

Hanover School Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 5, 2014  
Hanover High School

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

**Also Present:** Matthew Ferron, Thomas Raab, Deb St. Ives, Adam Colantuoni, Jane DeGrenier, Michael Oates, Emily Baird, Anna Hughes

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by 7:00 pm by Chairman Marriner.

**Public Comments:** None presented.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Phillips to approve the minutes of October 22, 2014 as written. The motion seconded by Lynch. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Report of Superintendent:**

**M.A.S.S. Superintendent Award**

- The award was presented to David Raab for superior academic achievements

**Eagle Scout Project Presentation**

- Ryan MacDonald presented that he would like to make a 12X20 pergola shaded outdoor classroom which includes landscaping and pruning of trees and added mulch
- Hanover Community Preservation Committee would like to know if the School Committee supports such project before they fund the project
- Motion by Phillips to formally support Ryan MacDonald's Eagle Scout project as presented on November 5, 2014. The motion was seconded by Lynch. The motion carried unanimously.

**Updates & Events**

- FACE EVENT- South Shore Middle School Cross Country Invitational was held last week. Hanover girls were overall champs and Boys came in second place. Nicholas Courtney was boy's championship runner.
- Draft schedule for budget development was provided to the School Committee Members
- Election Day was held at Hanover High School and it will be discussed in the future to possible have PD day on election day
- Ms. St. Ives, Mr. Marriner and Dr. Raab presented to Town Advisory Board about Vision 2020 and some possible costs with the same
- Mr. Ferron attended the Newcomer's Club event last night and it was a great experience and hopes that everyone feels we are working together and headed in the right direction
- Next week would like to debut a television show with Hanover Community Access- that showcases each school and athletics- Tribe TV will be Tuesday night at 7:00
- Comment by Ms. Booker that she is concerned with the name of the show. She is concerned that "Tribe" may be a sensitive word to some people and the word needs to be used in a respectful way.

- Response by Mr. Ferron that he wants this to be a source of fun to the community and the intent was to make a name for the show that shows community, family and collaboration. It will be discussed and some other options will be presented.

## **Finance Department**

### **Donations**

- Finance Department website was updated and a narrative was provided to explain the budget issues over time so the public could have a greater understanding
- Question by Ms. Lynch- is the sign that sponsors hang in athletic events taken from the donation? Response by Dr. Raab that it's a 4:1 to ratio- the sign is about \$1,000 and the donation is about \$3,000
- Question by Mr. Marriner regarding equity between two elementary schools- how can we make sure it's equitable? Response by Dr. Raab that he is meeting with Hanover PTA tomorrow to discuss that issue
- Motion by Phillips to approve the donations totaling \$14,297.00 as listed. The motion was seconded by Lynch. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Athletics User Family Cap**

- Dr. Raab used the FY14 actual participants to explore a cap. He started by exploring a cap at \$1,000 per family. That cap would have helped about 26 families this year. However that would be about a \$12,000 loss to the athletic department.
- So far the athletic transportation costs have come in as less than budgeted
- Also gate receipts should be more than anticipated
- So Dr. Raab is confident that we could absorb the loss for FY15 and provide an immediate cap for the most hard hit families
- Then we could explore in more detail for future years
- Comment by Ms. Lynch that it must be clear to parents that this is an initial relief for this year only and it will be looked at in greater detail going forward. Also it shows that you are being responsive to parents concerns.
- Comment by Ms. Lynch that can we discuss sharing gate receipts with Norwell for the Thanksgiving game? Dr. Raab responded that he can discuss that with them
- Motion by Phillips to proceed with establishing a family user fee athletic cap of \$1,000.00 for FY15. The motion was seconded by Lynch. The motion carried unanimously. Note by Mr. Marriner that the motion was made with the intent of exploring it further in the budget development for FY16.

## **Report on Teaching & Learning**

### **Elementary/Middle School Standardized**

- Tonight we are looking at MCAS but we are looking forward to common core and the next generation assessment (PARCC)
- Looking at MCAS ELA- we track the same group of children from year to year
- As students transition from elementary to middle school, we still use the same data to track progress
- In grades 5-8, the percentage of students in warning/needs improvement has decreased over time since being tracked in Grade 4. Also the number of proficient has increased over time
- We have identified strengths and challenges
- In grades 3-8, the biggest challenge is writing and integration of knowledge and ideas in writing

- We need to work on the following: Read and comprehend and complex text, write effectively and analyze resources and present knowledge and ideas into writing
- 2014-2015- will continue to focus on preparing students and teachers on each skill
- 2015-2016- will provide Professional Development on complex strategies and close reading
- We will know if we are succeeding by student achievement in PARCC
- When you go forward towards PARCC, we are looking at the overlap between MCAS and PARCC standards and the teachers are adjusting the curriculum to work accordingly
- Steve Lovell- Amount that the kids gained in one year is amazing. If we continue to push without acknowledging those gains, we will lose sight of what's important. We should push forward but need to acknowledge the achievement of the teachers and students

### **Action Items**

#### Surplus Equipment-

- Inventory needs to be declared unusable so it can be disposed of properly
- We don't receive any money for this but its to ensure that the items are properly disposed of
- Motion by Phillips to declare the inventory listed on November 5, 2014 as surplus items. The motion was seconded by Lynch. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comments: None**

Motion by Phillips to adjourn at 8:52 pm. The motion was seconded by Lynch. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrea Holmes

Documents Used:

Minutes 10-22-14

Donations 11-5-14

Presentation slides Elementary/HMS Standardized Assessment Report

Surplus Equipment