

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

June 6, 2016

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Liza O'Reilly at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Aylene Calnan, Carlos Da Silva, Carol M. Falvey, Cynthia Galko, Liza O'Reilly, Kay Praschma, and Ed Schreier

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

Visitors Present: Alec Porter, Kathy Joyce, Jeanne Hardy, Mary Eastwood, Donna Smallwood, Brad Patterson, June Gustafson, Eileen Hunt, Christine Smith, Aisha Oppong, Kristen Arute, Dr. James LaBillois

2. Approval of Minutes.

2.1 On a motion by Aylene Calnan and seconded by Carlos Da Silva,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee Meeting held on May 23, 2016.

2.2 On a motion by Aylene Calnan and seconded by Carol M. Falvey,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the School Committee held on May 23, 2016.

3. Questions and Comments. Alec Porter, HEA President, read a statement in opposition to the Charter School ballot question in November and asked the School Committee to approve a resolution against the ballot question.

School Committee Questions and Comments: Support for resolution, possible concern about legal issues in School Committee considering a resolution for a ballot question, plan to consult legal.

4. Superintendent's Report.

- Good News: Dr. Galo noted positive senior activities (prom, graduation and graduation night party) and extended her appreciation to students, staff, parents and police.
- Dr. Galo congratulated John Todd, boys lacrosse coach, on his 406th win.
- Dr. Galo noted the Foster School Sleepover fundraiser.

5. Communications.

5.1 Communications Received by the Superintendent: Dr. Galo commented on a letter regarding HMS participation in NAEP; a letter from Paula Girouard McCann about the HHS delayed start professional development day scheduled on election day in preparation for NEASC self-study for 2016-2017; and three parent letters.

5.2 Student communications: Brad Patterson reported that there are 10 more days of class for grades 9 to 11, senior shirts, "Snow Day" senior night, sports updates and final exams.

5.3 Other Communications. Liza O'Reilly congratulated Brad Patterson on his three Junior Award ceremony awards, including Clarkson University Leadership Award scholarship of \$60,000 over 4 years, US History Award and Civics Book Award. Liza O'Reilly noted an email request from Acton-Boxborough High School requesting data for a research project. Dr. Galo provided an update on the proposed Grade 8 Washington DC field trip.

6. New Business.

- 6.1 The Committee heard a preliminary Facilities Assessment Report from Doug Foley, Facilities and Procurement Manager. Doug Foley presented his report, *Overview of Facility Asset Inventory and Operation*, including full use of School Dude, Barbara Pye acting as “point of contact,” monthly facilities report, preventative maintenance, East Elementary School sample report, Why Asset Inventory?, Asset Inventory Performance, Types of Asset Inventory, Asset Information, Asset Data Benefits, Asset Selection – Round 1 and Round 2.

School Committee Questions and Comments: Great start to Asset Inventory and preventive maintenance, East School Report detail for all schools by system, Used Mass Maritime Interns to collect data in field, Would information be shared with the public?, Expansion of Barbara Pye’s position, Inclusion of systems histories via School Dude, Can items be sorted?, Possible addition of years left on assets. Liza O’Reilly thanked Doug Foley for his report.

- 6.2 The Committee acted on the appointment of a new Assistant Superintendent. Dr. Galo expressed her excitement regarding James LaBillois’s appointment as the new Assistant Superintendent and noted that there were 50 applicants, 12 interviews by the screening committee, and 2 finalists. She thanked the screening committee and its chair, Christine Smith, for facilitating the process. Dr. Galo recommended the appointment of James LaBillois as Assistant Superintendent.

On a motion by Carol M. Falvey and seconded by Cynthia Galko,

It was

Voted: To appoint James LaBillois as the new Hingham Public Schools Assistant Superintendent in August, pending completion of a contract.

- 6.3 The Committee acted on the dates for the summer 2016 meetings. Dr. Galo recommended July 18 and August 22. The consensus of the committee was to schedule School Committee meetings on July 21 at 7:00PM and August 25th at 7:00PM. Liza O’Reilly will get dates for training/workshops from Glenn Koocher. The planning meeting will be held on September 17, 2016 from 8:00 to 11:00AM.
- 6.4 The Committee heard an update on the financial report for the FY’16 Operating and Capital Budgets. John Ferris provided an update (Operating Budget approximately \$23,000, Capital Budget approximately \$50,000) and possible uses of funds.

School Committee Questions and Comments: Long Range Planning implications, possible recommendation for addition to Special Education Reserve Fund.

- 6.5 The Committee shared comments and questions on the HHS Handbook in preparation for the June 20, 2016 report. Dr. Galo reviewed the intersection of the HHS Handbook with the School Committee Policy Handbook and the Memorandum of Understanding with Hingham Police. Aylene Calnan reviewed the need for editing and language changes.

School Committee Questions and Comments: Display rules and procedures as they pertain to different sites on the HPS website. Liza O'Reilly will send a summary of her individual comments and suggestions to Paula Girouard McCann and will share with School Committee. School Committee members should send own comments to Dr. Girouard McCann. . Dr. Galo suggested meeting with Chief Glenn Olsson to revise/update the MOA.

- 6.6 The Committee received draft language for Policy # 5.6-5.27 as proposed by the Policy Subcommittee for review. Aylene Calnan reviewed suggested revisions to Section 5 Educational Program/Instruction. The next Policy meeting will be held on June 24, 2016.

School Committee Questions and Comments: Policy 5.7 Additional Educator Opportunities – other programs? “Such as but not limited to.” Policy 5.12 concern about “teachers must ensure that . . . classroom discussion” and use of word “equal presentation and emphasis.”

- 6.7 The Committee received notification of the appointments of paraeducators Karen McGourty of Foster, effective May 9, 2016 and Peter Umbrianna of HHS, effective April 27, 2016.

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 there will be a meeting on June 16, 2016

Salary and Negotiations: Carol M. Falvey noted a meeting on June 14, 2016.

Special Education: Ed Schreier noted SNAP cocktail party and fundraiser on June 10, 2016.

Liza O'Reilly noted information on MASC conference on November 2-5, 2016.

9. Adjournment.

On a motion by Aylene Calnan and seconded by Cynthia Galko,

It was

Voted: To Adjourn at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Cynthia Galko