

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 11, 2016

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Andy Shafter at 7:30 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, and Elizabeth Flynn

Visitors Present: Alec Porter, Alan Kearney, Kathy Jordan, Paula Girouard McCann, Erica Pollard, Linda Kutsch, Brad Patterson, Aisha Oppong

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 December 21, 2015.

3. Questions and Comments. None

4. Superintendent's Report

- Good News. Dr. Galo noted the HHS Newsletter and the Fall 2015 athletic honors.

5. Communications

5.1 Communications Received by the Superintendent: Dr. Galo noted the notification from the Board of Selectmen of February 12 about the due date for the Annual Town Report and scheduling a meeting about the SOI with Board of Selectmen on January 28th before the Joint Meeting.

5.2 Student Communications: Brad Patterson reported that the teacher of the month is Jessica Mathews, Green Team Movie night, Winter sports update and the Mock Trial Club.

5.3 Other Communications: Ray Estes noted the publication of his son Cooper Estes's poem in "Highlights."

6. New Business

6.1 The Committee reviewed proposed change to the HHS graduation requirements. Paula Girouard McCann recommended that the requirements would begin with ninth grade, class of 2019, and shared results from the At Risk Behavior Survey and Asset Development Survey supporting the need for health class in grade 10, before grade 11 and 12.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Concern about starting new graduation requirements with current ninth grade and connection with budget request for addition of 1.0 Physical Education/Health position; possible repetition or gap of grade 9 Health topics; grade 9 students would have one less elective choice; number of grade 9 students taking computer applications this year because it was a requirement; preference to start with grade 8 students, class of 2020; possibility of deferring requirements if 1.0 PE/Health FTE budget request is not approved; timing impact on Program

of Studies; consensus of Committee is to support proposal but members differ in year of implementation.

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

It was moved: To change graduation requirements as outlined in December 1 memo from Paula Girouard McCann beginning with the current grade 9, class of 2019.

An amended motion was made by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Cynthia Galko.

It was

Voted: To change graduation requirements as outlined in December 1 memo from Paula Girouard McCann to begin with the current grade 8, class of 2020. 4 voted in favor: Andy Shafter, Liza O'Reilly, Cynthia Galko and Aylene Calnan. 3 were opposed: Ed Schreier, Carol M. Falvey and Ray Estes.

6.2 The Committee reviewed a proposed Town Meeting Warrant Article to transfer insurance monies (in excess of \$20K) to the School Department to reimburse expenditures incurred as a result of insured repairs in FY'16.

On a motion by Andy Shafter and seconded by Carol M. Falvey,

It was

Voted: To approve the Town Meeting Warrant Article to transfer insurance monies (in excess of \$20K) to the School Department to reimburse expenditures incurred as a result of insured repairs in FY'16.

6.3 The Committee reviewed a revised fee schedule for Kids In Action for 2016-2017 as proposed by the School Department and recommended by the Policy Subcommittee. Liza O'Reilly reviewed the proposed fees.

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

It was

Voted: To approve the proposed fee schedule for Kids in Action for 2016-2017.

Dr. Galo thanked Kathy Jordan, KIA Director, for her work to continue providing valuable Kids In Action programming after implementation of FDK.

6.4 The Committee acted on a proposed Town Meeting Warrant Article to request that the Town transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Special Education Reserve Fund.

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

It was

Voted: To approve a Town Meeting Warrant Article to request that the Town transfer a \$100,000 from available funds to the Special Education Reserve Fund.

6.5 The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed Capital Outlay Budget request, as recommended by the Long Range Planning Subcommittee. Ray Estes reviewed the proposed budget requests. The Committee will act on the request at the meeting scheduled for January 14, 2016.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Technology Budget does not include Chromebook replacement.

- 6.6 The Committee reviewed and discussed a sample conceptual design model for the HAWC designed by Al Kearney. Al Kearney reviewed his conceptual design model drawings for the High School Health and Wellness Center.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Wall between health classroom and wrestling room, entrance to Boy's locker room for football team via new entrance. The Committee thanked Al for his work, beautiful concept.

- 6.7 The Committee reviewed and discussed a proposal for architectural fees as recommended by the Long Range Planning Subcommittee. The Committee plans to vote on the proposal at its meeting scheduled for January 14, 2016.
- 6.8 The Committee discussed submission of a potential "SOI" (Statement of Interest) for a PRS window replacement project under the MSBA "ARP" (Accelerated Repair Program). Ray Estes reviewed the PRS window replacement project started in 2005.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Window project to be completed in the summer.

- 6.9 The Committee received notification of the appointments of Anthony Samuels, custodian at HHS, effective 11/30/15; Antoinette Barbuto, paraeducator at South, effective 12/2/15; and Elizabeth Vialle, paraeducator at HMS, effective 12/21/15.
- 6.10 The Committee received notification of the resignations of paraeducators Andria Butler of HMS, effective 12/23/15; Kelly Munroe of South, effective 11/25/15; MaryAnn Shafter of Foster, effective 12/18/15; Ahna Clements of HMS, effective 1/4/16; Lauren Drosos of HMS, effective 12/18/15; and Renee Mahoney of East, effective 1/4/16.

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

8. Subcommittee and Project Reports

Salary and Negotiation: Carol M. Falvey noted there will be a meeting scheduled for January 14, 2016.

9. Adjournment

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

It was

Voted: To adjourn at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Aylene Calnan