School Committee Meeting

Monday, April 23, 2018

6:15 p.m.

Upper Town Hall

Attendance: Mary Traphagen, Nancy Lancellotti, Jon Green, John Ruark, SusanMary Redinger, Maureen Babcock, Peter Rowe and Linda Dwight.

Mary Traphagen called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Nancy Lancellotti read the Vision Statement

**Public Commentary** – None

**Student Update –** None

**Grant Acceptance**

The following grants from the Harvard Schools Trust were submitted for approval:

Littlebits STEM Invention Toolbox Pro Library – Rob Cullinane - $4,769.96

ZeroSport filtered pitchers for 3rd grade – Students in Mrs. Ayles Class 3rd Grade - $160

Nancy Lancellotti made the motion and SusanMary Redinger seconded to approve the Littlebits STEM Invention Toolbox Pro Library for $4,769.96 and the ZeroSport filtered pitchers for $160. both grants from the Harvard Schools Trust.

VOTE 5/0

**Science Curriculum Presentation – Hildreth**

Lauren Crittendon, Science Vertical Team Leader at Hildreth and Josh Myler, Principal presented information on the Science curriculum taught at Hildreth Elementary School.

**Club Consideration**

Mia Hopman, a junior at Bromfield attended the meeting to seek approval for a new club called “Student Wellness Advisory Team (SWAT)”. The goal of the club is to promote mental health and wellness of students, plan and implement events for schoolwide mental health awareness and provide mental health/wellness opportunities for students, parents and community members. The Faculty Advisors will be Susan Chlapowski and Katelyn Russell. The estimated advisor stipend is set at $1,255.

SusanMary Redinger made the motion and Nancy Lancellotti seconded to approve the Student Wellness Advisory Team Club as presented.

VOTE 5/0

**Superintendent Report**

**List of actions completed in the past two weeks:**

\*Used Social media to advertise upcoming public input sessions.

\*Helped with presentations and publicity documents

\*Held public forums on April 10th and April 19th. Both forums were televised by the cable access channel.

**Employment Update**

Our facilities director, Mark Force, will be parting ways with the district on May 10th.  We thank him for his service to the district. We are advertising for his replacement and anticipate a smooth transition.

**Ramp Project**

Abacus leaders David Eisen and David Pollak met with Peter Rowe, Scott Hoffman, Robin Benoit and Dr. Dwight to begin the work on the middle school ramp proposals. The timeline of their study includes several meetings this school year, independent work over the summer, further refinement in August/September and options with pricing by October. A Visioning Committee will be formed and will be looking to have a School Committee representative at those meetings.

**Science Lab Planning**

Longo visited and met with science teachers and school leaders for input on the science labs and prep room renovations. They produced preliminary drawings for 1st review.

**Travel Team Return**

Students and staff returned with exciting reports from their travels in Europe. We will have the students share some of their experiences in an upcoming presentation.

**Student Achievement Committee Update**

Nancy Lancellotti updated the Committee on the work being done by the Student Achievement Subcommittee. A final report will be presented prior to May 31st.

**Executive Spotlight Draft Approval**

The Committee reviewed the Executive Spotlight of the HES Building Project that will be included in the FY19 Budget book that will be mailed to residents prior to Annual Town Meeting.

**School Committee Self Evaluation Tool; MASC vs. Harvard’s**

The Committee reviewed the content of the Harvard School Committee’s Self Evaluation and the MASC version of the Self Evaluation and how they are different. The Committee agreed to look at the content of the evaluation over the summer and decide if any changes should be made. For this year, the Committee will use the MASC content of the Self Evaluation with the Student Achievement piece included.

SusanMary Redinger made the motion and John Ruark seconded to adopt the MASC evaluation content, adding in the Student Achievement piece.

VOTE 5/0

**Agenda Items**

Student Achievement

Survey Results

Good Friday issue

School Choice Outcome

Summer PD Review

Election of Officers

Due to Memorial Day being celebrated on Monday, May 28th, Mary Traphagen asked the Committee to considering moving the meeting to Tuesday, May 29th.

SusanMary Redinger made the motion and Jon Green seconded to move the School Committee from May 28th to May 29th

VOTE 5/0

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

SusanMary Redinger made the motion and John Ruark seconded to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting as amended.

VOTE 5/0

**Liaison/Sub-committee Reports**

**Mary Traphagen –** reported that she met with the Student Advisory Council. Students thought the “Walkout” was meaningful, they are interested in Youth Empowerment, students talked about the Bi-Literacy Seal program and Juniors who took the At Risk Survey felt it resonated and they were much more honest with their answers. School Committee and Student Advisory Council will meet one more time this year. HES School Council meets tomorrow.

**John Ruark** reported that DEAC is in the process of putting out a survey. Will send out the survey after the town meeting and will bring back results. Athletic Advisory meets tomorrow, HEAC is interested in scheduling their annual meeting with the School Committee in May.

**Nancy Lancellotti** reported that the Bromfield School Council met. Planning is underway for a

Reality Fair scheduled for June 1st at The Bromfield School. The concept description is that every student will get a job and their job will offer a certain amount of pay. Students will then go around to stations and see how they are going to support themselves with the job they have. They will borrow the PTOs big wheel of fortune/misfortune to see what kinds of financial consequences/scenarios could come up and how that will affect their financial stability.

**Thank you to Nancy Lancellotti**

School Committee members shared their appreciation for Nancy’s significant contribution and commitment while serving on the School Committee.

Nancy Lancellotti thanked everyone for continuing to serve on the Committee and recognized how important their mission is to the town. Nancy acknowledged that she learned something from everyone on the Committee and thanked them for their kindness.

**Interested Citizens Commentary -** None

**Adjournment**

SusanMary Redinger made the motion and Nancy Lancellotti seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55p.m.

VOTE 5/0

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Zadroga