

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

September 13, 2015

Planning Meeting

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Andy Shafter at 8:07 a.m. at the School Department Conference Room.

Members Present: Andy Shafter, Liza O'Reilly, Aylene Calnan, Ray Estes, Carol M. Falvey, Cynthia Galko, and Ed Schreier

Central Office Present: Dorothy Galo, Ellen Keane, and John Ferris

Visitors Present: None

1. Review of Day's Agenda

Andy Shafter reviewed the agenda, meeting protocols, and content of packet.

2. Discussion of Preliminary Assessment of Challenges and development of consensus on School Committee and Superintendent Goals

The Committee discussed the Preliminary Assessment of Challenges and development of consensus on School Committee and Superintendent Goals.

Secondary:

- High School Health/Wellness Room, PARE report. Next steps: Long Range Planning Subcommittee schedule Borings, meet with users and Town Boards/Consultant, warrant article on January 20th and schedule visit and user meetings.
- TRACES program – retrofit Building 179 or investigate moving to the high school. Schedule meeting with Dr. Galo, Paula Girouard McCann, Paul Pawlowski and Doug Foley.
- Technology Plan for High School – form committee with Dr. Galo, Ellen Keane, Paula Girouard McCann, staff and students. Superintendent goal.
- HS cafeteria – adding third line and “Bistro” area, goal – completed by Fall 2016. Schedule a School Committee visit.
- HS Post Secondary Planning and Counselors – upgrade Transition Room role and outreach to first-time HS parents
- MS Counselors/Transition Planning. Priority is Tutor position at MS transition room, and then fourth counselor.
- Increased number of HS students.

Elementary:

- PRS SOI for windows and roof, Doug Foley review and possible School Committee submission this year.
- Foster K-12 enrollment study – renovate versus replace. Include K-12 enrollment study in FY17 budget.
- Possible funding for Full Day Kindergarten in FY'18 Operating Budget.

District:

- Senior Administration transition planning. Possibility of collecting information on Superintendent search options.
- Additional Senior Administrator in Central Office.

- Website/Communications – focus of Community Outreach Subcommittee is to survey the school community, possibility of Communications Director. Long Range Planning Subcommittee will research the cost/scope of Communications Director role.

3. Developing Consensus on FY17 Budget Process

The Committee reviewed steps to develop consensus on FY17 Budget Process. The Committee will provide feedback on “Guiding Process and Principles” by next School Committee meeting.

4. Wrap Up/Next Steps

5. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Aylene Calnan, Secretary