

Hanover School Committee Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2014
Hanover High School

Present: William Marriner, John Geary, Michael Phillips, Ruth Lynch & Libby Corbo

Also Present: Matthew Ferron, Deb St. Ives

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

Public Comments: None presented.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion by Corbo to approve the minutes of March 18, 2014. The motion was seconded by Geary. The motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Corbo to approve the executive session minutes from February 12, 2014. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously with an abstention by Geary.

Report of Superintendent:

District Events and Updates

- Staff/Student basketball game at the high school- Thursday night, 3/27/14
- High School Junior Prom on Friday night, 3/28/14
- Hanover has received Foundation Reserve Funds- unrestricted grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 in response to an application for "pothole funds."
- Draft School Calendar has been provided to the Committee for review
 - One change will be 1 teacher prep day (September 2) and school would begin for students on September 3
 - o Also ½ day- the day before Thanksgiving is a recommendation to shorten the time in June, due to winter weather etc.

HHS Field Improvement Update- Mrs. Parnell & Dr. Raab

- Update from Bob Murray- baseball backs/covering should be done by Saturday
- Opening game is on Monday
- There will be no conflicts with tennis, they will be away in case the backs are not complete
- Electrical circuit behind shed will be done by Monday or Tuesday
- Javelin Court is complete and ready to be used on Tuesday
- Discus pad will be poured at the end of the week and the pad will be ready to go by Wednesday
- Comment by Mr. Geary regarding fencing separating Cedar from sports area- has Bob Murray responded? Response by Ms. Parnell that he has not responded yet about the fencing but she will follow up with him.

Report of Finance Department:

Report on Lunch Prices FY15

- Proposal would be an increase of .25 cents
- FY14 loss will be about \$5475- the revolving account balance will still be about \$34,000
- Next year expenses will exceed revenue if we do not increase lunch prices

- \$40,000-50,000 should be an ideal projected balance in the revolving account to offset any changes/increases in food prices
- The FY15 projection with the lunch increase is to ensure that revenue exceeds expenses estimated at \$8,000 - \$9,000 for next year.
- State and Federal reimbursement is .32 cents per lunch

Question by Ms. Lynch- Can we discuss the Funding Sources for Revolving Account and the difference between the Operating Budget and Revolving Account? Response by Mr. Marriner that the Operating Budget is presented to the Town for funds that the town has- Revolving Costs come from systems that charge for that service or function – in the case of food service- we would like to net out to \$0- the sports budget it is revolving because the funds are fee based and operating funds are also used that the town and school have allocated

Athletics budget report for FY15-Dr. Raab & Mrs. Parnell

- Dr. Raab gave a history that in FY12 sports were going to be cut and that is how the user fees were structured – by adding the user fees, the following was able to happen:
 - The girls lacrosse, swimming & diving, gymnastics are all now self funded, added assistance coaches, replaced uniforms and continually replacing supplies
 - FY14 Athletics exhausted its reserve funds
 - Reserve will be about \$10,000 and we would like to ideally keep it at \$35,000
 - In January- it was estimated that about \$25,000 in revenue would need to be raised to keep level services and also transportation numbers were softer in January (about \$60,000 versus actual \$80,000)
 - Current funding structure would allow for a \$78,822.35 deficit for FY15
 - We are working towards fundraising to cover the deficit, but the deficit is larger than expected when an initial athletics budget was presented in January
- Question by Mr. Marriner regarding donations? Response by Mrs. Parnell that donations are earmarked for something extra – Response by Mr. Marriner that it would be nice to use the donations to offset the line item, for example for uniforms, from the operating budget
- Comment by Ms. Lynch regarding gate receipts- how can we increase the receipts? Response by Ms. Parnell that if we host the Thanksgiving game, we do get a larger gate receipts and we alternate with Norwell from year to year
- Comment Ms. Corbo- per hour versus per trip for transportation? Response by Mr. Ferron that the estimates of how many hours per trip were used to help calculate the transportation budget, which should be level funded but we are working towards reducing that – we are hoping to realize savings
- Question by Mr. Phillips- does the FY15 deficit includes 8 assistant coaches and full time trainer that were proposed in January? Response by Mrs. Parnell that those ideas are now off the table and are not included in the \$78,000 difference
- The HS is looking into sponsorships and new partnerships to increase revenue and additional fundraisers

-Fred Damon- concerns about athletic fees

- Had a meeting with Dr. Raab, Mrs. Parnell and Business Manager to discuss the fees and has a real concern that Hanover is the highest in District C schools
- Looked at Rockland \$180 year, E. Bridgewater \$350 per sport- \$700 family cap, Whitman-Hanson \$250 sport, \$50 subsequent sport – Cohasset \$250, family cap \$1000, Pembroke \$175, family cap \$350, Hingham \$300 per sport, Duxbury \$250- family cap \$1100

- Why are we not in line with other towns??? What is our schools expectation of what we should provide for our students?
- Joanne Siglianni-How did this all happen? How did we get here? Response by Ms. Corbo by years of level service funded and your expenses continue to rise- you have to make cuts, which happened in FY12 – Response by Ms. Siglianni that she would like to help and would like to spread the word
- Tim Buckley – we should look at how the user fees effect families? User fees total \$210,000- to assume that revenue stream is there every year is disappointing. To cut user fees by \$100,000 to get it to a reasonable amount might help the greater student body. He wants it on the record that he is not advocating to cut teachers but could the funds come from somewhere else.
- Chris Christian- He coaches in another town and \$175.00 are the user fees
- Operational funds or revolving funds for athletic directors salary? Response by Dr. Raab that the athletic directors salary was taken out of operating budget in FY13
- Also does the band/other activities have a fee? Response by Dr. Raab that the Band does not have a student activities fees but they do lots of fundraising and it is an academic class
- Rachel Keating- Coach-If we can't make up the deficit, it's a strain on the coaches and athletes as well – what impact would it have on a student if a sports program will be cut? Would something be cut if we don't make up the difference?

Report on Teaching & Learning:

MCAS and PARCC Update

- Final stages of ELA MCAS assessments and should be complete at the end of the week
- PARCC field tests are opening up at this time and should be completed April 9th

Action Items:

Appoint SC member to School Building Committee

- Ms. Corbo would like to nominate Mr. Phillips to the committee. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Lynch. The nomination carried unanimously.
- Mr. Marriner gave the Support of the Committee to appoint Ms. St. Ives as a member of the committee with the educational background/component needed

Kindergarten Tuition

- Tuition in the amount of \$ 3,750.00
- Motion by Corbo to approve Full Day Kindergarten tuition of \$3,750.00 for FY 15. The motion was seconded by Geary. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Comment by Ms. Corbo- goes to Ms. Keating's comment regarding additional coaching positions- we do have those conversations and are thoughtful of that.

- Comment by Mrs. Parnell- In January- we thought we would get 8 new assistant coaches and a full time trainer. At this time, this is not the case. She just would like to get the information out of there. This is a budget proposal and we will not make and decisions about cuts at this point.
- Comment by Ms. Keating- do we need to prepare? We should prepare for the what if.

Motion by Geary to adjourn at 8:52p.m. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrea Holmes

3/27/14

Documents Used:

Minutes 3-18-14

Minutes Executive 2-12-14

Athletic Budget Report FY15

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