

# MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

September 21, 2015

## **1. Call to order.**

The meeting was called to order by Andy Shafter at 7:31 p.m.

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

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

Visitors Present: Alec Porter, Kathy Jordan, Derek Smith, Aisha Oppong

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

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

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the School Committee Meeting held on September 10, 2015.

2.2 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 September 13, 2015.

## **3. Questions and Comments.**

Alec Porter, HHS teacher, spoke regarding concerns about the PSAT being scheduled on a school day, October 14, 2015, required by the College Board, taking away from instructional time. Andy Shafter, Liza O'Reilly and Dr. Galo also expressed concerns about scheduling PSATs on a school day with loss of instructional time.

## **4. Superintendent's Report**

- September 2015 Official Enrollment: Dr. Galo reviewed K-12 enrollment of 4,257 (up 33). 47 out of district special education students and 1 student at vocational school.
- Kids in Action Update: Dr. Galo reviewed the KIA Program Review for 2014-2015 and projections for 2015-2016.
- High School Newsletter: Dr. Galo noted PSAT information and Christina O'Connor article.
- METCO Report: 36 students are enrolled for 2015-2016.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Projected high school enrollment in the future? (Approximately 1300.)  
Is KIA enrollment consistent at all elementary schools from year to year? East and South have largest number of kids.

## **5. Communications**

5.1 Other Communications. Dr. Galo noted the annual State Ethics Seminar to be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 or 7:00pm at Town Hall. She also noted a parent letter and article about start times for the middle and high schools.

5.2 Student Communications. None.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

6.1 Liza O'Reilly reviewed proposed revisions to Transportation Policy Section 7.6, 7.6.2, 7.6.3, 7.6.5 and 7.6.6 of the HPS School Committee Handbook.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Student Pick up procedure during excessive snow event. John Ferris recommended replacing "videotape" with "video."

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Ray Estes,

It was

Voted: To approve proposed revisions to Transportation Policy Section 7.6, 7.6.2, 7.6.3, 7.6.5 and 7.6.6 of the HPS School Committee Handbook, with one change: replace "videotape" with "video."

## **7. New Business**

7.1 The Committee heard a report from Hingham Middle School, including the School Council Improvement Plan update from 2014-2015 and the proposed plan for 2015-2016. Derek Smith, Principal of Hingham Middle School, reported on the smooth opening of school and gave an update on the grade 6- 8 1 to 1 Chromebook implementation and plans for HCAM video news club. He reviewed the progress on HMS 2014-2015 goals (goals 1 and 2 are complete, 3 and 4 are in progress) and the proposed goals and actions steps for 2015-2016. Derek Smith thanked Old Colony Lodge of Hingham for providing back to school supplies and graphing calculators for loan.

School Committee Comments and Questions: Social media topics included in Health/Wellness goal, Rotary Club support of HHS Century Club program is a good model for recognizing achievement goal, Dr. Galo noted that raised garden beds have been planted in the back of the school, positive feedback about Derek Smith's work as HMS Principal, Ray Estes noted planting of apple trees through the Building Committee budget, and appreciation expressed for a successful open house. Andy Shafter thanked Derek Smith.

7.2 The Committee considered the home school application for Cosette Yungton (grade 6) for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

It was

Voted: To approve the home school application for Cosette Yungton (grade 6) for the 2015-2016 school year.

7.3 The Committee received notification of the appointments of paraeducators Gayle Campbell, Marina Cubellis, Michaela Finn, Brenda Foresta, Tara Ings, Claudia McKeon, and Darcy Woodyatt at East School; Katherine Bagley, Andrea Doton, and Maryann Shafter at Foster School; Margaret White at Plymouth River School; Stephanie Bongarzone at South School; Kimberly Coady and Rene Lepore at Hingham Middle School; and Mary Corkery, John O'Donnell and Kathleen Olding at Hingham High School; all effective September 3, 2015.

7.4 The Committee received notification of the appointment of Cathleen Savery, Post Secondary Planning Coordinator at Hingham High School, effective September 3, 2015.

7.5 The Committee received notification of the following lane changes effective September 1, 2015: Kathryn Avallone to M30 Step 5; Jacqueline Beaupre to M15 Step 3; Cyndi Bonani to M15 Step 8; Julianne Coneys to M15 Step 3; Emma Davey to M Step 5; Elizabeth Foley to M60 Step 10; Peter Healey to M60 Step 13; Michelle Katnani to M30 Step 7; Laurie Lucas to M60 Step 12; Justin Minihane to M15 Step 12; Elizabeth Moore to M15 Step 3; Laura Shepard to M15 Step 8; and Deborah Whiting to M30 Step 13.

**8. Other items as may not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting.**

- Dr. Galo noted a response from Bob Garrity regarding AG letter and Ray Estes reviewed the outcome of the bid protest.
- Dr. Galo noted that Town Forum date will be changed to TBA.

**9. Subcommittee and Project Reports**

Community Outreach – Cynthia Galko reviewed today’s meeting about the HPS website and noted a meeting with Joe Andrews on September 30.

Hingham Education Foundation: Carol M. Falvey reported on a recent meeting and the scheduled Phonathons.

Long Range Planning Committee – Ray Estes noted plans for a user meeting about HHS Health and Wellness center on September 25 at HHS.

Policy – Liza O’Reilly reported on recent work and noted a meeting on September 28, 2015.

**10. Adjournment**

On a motion by Aylene Calnan and seconded by Ray Estes,

It was

Voted: To adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Aylene Calnan