

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

October 5, 2015

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Andy Shafter at 6:34 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, Carol Meyer, Brad Patterson, Aisha Oppong, Donna Smallwood, Tony Keady, Diane DeNapoli

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 September 21, 2015.

3. Questions and Comments. None

4. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Galo noted the Town Forum scheduled for November 1 from 1-3 at HMS. She reported that the School Department will have time to review school facility issues (15 minutes).
- Conflict of Interest Training Seminars are scheduled for November 10, 2015 at 5:00pm or 7:00pm.
- Hingham was awarded a Full Day k Quality Grant of \$86,799.
- Dr. Galo noted the DESE Commissioner's memo about updated MCAS/PARCC information.
- Dr. Galo discussed proposed legislation about drug abuse with proposed drug screening process.
- October 1 enrollment is total 4,376 students.
- Dr. Galo noted the Patriot Ledger opinion "Stories of those doing their jobs and doing them well" "Hingham school administrators and students," reviewed parent responses and complimented students on positive actions taken and planned to address the respect issues at HHS night games. She also spoke to the community about community building aspect of night games under the lights.

5. Communications

- 5.1 Other Communications. Dr. Galo noted letter from East School PTO regarding their application for a CPC grant for irrigation system at the East fields. Andy Shafter suggested that the Long Range Planning Committee review this proposal.
- 5.2 Student Communications. Brad Patterson reported on student led efforts to address climate – issues at night games: Spirit Week, Homecoming and Homecoming Dance. Green news and PSATs were also noted.

6. New Business

- 6.1 The Committee heard a report from East School. Tony Keady, East School Principal reviewed the School Council Improvement Plan update from 2014-2015 including goals and action steps completed and ongoing. Mr. Keady reviewed the improvements to the playground funded through Hingham Education Foundation and Hingham Sports Partnership; gravel base was donated by JF Price Co.; turf was donated and installed by RAD Sports; outdoor chess tables were

funded by HEF; and capitol budget paid for seeding of playground area. He reviewed the 2015-2016 East School School Improvement Plan including goals and action steps.

School Committee Comments and Questions: 82 parents have subscribed for Twitter feed, is Empowering Writers approach usable for PARCC? Full Day K program, ELA and math results and expectations K-5. Andy Shafter thanked Mr. Keady.

- 6.2 The Committee heard an update on the exploration process for a proposed HHS health and wellness center project and to act on a proposal to allocate capital funds for borings as part of the geotech study recommended by the engineering consultant. Ray Estes reviewed a summary of a 9/25/15 "Users" group meeting and the engineering estimate for additional borings.

School Committee Comments and Questions: location of borings? Was price of 2 borings included in the original quote? Timing of borings and total cost?

On a motion by Ray Estes and seconded by Carol M. Falvey,

It was

Voted: To engage PARE and subcontractors to complete phase 2 subsurface investigation consisting of one day of borings and a feasibility level letter report in the amount of \$6,500.

- 6.3 The Committee revisited the FY'16 closeout and outlined the FY'17 budget process, including receipt of the proposed calendar and action on the proposed School Committee Guidelines for FY'17. John Ferris reviewed the Final Update of the FY'15 School Budget Close (balance of \$198,274 and unspent capitol is additional \$28,192) and the possibility of adding some or all of the available budget to the SpEd Reserve Fund. Andy Shafter suggested that Ed Schreier schedule a Special Education Subcommittee meeting to consider the proposal. Dr. Galo reviewed the FY'17 Budget Calendar draft and the Guiding Principles for Development of FY'17 School Committee Adopted Budgets draft.

On a motion by Ray Estes and seconded by Carol M. Falvey,

It was

Voted: To approve the FY'17 Budget Calendar draft and the Guiding Principles for Development of FY'17 School Committee Adopted Budgets draft.

- 6.4 The Committee heard proposed revisions to Sections 2.4 and 2.5 Mechanical and Physical Restraints of the HPS School Committee Policy Handbook, as proposed by the School Department and recommended by the Policy Subcommittee. Liza O'Reilly reviewed the policy revisions that reflect the state's regulations around physical restraint, seclusion and chemical restraint. Dr. Galo reviewed the implementation and reporting of 603 CMR 46.00, "The Regulations for Prevention of Physical Restraints and Requirements if Used."

School Committee Comments and Questions: No physical restraints included in Hingham IEPs.

- 6.5 The Committee received a final update on the Superintendent's goals for 2014-2015. Dr. Galo reviewed an update of annual goals as per the Educator Evaluation Process. Andy Shafter reviewed the Superintendent evaluation process.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Forms used to gather input.

- 6.6 The Committee discussed the MASC resolutions and the appointment of a voting delegate to the MASC/MASS conference in November. Liza O'Reilly reviewed the MASC resolutions.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Voting process on resolutions.

On a motion by Andy Shafter and seconded by Cynthia Galko,

It was

Voted: To appoint Liza O'Reilly as the voting delegate to the MASC/MASS conference in November.

On a motion by Andy Shafter and seconded by Aylene Calnan,

It was

Voted: To appoint Cynthia Galko as the alternate voting delegate to the MASC/MASS conference in November.

6.7 The Committee received notification of the appointments of paraeducators Jenna Graziano, Karen Tierney and Stephanie Urnek at South School and Katherine Lirosi at East School, all effective September 3, 2015.

6.8 The Committee received notification of the resignations of paraeducators Alison Dewire of Foster School, effective September 25, 2015 and Mary Rafferty of HMS, effective September 30, 2015.

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

8. Subcommittee and Project Reports

Community Outreach – Cynthia Galko reported on the September 30, 2015 meeting with Joe Andrews and Caryn Condon.

Special Education Subcommittee – Ed Schreier reported on SEPAC meeting and “Kids and Friendship” presentation on October 22 at the middle school.

Policy – Liza O'Reilly noted a meeting to be scheduled.

9. Adjournment

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

It was

Voted: To adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Aylene Calnan