

School Committee Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room
Monday, August 25, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Members attending: SusanMary Redinger, Bob Sullebarger, Patty Wenger, Jennifer Bedford, Maureen Babcock, Linda Dwight, Lorraine Leonard Absent: Kirsten Wright

SusanMary Redinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Review of Minutes

Patty Wenger made the motion and Bob Sullebarger seconded to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2014 meeting as amended.

VOTE 4/0

Reports

Superintendent Report

Dr. Dwight reported a great opening to school which included a visit from the Secretary of Education, Matthew Malone. Dr. Dwight reported that the iPad roll out for the fifth grade began with 7 day and evening sessions for parents and students to receive the technology and hear more about the use of the iPad as a learning tool. Dr. Dwight informed the Committee that they were able to negotiate a settlement with Kenney Masonry.

Bob Sullebarger made a motion and Jennifer Bedford seconded to move to authorize Dr. Dwight to sign the settlement agreement with Kenney Masonry as presented for \$14,000.

VOTE 4/0

Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

Maureen Babcock reported that DEAC will be holding elections in November and up to 3 seats will be open.

SusanMary Redinger reported that the Master Plan Steering Committee continues to meet and are waiting on a final draft work product. The CPIC meets this Thursday and will be working on timelines and processes for capital request submissions.

Bob Sullebarger reported that he attended the HCTV meeting where the committee discussed the new CORI policy and the cost impact of having video capability in the Bromfield library. Bob will schedule time for Brian Smith from HEAC to attend a School Committee meeting.

HCTV Vision and School Partnership Plan

Bill Johnson joined the meeting to give a summary of the movement of the cable studio from the old town library to the new studio at TBS including plans for expansion of programs based on student interest. Bill Johnson is working with HEAC to determine the cost of the air conditioning usage at TBS and will make arrangements for reimbursement to the school department. Dr. Dwight indicated that demands on the school's IT department have been significant. Dr. Dwight agreed to step in as needed to ensure that school projects are not further delayed due to the increased workload.

School Committee Outcomes/Goals

The Committee reviewed 5 draft goals/outcomes for the 2014/2015 school year including measurement of goals and timelines. The Committee will get input from Kirsten Wright before voting on the final goals/outcomes at their next meeting.

Updates on Capital Projects and School Opening Preparedness

Dr. Dwight reported that the refinish work on gym floors at both HES and TBS, renovated space in the TBS basement that will allow Elaine Beckett to have her own classroom, and the Pond Road paving project have now been completed.

Personnel Spreadsheet

Dr. Dwight reported that the personnel spreadsheet surplus is currently \$34,200 which is in large part due to a learning assistant position that was eliminated

Class Size Numbers at HES and TBS

Dr. Dwight notified the Committee that a fifth grade choice student would not be returning to HES for this school year. After discussion it was decided that the vacant choice seat will not be filled. Current enrollment is at 1150 (HES -429) and (TBS -721). The Committee will look at enrollment and course sections by enrollment again after October 1st.

Future Agenda Items

HEAC

Strategic Planning – Map Out the Year

FY15 Budget

FY16 Budget Planning

Student Advisory Group meetings

Personnel Spreadsheet

Commentary

Maureen Babcock – excited for the school year to start. Schools are shining!

Patty Wenger – Round of applause to Chris Boyle and his team for all of the many things that were done over the summer. Extend our thanks to him and his team.

SusanMary Redinger – excited about technology for the district. Thrilled we are taking this step. Looking forward to an awesome year.

Bob Sullebarger - Happy we have the Devens contract, wishing Linda a great year.

Jennifer Bedford – excited to be part of the Committee and looking forward to a new school year.

Linda Dwight – wonderful start – can't wait for Wednesday.

Patty Wenger made a motion and Bob Sullebarger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.
VOTE 4/0

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Zadroga

Recording Secretary