

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

April 24, 2017

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Liza O'Reilly at 6:34 p.m.

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

Aylene Calnan arrived at 6:38 p.m.

Central Office Present: Dorothy Galo, James LaBillois, John Ferris, Elizabeth Kurlan

Visitors Present: Alec Porter, Ray Estes, Aisha Oppong, Debbie Stellar, Ted Hirsch

2. Approval of Minutes.

2.1 On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Kay Praschma,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting held on April 10, 2017.

3. Questions and Comments. None.

4. Superintendent's Report.

Dr. Galo announced that the buses carrying the HMS 8th grade to Washington, DC have arrived safely. Dr. Galo also informed the Committee that Middle School Social Studies teacher June Gustafson has been accepted into a Teacher Leadership Institute, and has been elected the new President of the HEA, as of July 1 2017. Dr. Galo announced that the external HHS Principal Finalist, Richard Metropolis, will arrive earlier in the day during his site visit to meet with interested students during the lunch periods and both candidates will be at the HHS auditorium on May 9, 2017 for a public interview. Members of the community are invited to attend.

5. Communications.

5.1 Communications Received by the Superintendent. Dr. Galo informed the Committee of a correspondence from the Commissioner of Education announcing that the participation rate required for MCAS has been lowered to 90% for this spring's administration. This change has been made due to the number of refusals across the state.

5.2 Student Communications. None

5.3 Other Communication: Dr. Galo informed the Committee that an email from MSBA was received and the district was notified that the MSBA report from last year will be ready for review and edit in the coming weeks.

6. New Business.

6.1 School Committee Chair Liza O'Reilly reviewed the procedure for the annual election of officers. Members are asked to complete their self-nomination forms and return them to Pam King no later than May 3, 2017, even if they are not self-nominating for a position.

6.2 The Committee received the draft 2017-2018 school calendar. Dr. Galo reminded the Committee that the calendar will be voted on at the May 8, 2017 meeting. Please contact Dr. Galo with any questions or concerns.

- 6.3 The Committee discussed the Town Meeting presentation for the Foster School Project Warrant Items. Liza O'Reilly discussed her PowerPoint presentation. Liza O'Reilly noted that she sent materials to the Committee for their review and noted that the speech is now down to 6 minutes, 10 seconds.
- 6.4 The Committee heard that the orientation for new School Committee members will be at 7:00PM on Monday, May 1, 2017. School Committee Chair Liza O'Reilly noted that she will be working with Dr. Galo on the orientation session for newly elected School Committee members.

Assistant Superintendent Jamie LaBillois noted that it has been a pleasure to work with all of the School Committee members this past year.

7. Other items as may not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Dr. Galo informed the Committee that an interview was held in the morning for the English Department Director position. Mary Andrews, HHS English Teacher, has been selected for the position and her resume will be provided to the Committee at the May 8, 2017 School Committee meeting. The Athletic Director position will be posted in June and that appointment made once the new HHS Principal has begun.

8. Subcommittee and Project Reports. None

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Carol M. Falvey and seconded by Ed Schreier,

It was

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

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

It was

Voted: To adjourn the meeting at 11:10pm on April 25, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Cynthia Galko