

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

December 21, 2015

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Andy Shafter at 7:30 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, Diane DeNapoli, Brad Patterson, Aisha Oppong, Mary Eastwood, Linda Kutsch

2. Approval of Minutes

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

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee Meeting held on December 7, 2015.

3. Questions and Comments. Diane DeNapoli, SEPAC president, brought holiday greetings to the Committee and noted "Shut Up Sisters" book presentation on February 4th. She gave an update on SEPAC activities. Dr. Galo noted the "Superintendents Spotlight" on Special Education programs.**4. Superintendent's Report**

- Good News. Dr. Galo noted a letter from State Representative Garrett Bradley recognizing Plymouth River School for MA Commended School Status. She also noted the Extreme Couponing activity in Sarah Coughlin's Algebra I class, with proceeds to benefit Hingham's Interfaith Food Pantry.
- Dr. Galo noted that Certificates of Recognition from MASS RECYCLE were awarded to HHS and East Schools.
- Email from Julie Robinson about donation of a fence for East School Garden, Lueders donation.
- Budget process update: Dr. Galo reviewed the schedule of FY'17 budget related meeting dates and functions.

5. Communications

5.1 Communications Received by the Superintendent: A positive letter complimenting HPS music and drama programs and students was received; HHS students will be featured on NECN's "Making the Grade."

5.2 Student Communications: Brad Patterson reported on winter sports, Student Group Inshore is looking for volunteers to help out local charities, winter concerts, sneaker drive, Green Team hosted documentary "Racing Extinction."

5.3 Other Communications: None.

6. New Business

6.1 The Committee heard a report on the 2015 MA DESE Accountability Designations. Ellen Keane, Assistant superintendent, reviewed a PowerPoint overview of HPS 2015 Accountability Results, including school percentiles: East – 94%, Foster - 94%, PRS – 98%, South 94%, HMS – 85%, HHS – 91%. East, Foster and PRS were designated as Level I schools, South and HMS were level 2 schools and the district was Level 2.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Level 2 requirements and instructions, ESSA state regulations percent of level 1 and 2 schools in state.

6.2 The Committee received notification of an overnight field trip of the HHS Model UN Club on January 28 – 31, 2016.

7. Other items as may not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Dr. Galo noted a PowerPoint presentation about security, consultant Don Schmidt and upgrade of security processes and procedures funded through a security grant secured through Representative Garrett Bradley. Dr. Galo reviewed an incident at PRS on Friday before dismissal regarding a report by a young student of a man in a black hoodie possibly with a weapon in the woods, and the security steps that followed.

School Committee Comments and Questions: PRS situation handled well, cost of security consultant, state security grants.

8. Subcommittee and Project Reports

Community Outreach: Cynthia Gallo reported on recent meeting and survey results on websites.

Special Education: Ed Schreier reported on a recent meeting and vote on transferring funds (\$100,000) from the Special Education Stabilization Account. There will be a Committee vote on January 11, 2016.

Salary and Negotiation: Carol M. Falvey noted there will be a meeting scheduled in January.

Policy: Liza O'Reilly noted a meeting on January 5 and work on Sections 5 and 6, fees, and vendor policy.

Long Range Planning Committee: Ray Estes reported on SOI statements coming out in January from MSBA for PRS window project as part of 10 year master plan, HHS HAWC project – defining scope and conceptual design, and capital budget.

9. Adjournment

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

It was

Voted: To adjourn at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Aylene Calnan