

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

October 26, 2015

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Andy Shafter at 7:33 p.m.

Members Present: Aylene Calnan, Ray Estes, Carol M. Falvey, Cynthia Galko, Liza O'Reilly, Ed Schreier and Andy Shafter

Central Office Present: Dorothy Galo, Ellen Keane, John Ferris, and Elizabeth Flynn

Visitors Present: Alec Porter, Mary Eastwood, Dawnmarie Finocchi, Patricia DiMartinis, Lori Jacobs, Mark McNulty, Kathleen LeBlanc, Joanne Heapes, Dick Heapes, Linda Kutsch, Kristyn Burm, Caitlin McInnis, Brad Patterson

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Cynthia Galko,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee Meeting held on October 5, 2015.

3. Questions and Comments. None

4. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Galo shared "Good News" including
 1. Chrissy O'Connor, HHS social studies teacher, was selected to participate in 2016 "Understanding Sacrifice" program
 2. HHS Robotics Team was awarded a \$1,000 grant from PTC Corp.
 3. Jacqueline Beaupré, HHS science teacher, was awarded MAST award for outstanding new science teacher.
 4. John and Abigail Adams Scholarships were granted to 76 HHS students.

5. Communications

5.1 Communications Received by the Superintendent: None.

5.2 Student Communications. Brad Patterson reported on the StuCo assembly, the beehive, Green Committee and America Recycles Day, sports and tournaments update.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Liza O'Reilly reviewed several suggestions to add to proposed revisions to Sections 2.4 and 2.5 Mechanical and Physical Restraints of the HPS School Committee Policy Handbook.

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Aylene Calnan,

It was

Voted : To approve proposed revisions to Sections 2.4 and 2.5 Mechanical and Physical Restraints of the HPS School Committee Policy Handbook, with minor revisions: In section 2.5, in the line beginning with "prohibited except when...", the word "when" is inserted before "other lawful and less intrusive". In the last sentence "In such situations...", "other" is inserted before "employee." Aylene Calnan, Cynthia Galko, Liza O'Reilly, Carol M. Falvey, Ray Estes and Andy Shafter, voted Yes; Ed Schreier stated present.

7. New Business

7.1 The Committee heard a report from South School. Mary Eastwood, Principal, reviewed the South School Council Improvement Plan, including school themes, "It Takes a Village," progress on 2014-2015 School Council Improvement Goals and action steps and progress to date. She introduced staff members in the audience, reviewed the School Council Plans for 2015-2016 Goals and Action Steps and presented the Community Partner Recognition Certificate to John Heapes and Sub Galley for their support of South School.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Sharing different curriculum/instruction approaches in TMI etc. with other elementary schools, HEF grant for South School teachers to attend MASS CUE written by Mark McNulty, Common Language for K-5 students and staff and parents, South School 101 at PTO meetings and other meetings, examples of Technology Integration for MASS CUE conference. Andy Shafter thanked Mary Eastwood, Lori Jacobs and staff.

7.2 The Committee received proposed budget assumptions for FY'17. Dr. Galo reviewed several of the budget assumptions including enrollment projections, Professional Development for ELL and curriculum pilots, zero based budgeting, new bus lease, future proposal for K funding.

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Carol M. Falvey,

It was

Voted: To approve the budget assumptions for FY'17.

7.3 The Committee discussed next steps in the process for the annual evaluation of the Superintendent. Andy Shafter reviewed the process to be followed

7.4 The Committee discussed MASC-proposed resolutions for the MASC/MASS Conference Business Meeting. Liza O'Reilly reviewed the resolutions and Policy Subcommittee recommendations.

Resolution #1 – Regarding HS starting times. Policy Subcommittee recommends no vote.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Preference for no action versus no vote, suggestion to not take action on any MASC resolutions, support for taking action on pertinent resolutions,

Hingham studied issue recently, local district issues with start time vs. state-wide decision, legislature spending money to study start times vs. other educational issues.

A motion was made by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Aylene Calnan, to authorize the Hingham School Committee delegate Liza Reilly to vote no on Resolution #1 – Regarding HS starting times

An amended motion was made by Ray Estes and seconded by Carol M. Falvey, to vote No Action on Resolution #1.

It was

Voted: The amended motion was not approved. Ray Estes and Carol M. Falvey voted Yes, Aylene Calnan, Cynthia Galko, Liza O'Reilly, Edward Schreier, and Andy Shafter voted No.

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Aylene Calnan,

It was

Voted: To have the delegate, Liza O'Reilly , vote No on Resolution #1. Aylene Calnan, Cynthia Galko, Liza O'Reilly, Ed Schreier, and Andy Shafter, voted Yes; Ray Estes and Carol M. Falvey voted No.

Resolution #6 Membership of School Committee Member on Board of ESE.
Policy Subcommittee recommends a Yes vote.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Won't give Hingham SC a voice – prefer no action. Need information on process to choose 3 nominees – what current Board of ESE representative would SC representative replace? Trust in MASC to nominate appropriate nominees, current system not stopping DESE mandates, how could SC representative hurt Hingham? Support for representative with SC perspective.

A motion was made by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Cynthia Galko, to authorize the Hingham delegate to vote Yes on Resolution #6.

An amended motion was made by Ray Estes and seconded by Carol M. Falvey, to take no action on Resolution #6.

It was

Voted: To take no action on Resolution #6. Aylene Calnan, Ray Estes, Carol M. Falvey, and Edward Schreier voted in favor; Andy Shafter, Liza O'Reilly and Cynthia Galko voted in opposition.

7.5 The Committee reviewed plans for the School Committee's Town Forum presentation. Andy Shafter reviewed a draft PowerPoint presentation for the Town Forum and slide 12 on HHS Health and Wellness Center "Cost Estimates: Frame of Reference."

School Committee Comments and Questions: Concern about addressing all of the proposed PowerPoint topics in 10 minutes allotted, what should be included/not included? Suggestion to put enrollments/building data on website, ran through this presentation this morning – approximately 11 minutes, change “Frames of Reference” to “Past Projects,” should Foster be included? Submit suggestions to Andy for revisions to PowerPoint presentation.

7.6 The Committee received notification of the overnight field trip of the HHS Drama Club to NYC from April 8 to 10, 2016.

7.7 The Committee received notification of the overnight field trip of the HMS French classes to Quebec City on May 6 to 8, 2016.

7.8 The Committee received notification of the appointments of paraeducators Scott Semchenko at HMS, effective October 5, 2015 and Kelley Collins at Foster, effective September 9, 2015.

8. Other items as may not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting. None.

9. Subcommittee and Project Reports

Community Outreach: Cynthia Galko reviewed the last meeting, including discussion on updating HPS website and proposed survey to be sent out via Survey Monkey in November.

Special Education: Ed Schreier reported on October 19 meeting, including SEPAC presentation at HMS and the annual Recreation Department Halloween party.

Salary and Negotiation: Carol M. Falvey noted a meeting scheduled on November 3, 2015.

Carol M. Falvey reported that HEF received pledges of \$50,000 in their Phonathon and Spelling Bee.

Long Range Planning Committee: Ray Estes reviewed a recent meeting including HHS boring results for Health and Wellness Center and possible SOI for PRS windows, final Certificate of Occupancy for HS field.

Policy: Liza O’Reilly reviewed recent meeting, including food service mobile vendor requirements and applications, procedures to grant permission for mobile vendors to be on school municipal property including CORIs, Conflict of Interest policy.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Cynthia Galko and seconded by Liza O’Reilly,

It was

Voted: To adjourn at 9:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Aylene Calnan