

Hanover School Committee Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2014
Hanover High School

Present: William Marriner, John Geary, Michael Phillips, Ruth Lynch, and Kimberly Booker

Also Present: Matthew Ferron, Thomas Raab, Deb St. Ives, Adam Colantuoni, Jane DeGrenier, Michael Oates, Andrea Hurley and Nancy Dutton

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by 7:05 pm by Chairman Marriner.

Public Comments: None presented.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Phillips to approve the minutes of November 5, 2014 as written. The motion seconded by Lynch. The motion carried by a unanimous vote with an abstention by Geary.

Report of Superintendent:

- Thank you to the Vision 2020 Math Team for their presentation tonight
- Budget Development Meetings will be as follows: January 21, 2015 and the public hearing will be on March 11, 2015
- Thank you to the Nurses at the schools- recently one of the nurses helped a student in anaphylactic shock- the nurses are well trained and professional and save lives in an emergency
- The fingerprinting policy will be reviewed at the next meeting and a vote will be needed on the language/policy in the months ahead
- NEASC high school progress report will be submitted in March
- Anchor TV has finished its first episode and will be broadcast tomorrow night (November 20, 2014) and will hopefully have 1 or 2 more episodes to air before winter break

Finance Department

Account Line Transfers/FY2015 Budget

- Dr. Raab started by using the March 2014 public budget document
- Some line item transfers are as follows:
 - o Preschool needs to be moved from Center to Cedar
 - o A first grade teacher needs to be moved to Kindergarten
 - o Additional hours for ABA & Para were needed per an IEP
 - o ELL Tutor is spread evenly among four buildings
 - o Title 2 Grant is applied to Center
 - o Administration increase needed due to transitional help
 - o Savings at HS with new principal
 - o MS savings due to 2 retirements, which went towards IEPs
 - o Maternity leave savings
 - o Dr. Raab wanted to correct these items now so it will be easier to accurately predict FY16 budget
 - o Question by Lynch- Why is there different Line items for system wide administration/regular vs. special education. Response by Dr. Raab that Special Ed Director and Special Ed Secretary are in the special education line item. Also, most of the special ed summer program comes from the systemwide/regular line item.

- Motion by Geary to approve the FY2015 Budget Line Item Transfers as listed. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Donations

- Motion by Geary to approve the donations totaling \$3,255.00 as listed. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Report on Teaching & Learning

Elementary/Middle School Standardized Testing- Math

- 2014 Math MCAS data was presented for Grades 3-8
- Hanover is a Level 2 District this year
- High School is a Level 1, Middle School & Elementary Schools are Level 2
- Grades 3 and 4- narrowed GAP deficiency and there was a 7% increase in Math proficiency
- Grades 5-8, the goal is to move all students to a higher scoring category and to increase scores for students with disabilities
- Current Grade 8 cohort- over time since 4th grade- made growth over time since 2011, except for 2014
- Current Grade 8 cohort Students with disabilities – increase in students in warning in 2014 (43%), in 2013, 20% were in warning
- Percentages change simply by a student gaining additional points and moving up a level or by a student shifting out
- Comment by Ms. Lynch- How many students didn't receive a diploma last year due to MCAS scores? Response by Dr. Raab that there was none. Comment by Ms. Lynch that she just wants to put it in perspective. She is not happy with the scores but would like to show the overall pictures
- Comment by Mr. Marriner that its alarming to see the data
- Question by Mr. Phillips- Can students take the MCAS additional times? Response that they can take it 4 times and there will be a plan in place to remediate such problems
- Comment by Ms. Booker that its important to help the children with IEPs or 504s so we don't lose them to out of district placements
- MCAS- does not assess college readiness skills- shifts of the Common Core will help to prepare for the PARCC Assessments
- Three major shifts are focus, coherence and rigor
- Major, Supporting and Additional Clusters – some clusters require greater emphasis based on depth of ideas, the time they take to master and the importance to future mathematics
- Challenges: Number and Operations- Fractions, Grade 3&4; Operations and Algebraic Thinking Grade 5; Statistics and Probability Grade 6, The Number System Grade 7 and Statistics and Probability Grade 8
- Question by Geary-What is the drawback to PARCC? Response by Ms. Hurley that we haven't seen the drawbacks yet. Sample questions show that PARCC is making an effort to match questions with curriculum. The sample tests seem appropriate and laid out in straightforward manner.
- Performance Expectation- students will receive targeted instruction in math and staff will be able to articulate key shifts in the Common Core

- 2014- 2015 Strategic Actions include- Math pilot, community forums, Vision 2020 sustainable funding, professional development for Common Core, evaluate technology needs and to meet needs of all our students
- Question by Mr. Marriner-any student in warning can receive tutoring? Response by Mr. Colantuoni that its available to any student- general or special education
- Question by Ms. Lynch- how many students would stay for tutoring after school? Response by Ms. Hurley- she probably had about 25 students per grade attend
- Comment by Mr. Geary that the hard work put into this presentation is evident and it shows a unified message

Action Items

AED Surplus Equipment:

- Fire Department can use surplus AED at the Public Library and will maintain it
- Motion by Geary to approve the donation of a surplus AED to Fire Department to be used at Hanover Public Library and maintained by the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Subcommittee:

- Would we like to form one again this year and who should we nominate? 2 members of the school committee can serve
- Mr. Geary would like to nominate Mr. Phillips for one of the seats due to his skill set in finance
- Mr. Marriner seconds Mr. Phillips nomination.
- Ms. Booker would be happy to nominate Mr. Marriner and Ms. Lynch thinks that Mr. Marriner did a wonderful job that year
- Question by Ms. Lynch- Why can't we make it a permanent subcommittee? Response that it can only have a 1 year terms and needs to be reestablished each year
- Motion by Geary to establish a budget subcommittee for the remainder of the FY15 with the purpose of developing a FY16 budget. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Geary to nominate Mr. Marriner & Mr. Phillips to the budget subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Lynch. Roll Call- John Geary- yes, Ruth Lynch- yes, Kimberly Booker, yes- with abstentions by Phillips and Marriner.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Geary to adjourn at 8:43 pm. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrea Holmes

Documents Used:

Minutes 11-5-14

FY15 Salary Line Item Transfers & Summary

Donations 11-19-14

Presentation slides Elementary/HMS Math Standardized Assessment Report

AED Surplus Equipment