

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

April 25, 2016

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Andy Shafter at 6:30 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, John Ferris, Elizabeth Flynn

Visitors Present: Aisha Oppong, Alec Porter, 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 April 11, 2016.

School Committee Questions and Comments: Ray Estes sought clarification regarding Andy Shafter's vote and it was confirmed that Andy Shafter voted in opposition to 7.1.1 regarding proposed Administrator contract renewal at the April 11, 2016 School Committee meeting. Andy shared his thoughts on his vote and that he believes he performed the role of the Chair to facilitate the full committee's decision which was accomplished as Agenda item 7.1.1 was approved by a 5-1 majority.

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

It was

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

3. Questions and Comments. None

4. Superintendent's Report

- Good News: Dr. Galo noted recognition of HHS VAC students, HMS writing contest winners and appointment of Nancy Cronin to Payroll position, Liz O'Neill as Assistant Director of Student Services and Erica Pollard as Director of Foreign language.
- Update on Assistant Superintendent Search: Dr. Galo noted five semifinalist candidate interviews with Central Office administration.
- Dr. Galo commented on several action items for May 9th meeting, including 2016-2017 calendar approval, annual school choice vote and SSEC Board vote.

5. Communications.

5.1 Communications Received by the Superintendent. None.

5.2 Student communications: Brad Patterson reported that there are 21 days left for seniors, AP tests, StuCo and Green Team elections, Spring Boutique, and Clothing Drive for Father Bill's.

5.3 Other Communications. None

6. Unfinished Business.

6.1 The Committee reviewed proposed changes to Section 5 (5.1 – 5.5) of the School Committee Policy Handbook. Liza O'Reilly reviewed the suggested changes.

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

It was

Voted: To approve revisions to Sections 5.1 to 5.5 of the School Committee Policy Handbook.

7. New Business

7.1 The Committee reviewed the process for the annual election of School Committee officers, scheduled for May 9, 2016. Dr. Galo noted self-nomination form due May 4 and May 2nd orientation meeting.

7.2 The Committee considered acceptance of a gift of one shell and one skiff with trailer and motor from the Hingham High School Rowing Association, valued at \$39,300. John Ferris reviewed a memo regarding the donation.

School Committee Questions and Comments: Number of boats currently under HPS insurance, approximate cost of insurance for boats, relationship between HHS Rowing Association and HHS administration.

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Ed Schreier,

It was

Voted: To accept the gift of one shell and one skiff with trailer and motor from the Hingham High School Rowing Association, valued at \$39,300.

7.3 The Committee received a midyear update of the Superintendent's goals. Dr. Galo commented on progress to date on her goals.

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

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Ray Estes and seconded by Andy Shafter,

It was

Voted: To adjourn to Town meeting and remain in session for the meeting's duration.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Aylene Calnan