

***Hanover School Committee Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2019
Hanover High School***

Present: Mrs. Leah Miller, Mrs. Kimberly M. Booker and Mr. John Geary

Also Present: Matthew Ferron, Thomas Raab, Deborah St. Ives and Keith Guyette

Absent: Mrs. Libby Corbo and Mrs. Ruth Lynch

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Mrs. Miller.

Public Comment: None presented

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Booker to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes from February 6, 2019 as written. The motion was seconded by Geary. The motion carried unanimously.

The February 14, 2019 minutes were tabled due to a quorum to vote the minutes was not present.

Report of the Superintendent presented by Mr. Ferron:

- **Events and Updates** - Cedar Playground finalizing plans for appropriate pre-kindergarten to kindergarten playground. Paving/construction work will start in June and will be completed by start of next school year. HHS hosted a Medical Career Day on February 26th, which was coordinated by Lisa Della Croce, HHS PE/Wellness teacher. Students in the Life Saving Skills, Anatomy & Physiology as well as some of the PE/Wellness and Broadcast Journalism classes were invited to attend. Professionals from the industry, including: Surgeons, Physicians, Veterinarians, Respiratory Therapists, Physical Therapists, Health Service Administrators, Emergency Medical Technicians and Nurses were there to speak to students about education and its impact on their careers. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students. HMS held their annual spelling bee on Friday, February 15th. A contestant from each homeroom (10 per grade) is sent to compete in the school spelling bee. Congratulations to all participants and the winners: 1st place, 8th grader Dan Nguyen, 2nd place, 6th grader Julia Fitzgerald and 3rd place, 8th grader Kevin Lawit. Winter Sports Tournaments: Girls Hockey was defeated on February 26th in the second overtime by Bishop Fenwick, the final score was 3-2. Boys Basketball will host Milton on February 28th. Boys Hockey will play the winner of February 27th Nantucket/Attleboro game on Friday, March 1st at 4pm or 6pm. The game will be at Gallo Arena in Bourne. MSAA (Massachusetts School Administrators' Association) Winter State Dance Competition - Saturday, March 2nd 1:00pm at Weymouth High School. HHS Festival Performance - "At the Bottom of Lake Missoula" Tomorrow at 6:30pm in the HHS Auditorium - free admission. HHS is hosting 7 local districts for their performances for the METG (Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild) Drama Festival this Saturday, March 2nd at HHS beginning at 9am in the auditorium
- **Superintendent Evaluation Timeline** - A draft of the Superintendent Evaluation timeline was shared and reviewed with the Committee. The process is similar to past years and has worked well. If the Committee has any questions about the process or any of the proposed dates they were asked to let Mr. Ferron know so he and the Chairperson can work on a revised timeline.

Mrs. Booker and Mrs. Miller questioned whether to conduct a "Workshop" as done last year. Mr. Ferron will discuss with Rachael as for a good day between drafts and submission.

- **2019-2020 District Calendar** — First day of school is Wednesday, September 4th, 2019. A decision has not been made as to whether this will be a half or full day. Professional

Development Days will be in the fall with the final one on March 3rd for the Presidential Primary. The last day of school (without snow days) is June 19th and with snow days could be June 25th.

Mrs. Miller questioned rationale behind a half day as opposed to a full first day of school. Mr. Ferron noted that this is more of a placeholder in anticipation of its necessity but if there are concerns will be made a full day. Mrs. Booker believed that it should be a full day for student scheduling and to help all working families. Mr. Geary supports the Committee's feelings towards a full day of school. Mr. Ferron will republish Draft 2.0 to reflect this decision.

Mrs. Miller questioned the necessity for closing school on March 3rd for the primaries. Mr. Ferron stated that many districts close on this day.

Mr. Geary asked if it's possible to go to school on December 23rd and what the implications would be. The potential lack of attendance and other factors for closing this day were discussed.

Mrs. Booker questioned changing elementary half-day Tuesdays to full days. Mr. Ferron stated that it would require impact bargaining and this conversation could take place in the Fall of 2020.

- **Center School Building Project Update** - Presented by Mr. Ferron. The project is wrapping up and the building dedication will be on March 5th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. There will be a brief speaking ceremony followed by a reception and building tours. Everyone is invited to attend. A building committee meeting took place on February 28th to discuss the project's end.

Report of Finance Department: Presented by Dr. Raab:

- **Donations** - Donations totaling \$2,297.00 were received from the Hanover PTA and Hanover Cultural Council.

Motion by Booker to approve the donations totaling \$2,297.00 as presented. The motion was seconded by Geary. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Q2 FY'19 Revolving Account Update** - We are still working with the FACE program to allocate revenue and expenses appropriately between the Before & After Program and the Enrichment Program. There are many overlaps of staff and families making proper assignment of expenses and revenue a challenge. With an overall balance of \$19,019.81, the program continues to be self-funded and provides a wide assortment of opportunities for Hanover families. There is one error to report. More salaries than were budgeted were inappropriately coming out of the Preschool revolving account causing it to run into the negative temporarily. These salaries were properly budgeted in the operating budget and should have been debiting from there. The negative Preschool balance has been corrected and currently the account balance is \$17,649.56 as expected this time of year.
- **FY'20 Budget 3.0** – No change on this budget. Next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 6th 7:00 pm at HHS to review the FY'20 Budget with Advisory Committee.

Report on Teaching and Learning:

- No report at this time

Action Items:

- **Annual District School Choice Vote** – Mr. Ferron recommends the Committee to vote *No* as in prior years. The information is a requirement by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Motion by Booker, pursuant to MGL Ch. 76 Section 12B, for the Hanover School Committee to choose not to participate in the School Choice program for the 2019-2020 school year, due to high enrollment and class size limitations. The motion was seconded by Geary. Motion carried unanimously.

The next School Committee Meeting will be on March 13, 2019. Expected agenda items are: Public Hearing on the FY'20 School Department Budget, Approval of the FY'20 School Department Budget, Approval of the 2019-2020 School Calendar, Elementary School Transition Update, and HS Update on Program of Studies.

Mrs. Miller questioned if the hope is a high percentage of students selecting a major within HHS Connect. Mr. Ferron replied that the upcoming freshmen will be the first class to pursue a pathway for their high school years and that this will likely be discussed as part of the Program of Studies presentation.

Motion by Booker to adjourn at 7:29pm. The motion was seconded by Geary. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Documents Used:

Superintendent Evaluation Timeline
2019-2020 School Calendar Draft 1.0
Donations
Q2 FY'19 Revolving Account Update

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