

School Committee Minutes
Town Hall - Backroom
Monday, April 22, 2019
6:15 p.m.

Members attending: SusanMary Redinger, Shannon Molloy, Jon Green, John Ruark, Maureen Babcock, Aziz Aghavev and Linda Dwight. Absent: Chloe Cushing, Sharlene Cronin

SusanMary Redinger called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Jon Green read the Vision Statement.

Public Commentary: None

Student Report: None

Field Trip Request

Dr. Dwight presented a requested approval for an out of state field trip for Grade 6 to travel to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH on June 5th from 8:15 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.

John Ruark made the motion and Jon Green seconded to approve the field trip as presented.
VOTE 4/0

Superintendent Report – attached

Public Budget Hearing

SusanMary Redinger opened the Public Budget Hearing for the FY20 School Budget. Dr. Dwight and Aziz Aghavev reviewed the details of the FY20 budget by Cost Center. SusanMary Redinger concluded the public hearing portion of the budget.

FY19 Budget Update

Aziz Aghavev presented the FY19 Budget vs Actual report as of March 31, 2019. The FY19 budget is currently in surplus of \$89,961.

School Committee Self Evaluation

SusanMary Redinger explained the process for how the Committee would review the Self Evaluation tool as well as the content. Members shared their understanding of the instrument used for the self-evaluation and trends that seemed apparent. The results of the evaluation will be used to develop goals for the Committee at a later date. The Committee will schedule time over the summer to work to align on the vision with a commitment to working cooperatively.

Warrant Articles Assignments

The Committee decided that SusanMary Redinger will speak to all of the School Articles at Annual Town Meeting.

School Building Update

SusanMary Redinger reported that the School Building Committee received the MSBA comments on the 90% submission and will be going over comments at their meeting on Thursday. The school project has broken ground, trees were taken down and fences are up. Dr. Dwight reported that the new traffic flow for drop off and pickup went fairly well but the afternoon pickup did back up a bit. Overall it was a smooth day. No changes or budget updates on the project at this point. Approval for the final bid documents will go out in April and bids will be due back in May.

Grant Approval

The following grants were submitted for School Committee approval:

Mastermind Game – Lauren Crittendon - \$180

National Leadership Conference for Business Professionals of America – Kristen McManus - \$965

John Ruark made the motion and Jon Green seconded to approve the grants from the Harvard Schools Trust as presented.

VOTE 4/0

Agenda Item

Norms

Reorganization

Climate Survey

Dashboard

Substitute process

Curriculum schedule update

Summer meeting schedule

Superintendent Evaluation

Final Goals

Liaison/Subcommittee Reports

John Ruark – reported that HEAC has submitted the proposal to Green Communities for the remainder of the school lighting project. Eric Broadbent will attend the School Building Committee meeting on April 25th to discuss the HES panels and the disposition of those. Finally, HEAC had a question on what had been changed for FY20 in the Maintenance budget.

John Ruark reported that the Student Advisory Council talked about the change in Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day. Students feel like the high school curriculum won't be impacted.

John Ruark reported that the Student Advisory Council discussed the possibility of a change in school start times to a later start. Most student prefer the early start times. They feel like the later start would impact sports, babysitting, after school commitments and parent drop off. They did think the later start time may improve attendance.

The Student Advisory Council thinks the meeting time (7:00 a.m.) for SAC/SC meetings is good. They like the format and getting the questions prior to the meeting. They do agree that they don't tend to seek feedback on discussion questions from outside of their group.

Shannon Molloy reported that the TBS School Council met on the 10th of April. They discussed upcoming school events and changes to the budget. The homework survey was administered and results will be shared at the next meeting. There was a lot of discussion about the homework survey and AP classes. The Balance Committee gave their report.

Shannon Molloy reported that the HES School Council meets on April 23rd and Wellness on April 30th.

SusanMary Redinger reported that CPIC will be meeting again to bring back a conversation about the roof project at the Old Library.

Public and School Committee Commentary

SusanMary Redinger – as it was Jon Green’s last meeting SusanMary Redinger thank Jon for his time and commitment to the Committee. “Jon has made a difference, things happened because of Jon. Jon was most passionate when it came to student diversity and equity”.

Jon Green thanked SusanMary Redinger and Linda Dwight for their help and training.

John Ruark spoke of Jon Green’s perspective and how he had a way of saying what needed to be said. He will be missed.

Shannon Molloy appreciates the time spent with Jon on School Committee. Sad it was only for one year.

Linda Dwight recognized Jon for his great passion for learning, thoughtfulness, reflection and passion for the whole child.

Jennifer Finch Codman Hill Road– Questions about the Ann Lee Field project.

SusanMary Redinger made the motion and John Ruark seconded that the School Committee adjourn into executive session 8:24 p.m. as authorized by Chapter 30A, Section 18-25 for the purpose of reviewing and approving executive session minutes of May 23, 2016, December 1, 2016, December 12, 2016, January 9, 2017, January 23, 2017, April 10, 2017. The Committee will not reconvene into open session.

VOTE: Green (Aye) Molloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye) and Ruark (Aye)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zadroga