent Picard recommended that minutes pertaining to an individual's job performance or character (Pre-deprivation Hearings/Non-Renewal of Teacher Contracts) remain sealed.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Tyler Champlin and it was

VOTED: That minutes pertaining to an individual's job performance or character (Pre-deprivation Hearings/Non-Renewal of Teacher Contracts) remain sealed. In favor: Unanimous.

2. Superintendent Picard recommended that minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (NEA ESP MOA pertaining to June 19<sup>th</sup> Holiday) remain sealed until such time as an agreement has been reached.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Tyler Champlin and it was VOTED: That minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (NEA ESP MOA pertaining to June 19<sup>th</sup> Holiday) remain sealed until such time as an agreement has been reached. In favor: Unanimous.

3. Superintendent Picard recommended that minutes relating to the privacy of students and their records (Approval of Home Instruction Requests) remain sealed.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Tyler Champlin and it was VOTED: That minutes relating to the privacy of students and their records (Approval of Home Instruction Requests) remain sealed. In favor: Unanimous.

4. Superintendent Picard recommended that minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (Revision to Articles 13 and 14 of the Certified Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement) remain sealed until such time as School Committee approval is granted.

Tyler Champlin made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: That minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (Revision to Articles 13 and 14 of the Certified Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement) remain sealed until such time as School Committee approval is granted. In favor: Unanimous.

V. Disclosure of Executive Session Votes

Vice Chair Reynolds reported there were six votes taken in executive session. The first vote, non-renewal of teacher contracts, passed with 11 in favor with Chambers, Champlin, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Louzon, Lyall, Phelps, Pouliot, Purcell and Reynolds approving.

The second vote, approval of executive session minutes of April 9, 2024 – Memorandum of Agreement with NEA ESP, passed with 9 in favor and 2 abstentions with Chambers, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Louzon, Lyall, Phelps, Purcell and Reynolds approving and Champlin and Pouliot abstaining.

The third vote, approval of executive session minutes of April 9, 2024 – Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of Richmond pertaining to the SRO, passed with 9 in favor and 2 abstentions with Chambers, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Louzon, Lyall, Phelps, Purcell and Reynolds approving and Champlin and Pouliot abstaining.

The fourth vote, approval of executive session minutes of April 9, 2024 – Approval of Home Instruction Requests, passed with 9 in favor and 2 abstentions with Chambers, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Louzon, Lyall, Phelps, Purcell and Reynolds approving and Champlin and Pouliot abstaining.

The fifth vote, approval of Home Instruction Requests, passed with 11 in favor with Chambers, Champlin, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Louzon, Lyall, Phelps, Pouliot, Purcell and Reynolds approving.

The last vote, to return to open session, passed with 11 in favor with Chambers, Champlin, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Louzon, Lyall, Phelps, Pouliot, Purcell and Reynolds voting in favor.

VI. Recognition – Superintendent Picard asked all to please join her in congratulating/thanking the following:

1. Valedictorian Erin von Housen and Salutatorian Elle Clark. Elle was in attendance and was presented with a certificate noting her achievement.
2. RI FFA 76<sup>th</sup> State Convention Winners (Charlotte, Kieley, Loren and Rachel were in attendance and were given a congratulatory letter and Chariho pin):

Employment Skills Leadership Development Event
Chapter Division: Arianna Collet – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place; Lola Hernandez – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Greenhand Division: Genevieve Ogren – 1 <sup>st</sup> place

Prepared Public Speaking Leadership Development Event
Chapter Division: Lola Hernandez – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Extemporaneous Public Speaking Leadership Development Event
Chapter Division: Charlotte Kona – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Illustrated Talk Leadership Development Event
Greenhand Division: Shaelyn Musch – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place; Genevieve Ogren – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place; Kielee Pucino – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Veterinary Science Career Development Event – Team – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Lola Hernandez, Charlotte Kona, Loren Levesque, Rachel Ullucci
RI FFA Alumni College Scholarship
Arianna Collet (Salve Regina University – Environmental Studies)
Theodore Czarnecki – SUNY Cobleskill - John Deere Construction & Forestry Program
RI FFA State Degree (awarded by State Associations and is open to members in grade 11 or higher who are involved in chapter leadership, State-level activities and community service and who complete a set number of hours of instruction and SAE growth and productivity)
Arianna Collet, Theodore Czarnecki, Lola Hernandez, Charlotte Kona, Grace Marcotte

3. High School Freshman Adriana Jeannenot threw a no-hitter with 16 strikeouts to lead Chariho past North Kingstown, 5-0, in a Division I Softball game. She recorded her second consecutive shut-out in as many days, a three-hitter with 16 strikeouts, in a 9-0 win against St. Mary Academy/Bay View. She then struck out a season-high 19 batters in a 2-2 tie against Moses Brown. She has struck out 88 batters in the last six games with the Chargers record of 5-0-1 over that stretch.

4. Ian Dunham shot a 2-under par 33 on the front nine at Shelter Harbor Golf Course leading Chariho to its season-opening Southern Division win against Narragansett and Westerly.

5. The Rhode Island Interscholastic League presented High School Senior Emily Ballard with the RIL Distinguished Achievement Award for her exemplary achievements over the past year.

6. High School Junior Brandon Thorp’s artwork titled “*The Tyranny of Avarice*” was awarded an Honorable Mention at the Regional Level of the Scholastic Art Awards and was awarded the “Staff Favorite” in the annual Senator Reed Art Competition. This is the second year he was the Staff Favorite in this competition.

7. High School Junior Matthew Boyd (who was in attendance with a parent) has been selected from a highly competitive applicant pool of over 1500 students to participate in the STEM Enhancement in Earth Science (SEES) Internship Program. This program is conducted in collaboration with the University of Texas Center for Space Research and NASA and Matthew was placed on the Mars Rover Resource Utilization Team. He will spend most of July in Texas, fully sponsored by NASA, and will earn certification in Python Programming. His parents have expressed their gratitude to two of Chariho’s exceptional teachers, Karen Parsons (High School Science) and Matthew Clarke (CTC Engineering, Drafting and Design), for their support and encouragement.

8. Middle School Boys’ and Girls’ Track Meet (against Westerly, Jamestown, Monsignor Clark and Compass Middle Schools): Leo Haxton took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 3000; Rider Spears qualified for the State Tournament in the High Jump and Jackson Nickerson won the shot put and discus.

9. Erin von Housen was the first female athlete in program history to compete at the prestigious Penn Relays. She finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the High School Championship Mile with an outdoor personal best and school record time of 4:58.71. At the Southern Division Tri-Meet at Coventry, Lily Baxter won the high jump and long jump; Weeko Thompson took first in shot put and discus; Lidia Taber was first in the 100; Emily Brown finished first in the 300 hurdles and second in the 100 hurdles; Erin von Housen took first in the 800; Elle Clark picked up a pair of seconds in the 100 and long jump and third in the 100 hurdles. Emily Brown finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the pentathlon to establish a new program mark at the Glenn Loucks Games in White Plains, NY. She also recorded three additional second-place finishes in the 800, 100 hurdles and high jump and a third-place finish in the long jump. Erin von

Housen placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the 800 with a personal best and new school mark (2:15.33) to break her own record set in 2022. She also finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 2000 meter steeplechase. Elle Clark placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall which included a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the shot put and Lily Baxter tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the high jump.

10. Eli Sposato won the 200 in a school-record time at the Classical Classic at Mt. Pleasant High School and finished fourth in the 100. He was a triple event winner at the Southern Division Tri-Meet at Coventry, finishing first in the 100, 200 and 400; Isaac Graham won the 800; Ethan McCann took the 1500; Charlie Allenson won the 3000, Maverick Morrone won the long jump and Adam Lenihan took the triple jump.

11. High School Girls' Track finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Southern Division Championships. Erin von Housen won the 3,000; Sonja Beasley was first in the high jump, Emily Brown finished second in four events (100 hurdles, high jump, 300 hurdles and long jump) and Weeko Thompson had a pair of seconds in the discus and shot put. Jules White took third in the javelin, Lily Baxter was third in the triple jump and Elle Clark was fourth in the 100 hurdles and long jump.

12. High School Boys' Track: Eli Sposato won three individual events and the Duke Award as the Most Valuable Performer at the Southern Division Championships. He set a new school and meet record with his first-place finish in the 400 (49.4) and picked up firsts in the 100 and 200. He also anchored the 4x400 meter relay team that included Ethan McCann, Tom Golas and Jared Peltier, to a third-place finish. Charlie Allenson, Greyson Moffitt, Cam Eidam and Isaac Graham were third in the 4x800; Tom Golas placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1500 and Nick Wilusz took fourth in the high jump. Eli continued to break records this past Saturday at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Glenn Loucks Games. His seventh place finish in the 400 set a school mark (48.89) and broke his own school mark of 49.40 that he set at the Southern Division Championships. Tom Golas, Isaac Graham, Ethan McCann and Jared Peltier finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 4x800 relay at the St. Germain Invitational last Saturday.

13. Senior Nate Ballard scored his 100<sup>th</sup> career goal in a Division II Boys' Lacrosse game against South Kingstown.

14. Kody Poplaski recorded his 1000<sup>th</sup> assist in leading the High School Boys' Volleyball Team to a Division I sweep over South Kingstown.

15. Sophomore Kayden Jaillet scored seven goals, including her 100<sup>th</sup> career goal, in a Division II Girls' Lacrosse victory over Cumberland (18-6).

16. Middle School Science Olympiad Winners – Advisor Trisha Whipple (these students and advisor are planning to attend the June meeting):

Titus Castrataro and Ian MacInnis	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place in Dynamic Planet
Sean Dorgan and Angelo Guido	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place - Fossils
Luke DeFedele and Cameron Coggeshall	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place for Fast Facts
Luke DeFedele	Gold for the Science Bowl
Team of: Angelo Guido, Ava Bertrand, Titus Castrataro, Cameron Coggeshall, Brett Creamer, Preston Davis, Sonia Dropek, James Haxton, Tucker McGlinsey, Louis Dancause, Luke DeFedele, Ian MacInnis, Sean Dorgan, Noah Vandever and Keelan Velander	5 <sup>th</sup> Place at States

17. Special Olympics to present the Elwood Johnson Outstanding Service Award to two local police officers (Hopkinton Patrol Officer Mac Hindle and Westerly Cpl. Gregory Burbank) in honor of longtime Super Plunge organizer Richmond Police Chief Elwood Johnson. Congratulations to Chief Johnson and Officers Hindle and Burbank.

18. Thanks to High School Theatre Director Rebecca Burns, Assistant Director Alex Smith and Vocal Coach Morgan Bott for the amazing performance of *"The Little Mermaid"*.

19. A special thanks to members of the Chariho Building Committee.

20. Superintendent Picard wanted to also recognize all staff as last week was Teacher Appreciation Week. She acknowledged their hard work and dedication to Chariho students.

## VII. Public Forum

Chair Giusti reminded those in attendance that they must sign up to speak during Public Forum. There were four people wishing to speak. The first, George Dombi from Hope Valley, provided a little 'show and tell' using rods to compare measurements as he was getting to his point that there are manipulators in a physical object and the only thing that caught on in the US from the metric

system was liters. He suggested that the District consider putting in a Montessori Kindergarten Program in Hope Valley School. He was thanked for his presentation. Louise Dinsmore from Richmond had a question regarding an article in the May 10<sup>th</sup> issue of "What's Up Newport" in which she thought the Superintendent may have been interviewed and quoted saying she will ask the School Committee to seek General Assembly approval for the District to approve a \$15 million bond and it also said that school officials in Chariho will now look to what comes next. Among other options, the Superintendent said might be a plan that would consider building one elementary school. Chair Giusti informed Louise that this is an agenda item coming up so she can speak at that time. Gina stated that she was never interviewed for an article in this paper. Goldie Williams from Richmond stated that if the District doesn't have enough money for special ed kids how do they think they have enough money to build three new schools. She wanted to know what was being done about bullying at the Middle School. They should get rid of the Principal who is doing nothing about it. Hopkinton resident Brian Marvelle noted his disappointment in the past weeks' events and Tuesday's Bond vote but in our democratic process, we citizens must accept the outcome. What he is opposed to is how we arrived at that outcome. We had community members that approached elderly residents and told them they would lose their homes because taxes would go up. He even saw a post where a resident had told their tenants that their rent would be increased as a result of a 'yes' vote. He considers that or those tactics deliberate misinformation and border intimidation. Now he would like to address the statements and behavior of members of this School Committee. We have Principles and Ethical Standards for our School Committee members and Section 1 states, Committee members are to "*Recognize that the first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.*" He repeated it for those who did not hear him or choose to ignore it. He stated that some members on this Committee have chosen to ignore Section 1 of that Code of Conduct and here are a few examples. He saw a screenshot on Facebook of Ms. Hopkins stating "until we are free to have school choice and bankrupt these schools, we will tackle the beast head-on and she sees no reason to support these indoctrination studies." He would like Ms. Polly to explain what she considers indoctrination studies in our schools cause he can only guess that she is speaking about conspiracy theories and a comment she made to Ms. Chambers at a past School Committee meeting. Ms. Polly also made it clear that Q symbols and Confederate flag attire would be appropriate in our schools and if banned, would be discrimination cause why not post conspiracy theories and racist symbols in our schools. That would certainly be a good message to send to our students. Larry called for a point of order, he gets two minutes to speak. Chair Giusti said he gets two to four minutes and she will let him know when his time is up. Mr. Marvelle questioned if he said something wrong to which Chair Giusti told him he could continue. Mr. Marvelle stated that if he understands correctly, Ms. Polly thinks it is OK for outrageous conspiracy theories and racist symbols to be displayed in our schools all the while opposed to attire that may support the gay community or indigenous students. And then we have Ms. Polly violating Section 16 of the Code. She denies calling one of our school principals a 'carpet bagger". He checked and she did in fact not call him a carpet bagger but she did follow it up with a caption that said "wouldn't it be a shame if someone would get creative and Photoshop over a cartoon of a carpet bagger, indicating that she would find it funny to Photoshop our principal's face on that cartoon. And then the comment of "Joe Gencarelli wanting to be king of his new kingdom." Mr. Marvelle noted that he has seen numerous inappropriate posts and comments and screen shots and he has them all with him this evening, all made in public on her secret website. He personally thinks that would justify her disqualification and removal from this Committee. Enough about Ms. Polly and her qualifications or should he say, lack thereof. Let's move on to Mr. Champlin, also in violation of Section 1 of the Code of Conduct. If he remembers correctly, Mr. Champlin made a motion to move the Bond to vote, all while he was going on to campaign against the Bond. He even went so far as to say that anybody or anyone with a testicular fortitude could come and discuss the Bond with him personally. Kind of like a bully in a school yard. Now he watched Mr. Champlin leading up to this Bond and he's sitting there not saying a word. Why would he not speak up at the meeting when Anthony from BuildRI made his pitch to use union workers but afterward he was more than willing to make disparaging remarks/ posts online. Chair Giusti informed Mr. Marvelle that he needed to wrap up his comments soon. Mr. Marvelle stated that at the Building Committee meeting, Mr. Champlin sat quietly with nothing to say but may he add that when at the meeting, he received a text from a friend that said Mr. Champlin had sent out a robo-call against the Bond vote while he was at the meeting. He thinks

Mr. Champlin owes all of the taxpayers an explanation as to why he would be on a Building Committee for buildings that he so adamantly opposed to be built. Mr. Champlin also posted on Ms. Hopkins' Facebook "I can't wait to see what's gonna come my way after this next week of ads, mailers and phone calls. It's gonna be great" and here we have a School Committee member celebrating and taking pride in the fact that he is screwing over the school kids. Let's move on to Mr. Phelps. He doesn't really know too much about Mr. Phelps and what he says but much about what he says is pretty incoherent and the only thing that he has learned about him is that he has a dislike for transgender persons. These members mentioned in his statements have violated Ethical Standard #1 which is to recognize that the first and greatest concern must be for the educational welfare of the students attending our public schools. Every one of them posted excuses against the Bond but not one was for the educational welfare of the students. In the Code of Conduct that he has seen for the Chariho School District, there are 17 codes but there is not one for discipline, expelling or removal of members that don't abide by the Code and he thinks, at this point, the division that's going on here – that there should be an amendment made to the Code of Conduct. What he has seen the last few weeks, it just doesn't fly with him.

### VIII. Policy

A. Academic Requirements for High School Graduation (Revision) – Superintendent Picard recommended approval of the revisions to this policy which has been reviewed by the Policy Subcommittee. Changes were a result of alignment to the revised State requirements for graduation. Craig made a motion, which was seconded by Linda and Karen, to approve the revisions to the Academic Requirements for High School Graduation. Karen asked if a student takes World Language in grades 7 and 8, does that count for just one year to which Dr. Comella explained that both years would contribute to one year of World Language. Gina added that this is because of the amount of time the grade 7 and 8 student would have in this class. They do not have the 90-minute blocks like the High School. Karen clarified so if a child takes two years in Middle School this would count as one year towards the High School requirement so they would only have to take one more year in High School to which Michael replied "yes so long as it is the same language."

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and Karen Reynolds and it was VOTED: To approve the revisions to the Academic Requirements for High School Graduation. In favor: Unanimous.

B. Attendance Policy (Revision) – Superintendent Picard recommended approval of the revisions to this policy which has been reviewed by the Policy Subcommittee. Changes were a result of alignment to the revised State requirements for graduation.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: To approve the revised Attendance Policy. In favor: Unanimous.

### IX. Business

A. Field Trip Request – Superintendent Picard recommended approval of the following contingent upon compliance with policy:

1. Request of SkillsUSA Advisor Lt. Robert Wild for 18 students and 4 chaperones to travel to the SkillsUSA National Championship in Atlanta, GA from June 23, 2024 to June 29, 2024.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: To approve the request of SkillsUSA Advisor Lt. Robert Wild for 18 students and 4 chaperones to travel to the SkillsUSA National Championship in Atlanta, GA from June 23, 2024 to June 29, 2024. In favor: Unanimous.

2. Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: To approve the request of FBLA Advisor Bethany MacLeod for 7 students and 2 chaperones to travel to the FBLA National Competition in Orlando, FL from June 28, 2024 to July 3, 2024 which includes a transfer of \$5,500 from the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) department field trip line to the FBLA SAF account. In favor: Unanimous.

3. Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: To approve the request of Coach Kathryn McGeehan for 12-14 students and 2 chaperones to travel to the Smithtown West Volleyball Tournament in Hauppauge, NY from September 20-21, 2024. In favor: Unanimous.

B. Memorandum of Agreement Between the Chariho Regional School District and Chariho Education Support Professionals (ESP) Pertaining to the June 19<sup>th</sup> Holiday – Superintendent Picard recommended approval of the MOA between the Chariho Regional School District and Chariho Education Support Professionals (ESP) pertaining to the new Federal/State Juneteenth holiday on June 19, 2024 since it falls within the employees' work year.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: To approve the MOA between the Chariho Regional School District and Chariho Education Support Professionals (ESP) pertaining to the new Federal/State Juneteenth holiday on June 19, 2024 since it falls within the employees' work year. In favor: Unanimous.

C. Agreement with Rhode Island Student Assistant Services (RISAS) – Superintendent Picard recommended approval of the agreement with RISAS for the Student Assistance Program (Project SUCCESS - Substance Abuse Prevention) from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. She noted that this request comes before the Committee each year. Craig made a motion, which was seconded by Linda, to approve the Agreement with Rhode Island Student Assistant Services (RISAS – Project SUCCESS – Substance Abuse Prevention) from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Karen questioned what were the school-wide awareness programs that they ran last year to which Andrea replied they held an assembly that emphasized safe decisions when driving (i.e. impaired driving), provided outreach information in advisories and Gina added that they also work with the Wellbeing Collaborative (with Westerly as well). Karen wondered if there was anything at the Middle School with issues like vaping to which Gina responded they do work with grades 5-8 on issues such as this. They first send a letter to the parents before working with Middle School students. Andrea spoke on the Peer2Peer program which brought in URI athletes to address these issues with students. Polly asked if this was opt-in or opt-out to which Andrea replied that there were permission slips required so “yes” it is opt in/opt-out. Donna noted there is lots of training going on dealing with mental health. Goldie stated that she wonders why the Transition Program isn't with the Wellness Collaborative to which Chair Giusti advised her that while it is a great question, it is not what this agenda item is about.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: To approve the Agreement with Rhode Island Student Assistant Services (RISAS – Project SUCCESS – Substance Abuse Prevention) from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. In favor: Chambers, Champlin, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Louzon, Lyall, Pouliot, Purcell and Reynolds. Abstained: Phelps. The motion carried by a vote of 10 in favor with 1 abstention.

D. Chariho Regional High School and Chariho Career and Technical Center 2024-2025 Program of Studies – Superintendent Picard noted here are a few minor revisions to the High School/CTC Program of Studies that was approved at the February 15, 2024 meeting. She has provided only the pages that have changes (either strike-through or red print). If you would like to review the entire document, it is posted on the website under School Committee Meetings and Minutes – February 15, 2025 – Item VIII E – 24-25 CHS/CTC Program of Studies. She recommended approval of the revisions to the High School/CTC 2024-2025 Program of Studies. Craig made a motion, which was seconded by Linda, to approve the revisions to the Chariho High School and Chariho Career and Technical Center 2024-2025 Program of Studies. Linda thanked the Superintendent for only including the pages with revisions and not the entire document. Tyler stated that from page 64 on the revision included the sentence “This course will fulfill the RIDE Readiness-Based Graduation Requirements for financial literacy.” He questioned drafting to which Gina explained that this will be embedded in it.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: To approve the revisions to the Chariho Regional High School and Chariho Career and Technical Center 2024-2025 Program of Studies. In favor: Unanimous.

E. Whitehouse FY25 CDS Grant Application for Secondary Special Education Community Engagement – Superintendent Picard recommended approval of the submission of a Whitehouse FY25 CDS Grant Application in the amount of \$110,000 for Secondary Special Education Community Engagement to purchase of two 12-passenger vans for our Middle and High Schools to bring our students into the community regularly for community engagement opportunities and experiences. Craig made a motion, which was seconded by Linda and Karen, to approve the grant application. Polly asked what is done now for special needs students to which Gina explained that we do have vans but if they are not available, we use a bus which is much more of a cost. These vans will be available daily for special needs students. Polly asked if cost of renting a bus versus insurance for the van, driver cost, etc. makes it more cost effective to get the bus. Ned replied that the cost of a bus is \$400.00 plus for the day and more for special needs students. With a van, which can be driven by one of the teachers, the students can come and go as needed. Jessica asked if they had included maintenance and fuel in the grant request to which Gina responded the request is just for the van which will allow more opportunities for special needs students in the 18-21 age range to participate in job internships. We currently have four vans, one for the High School, one for CTC and two for CALA. Linda noted that the CALA vans were purchased by a CSIP grant.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and Karen Reynolds and it was VOTED: To approve submission of a Whitehouse FY25 CDS Grant Application for Secondary Special Education Community Engagement. In favor: Unanimous.

F. Whitehouse FY25 CDS Grant Application for Academic Math and ELA Tutoring – Superintendent Picard recommended approval of the submission of a Whitehouse FY25 CDS Grant Application in the amount of \$10,000 for academic tutoring from September 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to close achievement gaps in math and English/Language Arts (ELA) at the Middle School level.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Karen Reynolds and Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: To approve submission of a Whitehouse FY25 CDS Grant Application for Academic Math and ELA Tutoring. In favor: Unanimous.

G. School Improvement Team Member Approval – Superintendent Picard stated that she has reviewed the list and has found that each school's membership adheres to the policy. She recommend approval of the School Improvement Team Membership for 2024-2025.

Karen Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: To approve the School Improvement Team Membership for 2024-2025. In favor: Unanimous.

H. Budget Transfers – Superintendent Picard recommended approval of the Transfers for May 14, 2024. Craig made a motion, which was seconded by Karen and Tyler, to approve the Transfers for May 14, 2024. Jessica questioned the HVAC System at Charlestown to which Ned explained they had a failure and this was for an emergency repair.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Karen Reynolds and Tyler Champlin and it was VOTED: To approve the Transfers for May 14, 2024. In favor: Unanimous.

I. FY24 Budget Update – The Superintendent asked Ned to provide an update. Ned noted that not much has changed since last month. We are holding steady in Healthcare and he is hoping that continues. We received the Food Truck and are working on operating plans with our CTC programs. We may have another loss in the lunch fund but will be able to maintain pricing for the next school year. We will probably have to increase prices the following year. Jessica thanked Ned for providing the updates and the yearly maintenance that comes up. People have commented that they are



neglecting the buildings and she appreciates that the updates show we are not neglecting them. We commit to maintaining them.

J. CTC Roof RFP Schematic/Design Submission to RIDE – Superintendent Picard stated that SLAM will discuss the CTC Roof RFP Schematic/Design and she is recommending approval of this design submission to RIDE. Ted from SLAM presented the draft specification and cost estimate for replacement of roughly half of the CTC roof. He noted that they have broken the project into two portions; approval today will be to repair about 9330 sq. ft. They believe the roof is about 40 years old so it will be a complete demolition and replacement which will be similar to what we have at the High School. There is a number of pieces of mechanical equipment on the roof which they hope to be able to remove and replace. Kathryn questioned the integrity of the entire roof; the life expectancy. Ted explained that the existing roof is nearing the end of its life expectancy. The new roof will have more insulation which should save money. Kathryn asked about the portion in yellow as compared to the rest of the roof. Ned replied that when they looked at the CTC roof, they did an infrared scan which looks for moisture. The two portions noted in yellow have moisture so they will be done first; the others did not show any signs of moisture. They feel they have 1-2 years with the rest of the roof. Donna asked if school will still be able to function when they do the yellow portions to which Ted responded that the reason they are limiting the project is so it can be done over the summer. Ned added that the District does not have enough money to do the entire roof. Gina noted they did find asbestos so that will increase the cost of replacement. Larry asked if there were any integrity issues; will the roof collapse. Ned replied that he cannot tell them what would happen if we had a heavy snow load. Larry asked when was the infrared done to which Ned replied about a year ago. Larry questioned if the kids should not be in the building. Ned noted that he would not say that they can't be in the building; he just doesn't want to prolong the replacement of the roof. Gina stated that is why they want to do the needier portions this summer. Ned again reiterated that he can't speak to the structural integrity but they have not seen any evidence of a problem with it. There was a structural issue about 15 years ago when the District assumed responsibility of the building. When the State went to turn it over, the District had them fix these issues before taking the building. Polly stated she would like a copy of the slides so she can review the demolition notes. She questioned the lifespan of the new roof to which Ted replied it should last 25-30 years. Goldie Williams asked if this was the same company that did the Richmond roof because it was not fixed. Jennifer Silva commented that she noticed most of the roofs are flat to which Ted explained that the structure of the building is pitched so it will drain toward the perimeter of the building.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Karen Reynolds and it was VOTED: To approve submission of the CTC Roof RFP Schematic/Design to RIDE. In favor: Unanimous.

K. Approval of Campus Capital Plan per RIDE Requirements – Superintendent Picard explained that although the Committee has already approved the Campus Capital Plan, because the bond didn't pass, we have to resubmit it. She is recommending approval to submit this capital funded project list so that our RIDE Housing Aid reimbursement may proceed per Phase II RIDE Housing Aid submission requirements. Craig made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve submission of the Campus Capital Plan per RIDE requirements. Deb from Colliers noted that they have to let RIDE know this is a fortified project. Kathryn wondered if this was just for the yellow portion of the CTC roof to which Chair Giusti clarified this is not just the roof. Larry asked about the security film on windows – didn't we get a grant for that. Ned replied that they did get a grant but it did not cover all that was needed to be done. Polly noted a concern about the repainting of the tennis courts and the cost for this. That is a lot of money to which Gina noted that it isn't just repainting but resurfacing as well. The students and the community use these courts a lot. Polly thought they were in great shape. Ned explained that while they look like they are in good shape, they require a great deal of maintenance. If we can do it for less, we will. Gina reminded all that they have already approved the plan in February. If we do not resubmit it, you will pay dollar for dollar for every repair. Ned added that there might be some items that will need to be shifted. Polly questioned replacement of equipment for \$2 million to which Ned noted that is the capital side. We do not have the money to do this now. We will probably have to reinstall what we have. Kathryn commented that she has

seen the list of proposed items but they have heard a lot about water issues at Richmond School. Things like new carpet in the Middle School auditorium do not seem like emergency issues. She is perplexed as to why we see things of a lesser nature than things of a higher nature. Gina replied that they have said it before, the Capital Improvement Plan cannot be major emergencies. We have to show that for five years we are maintaining our buildings. Emergency needs can be done under emergency expenditures because we know they exist. We still have to do them, you are right, but they are not part of a Capital Improvement Plan. That is against the law. We have tried to explain this over and over again. We still have to fix Richmond's water problems. Kathryn stated that her comment is there is a limit to funds. It's not like we have limitless money so to her, we have until November; by November this has to be submitted. She read that in the Building Committee comments to which Gina responded that is not accurate. Kathryn noted that she will let Gina clarify that later. Her general point is personally, she doesn't know about other Committee members, but personally she would like to see a more complete overview of everything according to high level to low level needs. Gina replied, just to be clear, we have been in this predicament for over two years. We have been under emergency expenditures for over two years because the Committee said they want to go back, go back, go back because it was too fast. So if we do not approve again for this submission, you will not get 61% reimbursement. You will pay dollar for dollar for everything you have to fix because you will not have an approved Capital Plan. It is our responsibility to have a Capital Improvement Plan and we need an architect and project manager for this. If this bond doesn't pass and you do not approve a Capital Plan, the State will then take our funding to put towards maintenance. We have to hire professionals to tell us what our needs are. Kathryn, to finish up on her major point and her particular concern, what she said doesn't disqualify them from seeing a list of needs from high to low. Craig asked that Gina elaborate on what authority the State has; what will they take from us. Gina explained that they will take the State Aid allocation to which Craig clarified the aid to education. Gina noted he is correct. Donna stated that Charlestown resurfaced and repainted their tennis courts a few years ago and she was shocked at the cost. Jessica noted she gets that Kathryn wants to see a plan for everything but they need to move with this Plan now. People did not want to go with the bond so we have to go with this. Gina added that they can't just say "this is what we want for the elementary schools". It doesn't work like that. Ned commented that when they spent the money to hire Colliers and SLAM to go through this process, we were fortunate with what they charged. The bond failed and we need to get something on the books with RIDE. The Middle School boiler ate up all of our reimbursement. We really need this \$7.5 million to get State Aid; we need to fix the CTC roof. This \$7.5 million doesn't mean we have this money in hand; we don't have it. Gina stated that the schematics already exist for the main campus. We do not have the money in hand for our five-year Capital Improvement Plan. If you don't like the plans, you will have to go back to the drawing board which will cost more money. Chair Giusti clarified that if they throw this Plan out; they will have to start all over again. They will be throwing away taxpayer money. She highly suggests that they move forward with this. Pat commented that CTC was already started with the previous architect, RGB. Gina noted that was mentioned in Stage I. Deb from SLAM explained that all of the designs had to be included along with cost designs. There is nothing different. Louise Dinsmore stated that what is unclear for a lay person is what was packaged and presented as Option A and Option B if the bond failed. Gina clarified that the plan was always packaged this way. She is not going to use "Option B". A lot of people used "Option B" to confuse others and misrepresent what we were actually saying but that was not what the District presented. Option B is a redo of Stage II. This bond will cover the main campus needs while you reset on the elementary schools. Louise asked was it delineated what was in the \$9.5 million bond and the \$7.5 million Capital Plan. Ned noted that they are focused on the \$7.5 million Capital Plan. The next topic will be about how we will pay for this. It doesn't have to be a bond.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: To approve submission of the Capital Improvement Plan per RIDE requirements. In favor: Chambers, Champlin, Giusti, Hopkins, Louzon, Lyall, Phelps, Pouliot, Purcell and Reynolds. Abstained: Colasante. The motion carried by a vote of 10 in favor with 1 abstention.

L. Direction on Funding of the Campus Capital Needs – Superintendent Picard will provide an update. Gina noted that they have to go back to the drawing board for the elementary schools.

There seems to be no pushback on campus needs. If you want a bond so we can do this work, you need to decide now and it will only be for the main campus needs. Is that what you want us to do? We have to get this in the House session by June as nothing will happen until they are back in session again next fall. Over the past few years, the School Committee has given a reprieve to the towns with no capital projects to which Chair Giusti added they do not have the luxury of time. Gina again reiterated that there are no plans for the elementary schools as they do not have any schematics. The campus schematics are already done so we will separate the campus from the elementary projects. Ned added that the Building Committee received both the Bond and the Capital (the \$9.5 million and the \$7.5 million). Gina noted that they need direction. Do you want us to pursue a bond for the main campus? Regardless of what they do, they will have to go to bond. Craig made a motion, which was seconded by Linda and Tyler, to charge the Superintendent and Ned to go forward with what is necessary for Chariho for funding of the Campus Capital Needs. Chair Giusti commented that there seemed to be a lot of polarization, especially in Hopkinton, around the elementary schools but not with the campus. Gina added that it is not in the District's best interest to put something forward if the School Committee is not behind it. The Chair reiterated that if you are not going out in the public and support it, don't support it tonight. Kathryn clarified that in order to get reimbursement, they have to submit this now to which Ned responded they have done their due diligence but cannot come up with the \$15 million that is needed. Pat asked if they will be letting the public know that for the elementary schools, they will need to get an architect and project manager. Gina explained that this will go back to the Necessity for School Construction Committee as a renovation plan. They will prioritize the needs we discussed, hire a new architect and project manager and this Committee will approve them. This then goes to the School Committee for approval. New construction is much easier because there is a formula to follow. There is no formula for renovations so they will not be as easy. Best case scenario to look at elementary schools would be November 2026. The Chair noted that the article Louise stated the Superintendent was quoted in was not correct. The Superintendent could not be quoted by this writer as she was not interviewed by this paper. Gina added that the Committee and community could go back to look at the one school concept and people may decide to look at new construction based on the level of renovations and the cost. Jessica stated that right now if they consider a bond for the main campus Capital Plan for \$15 million, they could then use capital for the elementary schools. Gina reminded all that new construction is formula-based; renovations are not. When they tested the CTC roof, they found asbestos which has to be mitigated. That costs more. Donna asked if they decide to go out to bond will this include elementary schools to which Gina reiterated that it will just be the main campus. They have to have schematics done for the elementary schools. Donna commended Gina for wanting to do this amount of work again. She repeated what Chair Giusti said, truth be told to the taxpayers. If you support this tonight, support it in the public when you leave here. Gina noted that collaboration of the Committee is important. Taxpayer money is being spent. Donna stated that she wants to know that all School Committee members will support it. Kathryn commented that she respects and understands what is being said. The District is putting in a lot of work and they want the School Committee to be up front about it. People changed their mind at the last vote. She 100% respects what was said but it is too much for her to digest to take the vote tonight. Gina explained that the next meeting is not until June so this is the last chance they will get to do this for the November ballot. Polly noted there is some confusion because if they approve a small bond to fix up the main campus and have been told the elementary schools are in bad condition, there will be a lot of questions and angry people if nothing is done with the elementary schools. Chair Giusti felt this is important. People said they did not like what the School Committee recommended – to build new schools – so we have to go back to the drawing board for the elementary schools. Craig added that Mrs. Picard has been very sincere since January in stating that \$20 million was going to main campus renovations. We are muddying the waters by even mentioning elementary schools. This is not about the elementary schools. Jessica noted that they have prepared for this; they received a memo from Ned in January. If we do this bond for the campus, they will then need to do another one for the elementary schools. She asked Ned if these could be consolidated to which Ned explained they can't be combined but there are ways to consolidate. That depends on the appetite the community has for the elementary schools. Gina noted that she agreed with Ms. Hopkins. People will be angry and she doesn't blame them. As elected officials, we are obligated to give factual, truthful information to our community. She hopes School Committee members will work to

let the taxpayers know we tried to save them money. The more we can work together – we don't have to agree on everything – but the information has been around. If you don't know the answer to a question, have the person call us. The more we can work together the better. Louise wanted to clarify that Gina said this has to go back to the Necessity for School Construction Committee to which Gina clarified that would be the elementary piece. She asked if the Committee was interested in a November Bond question for the main campus. This has to get to legislators by June. Louise asked if Gina could say what it is that will be done to which Gina replied that the information is online under Building Committee. Jennifer Silva suggested that they put options out to the public like the one elementary building. Chair Giusti explained that this did not go to Bond. This idea was discussed and it never went anywhere as the community did not support it. The last Bond was for CALA. Jennifer clarified that it never went to bond so this time the Committee went for three new elementary schools. Do a survey and give options. What would the public want? Chair Giusti noted that was great feedback but they have already done surveys and we had walks. We wanted people to come. They have been a part of all these processes. We tried to do all this. If you can think of a better way to get information out, let us know. Jennifer noted that it is about informing other people in the community who don't have kids in the schools. We need to figure out a way to inform them to which Chair Giusti commented that the Town Councils need to get more involved. She is really disappointed that the Town Councils didn't say anything about this. They have a responsibility to get the word out. She agreed with Ms. Silva. Gina explained that they cannot give options on a Bond but can discuss options prior to going to bond. Kathryn stated that she commented on options at the April 2023 meeting – we should have had options but Superintendent Picard said it was too costly. Gina clarified that what she said was the District did not have the money to pay to look at two different options. You have to have an architect, project manager, design plans, schematics – all this cost money. Tyler stated they need to pull the Town Councils in earlier so they can determine how this will affect them and their town. We didn't give them a chance to say much. Polly clarified that the District would like to do more work to which Gina responded that they need to know what is the Committee's direction. Polly stated she wants to see the figures. Gina replied you have the figures; they haven't changed in the Stage II application. Polly felt it was irresponsible to not outline the numbers to which Ned noted that they have not run the financial projects on the \$15 million. Gina added she would like Matt to come to an upcoming meeting. This is all required as part of the process but does the Committee want to attempt to get this on the November ballot? Polly stated she would be fine if they have to call special meetings to get all the projections. Gina again reiterated that this is just to say "yes you want to go forward." It is not the Bond language to which Chair Giusti repeated, this is just so we can move forward. Donna asked for a roll call vote.

Craig Louzon made a motion, which was seconded by Linda Lyall and Tyler Champlin and it was VOTED: To charge the Superintendent and Ned to go forward with what is necessary for Chariho for funding of the Campus Capital Needs. Donna Chambers noted she was definitely in favor of this if administration is willing to do the work. Craig Louzon replied yes, Pat Pouliot replied yes, Larry Phelps replied yes, Karen Reynolds replied yes, Kathryn Colasante abstained, Chair Giusti replied yes, Polly Hopkins replied yes, Jessica Purcell replied yes, Linda Lyall replied yes and Tyler Champlin replied yes. The motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor with 1 abstention.

M. Revision to Articles 13 and 14 of the Certified Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement – Superintendent Picard recommended approval of the revision to Articles 13 and 14 per the agreement made during Certified Staff Negotiations, "Articles 13 & 14 shall be rewritten by a joint committee of eight (8). The Committee shall establish guidelines for voluntary and involuntary assignments."

Karen Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and Tyler Champlin and it was VOTED: To approve the revision to Articles 13 and 14 of the Certified Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement. In favor: Chambers, Champlin, Colasante, Giusti, Lyall, Phelps, Pouliot, Purcell and Reynolds. Abstained: Hopkins and Louzon. The motion carried by a vote of 9 in favor with 2 abstentions.

## X. Consent Agenda Items

Chair Giusti asked if there were any items that needed to be pulled. Tyler pulled A-1 and A-2; Louise stated she had a question on Item E-3 which was also pulled. Craig acknowledged the donations and thanked the donors.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: To approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. In favor: Unanimous.

A-3. Regular Session Minutes of April 9, 2024 - Approved.

B. Bill Review – Accepted.

C. Personnel Actions – None at this time.

D. Permission to Issue Bids/Request Quote – None at this time.

E. Permission to Award Contracts –

1. Renewed the following: FY25 School Lunch Services Agreement with Chartwells Food Service consistent with the Rhode Island Master Price Agreement (MPA) pricing, attached budget objectives and meal prices; the draft contract is subject to RIDE and legal review.

2. Approved the following: Service Agreement for School-Based Medicaid Billing (Medicaid Eligible Services for District Reimbursement) to Relay Hub LLC (formerly CompuClaim) per the attached agreement and background. Through negotiation and utilization of favorable bid rates with our neighboring district, we are able to achieve billing rates that are competitive, efficient, and can be implemented in time to reach our FY25 operations goals. The Relay agreement also conforms to the UMass administrative claiming process and will require no changes to our operations in that regard.

F. Home Instruction – Action taken in executive session.

G. Grants – None at this time.

H. Donations – Accepted the following:

1. Donation from Cardi's of a table and chairs and Richmond School PTO (President Thea Brennan) for remodeling the Richmond School Teachers' Room.

2. Donation from Gotham Greens, Providence, RI of 456 seedlings of lettuce and basil, valued at \$3.00 each for a total donation amount of \$1,368, to the Richmond School Greenhouse Project.

3. Donation from S & S Landscaping, Ashaway, RI and Fairplay Turf, Exeter, RI of labor and materials (weed control and fertilizer), valued at \$1,875, for the High School football and baseball fields.

4. Anonymous donation of \$200.00 to Charlestown Elementary School student lunch accounts for families in need.

A-1. Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was

VOTED: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 9, 2024 – Approval of Executive Session Minutes of March 26, 2024 (minutes not sealed). In favor: Chambers, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Louzon, Lyall, Phelps, Purcell and Reynolds. Abstained: Champlin and Pouliot. The motion carried by a vote of 9 in favor with 2 abstentions.

A-2. Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was

VOTED: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 9, 2024 – Memorandum of Agreement Between the Chariho Regional School District and Chariho Education Support Professionals pertaining to Article 19.1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (minutes unsealed April 9, 2024). In favor: Chambers, Colasante, Giusti, Hopkins, Louzon, Lyall, Phelps, Purcell and Reynolds. Abstained: Champlin and Pouliot. The motion carried by a vote of 9 in favor with 2 abstentions.

E-3. Permission to Award Contracts – Craig made a motion, which was seconded by Linda, to award the Fuel Oil Bid to Ginger's Service Station, Westerly, RI from July 1, 2024 to June 20, 2029, per the memo from Ned Draper dated May 6, 2024, with the fixed amount to be \$0.06. Louise questioned if the bid stated an option for renewal of a five-year term through 28-29. Ned replied that the bid did state there was an option for renewal; this is standard.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: To award the Fuel Oil Bid to Ginger's Service Station, Westerly, RI from July 1, 2024 to June 20, 2029, per the memo from Ned Draper dated May 6, 2024, with the fixed amount to be \$0.06. In favor: Unanimous.

#### XI. Reports

##### A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Building Committee will meet on May 16, 2024. Attached are the approved minutes from their March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 11, 2024 meetings.
2. Health and Wellness Subcommittee will meet on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM in the High School Library.

##### B. Superintendent's Report

1. Graduation will be held on Friday, June 7, 2024 at the URI Ryan Center at 7:00 PM. No tickets required; all are welcome to attend.
2. 2024 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School District Sustainability Awardee – Gina noted how proud she is that Chariho was the first District in the State to receive this award. There have been comments made in the community that we do not maintain our facilities and she listed all that has been done in bringing the buildings up to the Green Ribbon standards. We would not have received this award if we didn't do this work. She noted her deepest appreciation to teachers, staff, parents and students who all worked to achieve this award.
3. Kindergarten Registration Update – There are currently 43 registered for Ashaway, 48 for Charlestown and 54 for Richmond for a total of 145 students.

C. Coming Events were highlighted. Gina noted the last quarterly Parent Workshop will be held tomorrow. She has received excellent feedback.

#### XII. School Committee Requests for Future Agenda Items or Legal Opinions

Donna stated, based on what they heard tonight, she cannot attend the June meeting, but would like a review of the Code of Conduct for a future meeting.

Chris Morrone from Hopkinton suggested that when they review a Stage II application for the elementary schools, they re-evaluate which schools to close. He suggested they look at Richmond which seems to be in the worst condition. Gina explained that the closing of Hope Valley has more to do with the fact that there is no way to extend this building to accommodate more students.

#### XIII. Adjournment

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Linda Lyall and it was VOTED: To adjourn at 9:26 PM. In favor: Unanimous.

---

Donna J. Sieczkiewicz, Clerk