

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

March 14, 2016

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Andy Shafter at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: 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, Marisa Costello, Kay Praschma, Aisha Oppong, Linda Kutsch, Brad Patterson.

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 February 11, 2016.

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

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of Executive Session of the School Committee Meeting held on February 11, 2016.

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

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2016.

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

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the School Committee Meeting held on February 22, 2016.

3. Questions and Comments None

4. Superintendent's Report. Dr. Galo noted:

- The HHS Scholastic Art Competition.
- The HHS Newsletter article, "A View into the College Admissions Process."
- The PCEA Special Recognition of Alec Porter, HEA President.
- The Assistant Superintendent Search process, timeline and search committee members.

5. Communications

5.1 Communications Received by the Superintendent: Dr. Galo noted a thank you note received from Bay State Community Services and a memo from Katie Roberts about Hingham being one of five communities selected to participate in a summer institute at the Museum of Science.

- 5.2 Student Communications: Brad Patterson reported on sports, Music Expo, Advanced Art Show, Lip Sync contest and HHS Drama made it into the Semifinals of Festival. Teacher of the month is Ms. Levy-Sisk. The Green Team is having a Recycled Art Competition.
- 5.3 Other Communications:
- Dr. Galo noted documents: Common Core Ballot Question documents and testimonies; MASS/MASBO position supporting more funding for FY17; the Opioid Bill; Ballot Questions supporting legalization of marijuana; and MASS position statement on Charter Schools.

6. Unfinished Business

- 6.1 The Committee reviewed changes to the proposed mobile vendor policy as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee (Second Reading). Liza O'Reilly reviewed the changes that reflect discussion at the School Committee meeting, the Policy Subcommittee meeting and input from John Ferris.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Is it possible to add permits to be displayed and visible by mobile vendor?

7. New Business

- 7.1 The Committee received information about the bid process for a 7D 10 passenger van (special education) and a recommended bid award to New England Wheels, Inc. in the amount of \$35,587. John Ferris reviewed the bid process and recommendation for the bid award.

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

It was

Voted: To award the bid for a 7D 10 passenger van to New England Wheels, Inc. in the amount of \$35,587.

- 7.2 The Committee heard an update on the status of the FY17 Operating Budget. Dr. Galo reviewed a PowerPoint slides "FY16-FY17 Budget Summary as of March 14, 2016 (Revised Budget of \$48,055,283 with budget gap of \$441,562)," "HPS FY17 Budget Reductions and Additions", and "HPS Revised Budget Additions."
- 7.3 The Committee discussed options for funding the proposed elementary reading program. Linda Kutsch, Advisory Education Subcommittee Chair, spoke about concerns about using Capital Budget to fund Reading Adoption.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Funding of reading adoption through Capital Budget would not increase personnel costs, concern about Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen budget approval amount below level services budget, concern about "rate of growth," argument – what if we don't vote School Budget at Town Meeting? Andy Shafter requested suggestions for School Committee members for making up the budget gap.

- 7.4 The Committee heard an update on matters related to the NEASC high school accreditation process. Dr. Galo reviewed her response to Standard #5, Item 11, "The school board, superintendent, and principal are collaborative, reflective, and constructive in achieving the school's 21st century learning expectations."

7.5 The Committee received notification of the late night field trip of middle school Grade 7&8 Drama and Junior Choral Spectrum to NYC "School of Rock" on June 4, 2016.

7.6 The Committee received the list of recommended Spring, 2016 coaches.

7.7 The Committee received notification of the resignation of Evan Gadowski, paraeducator at HHS, effective February 22, 2016.

8. Other items as may not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting. None.

9. Subcommittee and Project Reports

Long Range Planning: Ray Estes gave an update on the HAWC project

Community Outreach: Cynthia Galko noted a meeting to be held on at 10 on March 28, 2016.

Special Education: Ed Schreier noted a SNAP fund raiser, "PizzaPalooza," and the St. Patrick's Day Party.

Carol M. Falvey noted a HEF fundraiser, "Friday Night Lights."

Liza O'Reilly gave an update on School Committee Resolutions on Funding.

Policy: Liza O'Reilly noted a meeting on March 17, 2016 and response to letter to DESE by Garrett Bradley and possible meeting.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Andy Shafter and seconded by Liza O'Reilly,

It was

Voted: To Adjourn to Executive Session not to return to Regular Session to discuss strategy with respect to matters related to the collective bargaining agreement with the HEA, Unit A, the collective bargaining agreement with the Custodians and Maintenance Workers Association and bargaining with non-union personnel; and to consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property, at 9:08PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Aylene Calnan