

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 25, 2016

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Andy Shafter at 7:32 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, and John Ferris

Visitors Present: Alec Porter, Kathy Jordan, Paula Girouard McCann, Linda Kutsch, Aisha Oppong

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 January 11, 2016.

2.2 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 January 14, 2016.

3. Questions and Comments None

4. Superintendent's Report

- Good News. Dr. Galo noted the article, "Local Boy Makes Good."
- Dr. Galo expressed condolences to the Orlando family on the loss of their son Christopher Orlando, a 2010 graduate of HHS and noted a motorcade on January 26 at 7:00pm in his honor.

5. Communications

5.1 Communications Received by the Superintendent: Dr. Galo noted State House News Service article, "SJC Case Challenging Common Core Question Ripped as Desperate Ploy."

5.2 Student Communications: None

5.3 Other Communications: None

6. New Business

6.1 The Committee acted on a revised fee schedule for Integrated Pre-K for 2016-2017 as proposed by the School Department and recommended by the Policy Subcommittee. Liza O'Reilly reviewed the revised fee schedule.

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

It was

Voted: To approve a revised fee schedule for Integrated Pre-K for 2016-2017 as proposed by the School Department and recommended by the Policy Subcommittee.

- 6.2 The Committee received the Program of Studies for 2016-2017. Ellen Keane reviewed a summary memo outlining changes in the 2016-2017 Program of Studies.

School Committee Comments and Questions: GPA changes, weighting of Level 4 classes, Introduction to Computers not a math course for graduation requirements, possible separate section for Technology and STEM oriented courses, include a typical sequence for science similar to the math sequence chart.

- 6.3 The Committee continued review of the proposed FY '17 Operating Budget and the presentation to the Board of Selectmen.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Budget message, suggestions for specific slides to be included in Joint Meeting presentation, initiative for math tutor and math specialist positions, whether or not 1.0 Sp Ed position for East (.5) and South (.5) funded through Full Day K tuition fees, priority for middle school counselors versus transition program.

- 6.4 The Committee received notification of the appointments of paraeducators Jillian Carchedi at Foster, effective 1/11/16; Rachel Cronin at Foster, effective 1/25/16; Melissa Hodgdon and Emily MacDonald at HMS, effective 1/11/16; and Caitlyn Mann at Foster, effective 1/26/16.

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 noted a meeting scheduled on February 2, 2016.

Special Education: Ed Schreier noted SNAP fundraisers, Pizza Palooza and St. Patrick Days party. SEPAC is hosting "Shut Up Sisters" presentation on February 4, 2016.

Salary and Negotiation: Carol M. Falvey noted there will be a meeting scheduled for January 27, 2016.

Carol Falvey noted that HEF is sponsoring a "Exercising for Education" week and "Friday Night Fever" on April 1, 2016.

Policy: Liza O'Reilly reviewed the recent meeting including the policies for mobile vendors on school property and tailgate parties on school property.

Long Range Planning: Ray Estes reviewed Town Meeting Warrant language and SOI for PRS window project, MSBA process and timeline via Accelerated Repair Program and the history of the PRS window project. The consensus of the Committee was for the project to be under the direction of the School Building Committee.

9. Adjournment

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

It was

Voted: To adjourn at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Aylene Calnan