

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

September 10, 2015

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Liza O'Reilly at 7:33 p.m.

Members Present: Aylene Calnan, Ray Estes, Carol Falvey, Cynthia Galko, Liza O'Reilly, Andy Shafter (arrived at 7:50) and Ed Schreier

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

Visitors Present: Brad Patterson, June Gustafson, Aisha Oppong

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 On a motion by Aylene Calnan and seconded by Carol Falvey,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee Meeting held on August 17, 2015 with the following changes: On HCAM report, add Verizon channels and label Comcast and Verizon channels (Education, Government, Public Service); reword Section 6.1, to read "After a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Aylene Calnan, there was discussion. Edits were proposed and reviewed." In Section 7.2, replace School Committee Comments and Questions with "Is proposed Election of Officers inconsistent in that it suggests there is a gap in leadership prior to election of new officers? Should there be a policy about sitting SC members endorsing SC candidates in an election? How does it impact votes for Officers/transparency/appearance of quid pro quo? Additional comments are invited via email." In Community Outreach Subcommittee Report, delete "Carol Falvey inquired about the Hingham Education Foundation representative" and replace it with "Cynthia Galko announced that Carol Falvey will be the 2015-2016 representative to the Hingham Education Foundation." Also in Community Outreach Subcommittee Report add "Cynthia Galko asked School Committee members to look at both the School Committee pages of the website and the website as a whole."

3. Questions and Comments. None

4. Superintendent's Report

- Start of School –Dr. Galo reported on the smooth openings of the schools and provided an update on transportation and the first day of K (299 full day student's and 5 half day, total 304)
- Information about TEC Connections Academy and FAQ sheet
- 9/11 Girls Soccer invitation
- HEA contractual lane changes impacting budget (-\$70,000)

School Committee Comments and Questions: Is this a one-time event? Possible use of revolving account if necessary, increased impact on Central Office administrative assistant's time.

5. Communications

5.1 Other Communications. Dr. Galo noted the Town Forum is to be held on October 18, 2015.

5.2 Student Communications. Brad Patterson gave a sports update on soccer, field hockey and volleyball.

6. Unfinished Business

- 6.1 Liza O'Reilly reviewed proposed revisions to Sections 7.4, 7.4.1, and 7.4.2, School Property – By Outside Organizations of the HPS School Committee Handbook.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Reference fee schedule on application – 7.4.2 #4 “Users...as attached to application” and delete “approved by the Hingham Planning Board.”

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

It was

Voted: To approve reviewed proposed revisions to Sections 7.4, 7.4.1, and 7.4.2, School Property – By Outside Organizations of the HPS School Committee Handbook with the following change to Section 7.4.2: In items 1,2, and 3, add “as attached to the Application for Permit to Use Facilities as approved by the School Committee.” In item 4, delete “approved by the Hingham Planning Board.”

On a motion by Ray Estes and seconded by Aylene Calnan,

It was

Voted: To waive fees for the Town Forum to be held on October 18, 2015 from 1 to 3 at Hingham Middle School.

- 6.2 The Committee continued discussion of the development of the agenda for the School Committee Planning Meeting on September 13, 2015. Liza O'Reilly reviewed the agenda.

School Committee Comments and Questions: What are the topics to focus on at the meeting?

7. New Business

- 7.1 John Ferris reviewed the Analysis for Field and Building Usage 2010-2015 Youth Sports Pilot Update / Facilities Fees for 2015-2016 and the Facility Pricing Grid for 2015-2016.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Continuation of the youth basketball games on Saturday and Sunday and sharing of billable hours, minimum custodial hours for MPF usage per contract, need to add users not included on Facility Pricing Grid (men's basketball, etc.).

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

It was

Voted: To accept proposed fee structure (Facility Pricing Grid) for 2015-2016.

- 7.2 The Committee received information about the proposed schedule of 2015-2016 Special School Committee Reports, as recommended by the School Administration. Dr. Galo recommended that the fall School Committee meetings be located at Central Office instead of at the schools.
- 7.3 The Committee heard proposed revisions to Section 7.6, Transportation Policy of the HPS School Committee Handbook, as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee. Liza O'Reilly reviewed the proposed revisions as recommended by the administration.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Return of Kindergarten child to school if parent/designated person is not visible for drop off.

- 7.4 The Committee received information about changes to the Elementary Curriculum (Grades K-5) for 2015-2016. Ellen Keane reviewed a summary memo.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Grade 3 weather/climate unit, communications about CMLs, K-5 reading pilot adoption plans.

- 7.5 John Ferris and Ray Estes reviewed a recommended final payment to RAD for completion of the HS Fields project.

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

It was

Voted: To approve partial payment to RAD in the amount of \$35,000.

- 7.6 The Committee heard an update to the Superintendent's Preliminary Assessment of Anticipated Needs. Dr. Galo reviewed updates to Facilities, Programs, Curriculum, Assessments, Technology, Program and Student Support Services, Personnel and Staffing, DESE "Quality" Grant for Full Day K, Things that Will Impact Administrator Time and Energy, and Goal Planning.

- 7.7 To consider the home school application for Madison Quinlan (grade 9) for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

It was

Voted: To approve the home school application for Madison Quinlan (grade 9) for the 2015-2016 school year.

- 7.8 To consider the home school application for Sawyer and Elizabeth Hurley (grade 5) for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

It was

Voted: To approve the home school application for Sawyer and Elizabeth Hurley (grade 5) for the 2015-2016 school year.

- 7.9 The Committee received notification of the appointments of Ulrike Baigorria, Long Term Substitute Spanish Teacher at HMS and PRS; Carly Chamberlain, Special Education Teacher at South; Emily Day, Long Term Substitute K Teacher at East; and Magdalena Ross, PreK Teacher at East, all effective August 31, 2015.

- 7.10 The Committee received notification of the appointments of paraeducators Amy Barbuto, Evelyn Barrales, and Mandy Keith at East School; Elizabeth Bengner, Elizabeth Pyle, Maura Reilly, and Patricia Wanty at Foster School; Colleen Cunningham, Lynne Eagleson, Emily Fowler, Stephen Jenkins and Luke Miller at Hingham High School; Kathleen Anderson, Kaitlyn Antonowicz, Judith Ann Bowen, Taylor Groleau, Colleen Healey, Emily Kafel, Kimberly Ruhl and Rachel Sullivan at Hingham Middle School; Janet Carco, Emily Francis, Michaela Keefe, Roberta Nevins and Brittney Tworig at South School; Julie Quinn and Cori Trombly, tutors at Foster School; and Matthew Thomay and Davia Rindone, teachers at KIA; all effective September 3, 2015.

- 7.11 The Committee received notification of the following lane changes effective September 1, 2015: Meghan Duncan to M30, Step 7; Leslie Flanagan to M60, Step 13; Courtney Foley to B15, Step 3; Kellie Foster to M30, Step 7; Katy Gallagher to M60, Step 13; Monica Hebert to M15, Step 6; Kathleen LeBlanc to M15, Step 11; Leo Piantes to M60, Step 13; Laurie Resmini to M15, Step 8; Eileen Sharkey to M60 Step 13; and Nina Sperry to M15, Step 4.

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 requested input on the website and noted that Community Outreach subcommittee members would be attending PTO meetings to thank the parents for their efforts to enhance the education of Hingham students.

Special Education – Ed Schreier reported on the SNAP meeting, summer program at SSCC had 36 students registered, and Sunset Point camp.

Long Range Planning Committee – Ray Estes reported on the PARE High School Health/Wellness weight room report that is available tonight.

Policy – Liza O’Reilly reported that there will be a meeting on September 14, 2015 to review Section 3.

10. **Adjournment**

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

It was

Voted: To adjourn the School Committee meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Aylene Calnan