

Hanover School Committee Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2021
Virtual Meeting
4:00 PM

Present: Mrs. Leah Miller, Mr. Pete Miraglia, Mrs. Ruth Lynch, and Mrs. Ryan Hall

Absent: Mrs. Libby Corbo

Also Present: Matthew Ferron, Tom Raab, Michael Oates, Matthew Mattos, Matthew Plummer, Kelly Lawrence

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM by Mrs. Miller.

Action Items:

FACE Field Trip Request presented by Mrs. Lawrence:

- The Office of Family and Community Engagement is requesting the HMS Cross Country Team to participate in the Ocean State Cross Country Invitational at Goddard Park in Warwick, RI On Friday, September 24th. The students would be registered based on the number of participants within the Division. The field trip is an excellent opportunity to experience a large-scale invitational. As of today, we are asking you approve the field trip proposal contingent on the ability to secure transportation and nursing services. If we do not have those two critical pieces in place, we will not be able to go. We will make a decision by noontime on Friday.

Mrs. Miller entertained a motion to approve the FACE Cross Country Field Trip contingent on securing ample transportation and nurses. Motion by Lynch to approve the field trip request for the HMS cross country team to attend the Ocean State Invitation in Warwick, RI on September 24, 2021. The motion was seconded by Miraglia. Roll Call, Ruth Lynch- aye, Ryan Hall – aye, and Leah Miller – aye. The vote carried unanimously.

2021-2022 Home School Approvals presented by Mr. Ferron:

- We have received ten requests for home schooling. Seven out of the ten are renewals, which are necessary annually. There are three new requests this year. Mrs. St. Ives recommends a total of fifteen students, from ten families, be approved for Home School. This has gone down from last year. The committee is not given these names and Mr. Ferron does not know the names of the families at the moment. Mrs. St. Ives controls the confidentiality and the privacy of the students and families. Mr. Ferron recommends the committee to approve the Home School requests.

Questions:

Mrs. Lynch: What were the numbers this year compared to last year?

Mr. Oates: At this time last year, we had eleven families and twenty students. The highwater mark last year was in November with thirteen families and twenty-six students district wide.

Motion by Miraglia to approve the 2021-2022 Home School Requests. The motion was seconded by Lynch. Roll call vote: Ryan Hall – aye, Ruth Lynch – aye, Peter Miraglia – aye, and Leah Miller – aye. The vote carried unanimously.

Mr. Ferron announced that he, Dr. Raab, and Mr. Oates met today with a candidate for interim business manager. They think he is an experienced, qualified candidate and will be a good fit to step in. Reference checks still need to be done. Dr. Raab and Mr. Ferron will meet on how this will build into the budget. If this candidate does work

out, the committee will be notified by Friday with the details and an introduction of this candidate will take place at next week's meeting.

Dr. Raab wanted to make the committee aware of a request from the HS Class of 2024 for a fundraiser that has the potential to raise exactly \$10,000. It does not meet the criteria whereby a vote of the School Committee is required. This fund raiser though might generate interest in the community. A family in the Class of 2024 generously donated two tickets to the Patriots versus Buccaneer's game on Sunday, October 3rd. The students will try to sell 200 tickets at \$50 each. They will cap it at 200 tickets. They will use the proceeds for the senior events. Also, the paraprofessionals have reached out to Dr. Raab and Mr. Ferron to begin negotiations earlier than June when their contract is expires. They would like to work with Dr. Raab and Mr. Ferron together as they have had that relationship for the past several years. It is anticipated that the cafeteria workers and the administrative assistants will reach out to work out contracts. We will keep you updated. If there are any concerns or objections, please let Mr. Ferron know.

Questions:

Mr. Miraglia: Is that a 3-year contract?

Mr. Ferron: Our expectation is that we will be working towards a 3-year contract. If it isn't settled before Dr. Raab leaves, we will continue and bring it to the Committee when it gets to the point for approval.

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2021, at 7:00 PM at Hanover High School. Expected agenda items will be: FY '22 Budget Updates, COVID Health Update, Approval of Minutes

Motion by Miraglia to adjourn the open session at 4:15 PM. The motion was seconded by Lynch. Roll call vote: Ryan Hall – aye, Ruth Lynch – aye, Pete Miraglia – aye, and Leah Miller – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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