Chelsea Public Schools
School Committee

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PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Chelsea School Committee on

Thursday, June 2, 2016

At 7:00 p.m.

In the Council Chambers

City Hall
500 Broadway
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There will be a regular meeting of the Chelsea School Committee on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall 500 Broadway, Chelsea, to discuss and take action on the items in the following agenda:

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **School Committee Minutes:** Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting of May 5, 2016 (Enclosure A).

4. **Special Presentations:**

   Presentation to 2015-2016 Students of the Year
   Presentation to Budget Cover Artist
   Presentation to 2016 School Department Retirees

5. **Public Comment:**

6. **Report of the Superintendent of Schools:**

   Student Achievement

   Personnel Update – (Enclosure B)

   Enrollment Report (Enclosure C)

   Committee Reports:

   Human Resources (To be distributed at meeting)
   Policy & Procedures (Enclosure D)
   Curriculum & Instruction (Enclosure E)
   Report from Student Representative

7. **Unfinished Business: None**

8. New Business:

- Mr. O'Regan moves to accept the 2016-2017 Parent and Student Handbooks changes for each of the nine schools. (Enclosure F)

Explanation: According to Massachusetts General Laws, Parent and Student Handbooks must be approved by the School Committee prior to the start of the school year.

- Consideration and action to approve the Non-Bargaining Salary & Wage Schedules for 2016-2017 (Enclosure G)

Explanation. These schedules are reviewed annually in an effort to maintain the school department's ability to attract and retain qualified individuals in our non-bargaining positions. Adjustments are recommended for most salaries and hourly rates. The funds budgeted for these adjustments are developed consistent with the increases approved in our collective bargaining agreements.
For Salaried Positions, the average increase is 1.85%, along with classification adjustments averaging 0.27% for a total salary increase of 2.12%. For Hourly Positions, the average increase is 2.99%.

These Schedules are considered to be School Department policy and, as such, require School Committee approval.

- Consideration and action to accept the following grants for the 2015-2016 school year:
  Federal pass through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
  21st CCLC-High School (REACH) - $20,213
  21st CCLC-Berkowitz - $20,000

Explanation: The purpose of this grant program is to support the implementation of additional time for learning for students in grades K-12. Supported with federal funds, these opportunities will help to close proficiency gaps, increase student engagement, and support college and career readiness and success.
Funding has been requested to pay staff to work during the summer program.

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- Consideration and action to accept the following grant for the 2015-2016 school year:
  State pass through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) – $3,000:

Explanation: The purpose of the state-funded College and Career Readiness grant is to design programming and interventions to improve high school graduation rates and postsecondary readiness among First Language is not English (FLNE)

students. Funds have been requested to pay teachers stipends to plan and develop programs and structures to support FLNE students to stay in school and graduate.

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- Consideration and action to accept the following grant for the 2015-2016 school year:
  Private pass through Chelsea Education Foundation – $55,000

Explanation: Funds have been received through CEF for the 5 District Partnership (Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Revere, and Winthrop) to build professional capacity. Funds have been allocated to cover expenses, including contracted services as follows: $55,000 from The Boston Foundation.

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- Consideration and action to accept the following grant for the 2015-2016 school year:
  Federal pass through University of Massachusetts - $34,076

Explanation: The Early Learning Center will continue to partner with the University of Massachusetts Boston in the Chelsea Achieves in Mathematics project (supported in part through the Massachusetts Higher Education Improving Teacher Quality Grant).
The purpose of the grant is to focus on closing the achievement gap in mathematics through innovative professional development and implementation of the Building Blocks Curriculum aimed at increasing teacher and administrator knowledge and practice.
Funding has been requested for travel, supplies/materials (including computer equipment), and licenses.

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- Consideration and action to accept the following grant for the 2015-2016 school year:
  State grant pass through Massachusetts Cultural Council - $1,800

Explanation: Chelsea High School has been awarded a STARS Residency grant to support creative learning residencies of three days or more in the arts, sciences,

and humanities. STARS Residencies recognize the vital role that creative learning in the arts, sciences, and humanities play in the successful education of young people.
Funds will be used to partner with StoriesLive/Norah Dooley for a storytelling project and "slam" (contest).

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- Consideration and action to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a one day trip to Fun Town/Splash Town in Saco Maine for the end-of-summer REACH program celebration.

Explanation: Approximately 90 students are planning to make a trip to Fun Town/Splash Town on August 4, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They will be chaperoned by 10 staff members to be named later. Out-of-state field trips must be approved by the School Committee.

10. Communications: Use of School Property- EDCO (Enclosure H)

11. Adjournment