

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

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

**Also Present:** Deb St. Ives, Dr. Raab, Matthew Paquette, Matthew Plummer & Hugh Galligan

**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 as written for February 12, 2014. The motion was seconded by Corbo. The motion carried unanimously with an abstention by Geary.

**Report of Superintendent:**

District Events and Updates:

- Tournament Time-Boys & Girls Basketball and Boys & Girls Ice Hockey
- Overall winter sports have done really well at the high school
- National Spelling Bee- Grade Level contests and school wide spelling bee in the elementary and middle school
- National Honor Society Students have helped the elementary students with the science fair projects- which has been a huge success

Full Day Kindergarten Report

- As of February 13<sup>th</sup> for full day program- registration is now closed
- Center School needs a lottery – communication was done through connect ed, email and Facebook
- 60 names will be drawn and then an additional 10 names will be put on the waiting list
- The first 5 students on the waiting list will be offered spots at Cedar if they choose to take them
- Lottery will be held on Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am at Center School and the information will be provided that day
- Full Day and Half Day Kindergarten notifications will go out on March 5<sup>th</sup>

Vision 2020 Update

- Had 2 meetings so far in which the process was discussed and then they broke into groups, K-2, 3-5 and 6-8 to brainstorm criteria for ideal program components
- The information will be shared at the building level by teams members and brought back to the next meeting with additions from the staff

HHS Field Improvement Update

- The Update was presented by Ms. Parnell- Athletic Director
- All of the options were discussed for the baseball field and the best option was to add 2 poles on each side and add canopying over the back stop – this should stop most balls from entering tennis courts

- Phase 2- If some balls continue to go into the tennis courts- we will raise the fence in between and have tennis team use first 4 courts
- Track and Javelin/ Discus area- use option of turf behind the scoreboard- which is a safer option – the trees/area will be cleared – this was approved by Conservation
- Mr. Murray expects to start at the end of the week and project will be complete by March 17<sup>th</sup>
- Comment by Mr. Marriner about how the area will be secured? Response by Ms. Parnell that either caution tape or removable fencing would be installed- DPW thought that the removable fencing was too labor intensive. Response by Mr. Marriner that the caution tape is unacceptable to secure an area from elementary children

### **Report of Finance Department:**

#### **FY15 Budget Update**

- Difference between Level Services and what town has offered is around \$350,000.00
- Public Hearing Next Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at HHS at 7pm
- All the budget information will be provided and discussed for the public
- Question by Corbo regarding transportation- has it been decided on whether or not the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders will be on the bus with 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> graders? Response by Mr. Marriner that he believes that is happening but will look into it further

### **Report on Teaching and Learning:**

#### **Hanover High School Program of Studies:**

- Would like to add a Community Service Requirement for Graduation which will help students to become active citizens
- This will be 40 hours- broken down over 4 years, so 10 hours over each year
- Junior Community Service Day and Senior Humanities Project are already imbedded in the curriculum and will not be included in the 10 hours of each year
- In their senior year, they should have it completed by April 1<sup>st</sup>
- If students struggle to find opportunities- there will be some on site at high school
- There will be an electronic form in Aspen where students can keep track of hours and a form will be handed in with supervisor's contact information
- The definition will be: Community Service is an action, performance, or a "hands on" activity by an individual or group without compensation, whose effort will directly benefit others.
- Comment by Mr. Geary that Draft says "with compensation." Dr. Raab noted error and will change the same
- Is there supervision for students? An adult has to sign off on the hours and Dr. Raab would discourage students from doing activities from being unsupervised
- Update on 2 categories: Schedule was implemented 7 years ago with an extended block and we are still struggling with the schedule- most teachers would like to return to a traditional 7 period- 50 minute schedule- this does not affect the traditional class/core classes but may affect the electives
- Persistent problem with electives- students are not able to get into the electives that they want and is a consistent source of frustration for teachers, students and parents
- Would like to figure out a way to solve the problem, which was created by a few circumstances: there are less offerings, 150 more students and directed studies were eliminated

- May offer a directed study every other day, which would help to eliminate some of the issues with electives – if students want them, they may be available or they can be fully scheduled without study halls
- Humanities: Reading and Writing Rubrics- Updated to be aligned with common core; introduced more granularity for types of writing; assessment tools to determine levels of achievement
- Introduction to Public Speaking is open to all students
- Philosophies of Success was dropped due to enrollment and its redundant of another class
- Adding Honors Level French 2 and 3 and Honors Spanish 2 and 3
- STEM: Problem Solving Rubric: Word change: data to information
- Math Pathways updated to current names of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade courses
- Added marine biology, which is budget dependent
- Anatomy and Physiology- added presentations to the course and added Level 1
- Physics AP-1 and AP-2- reflect the changes made by College Board for the 2015 AP Physics Exams
- Video Production- Honors- Updated course description
- Digital Media-1- streamlined all Digital Media to 2.5 credit
- Physical Education and Wellness Rubric was created and revised- broken down into team sports, individual sports, life time activities- also mental and emotional wellness, social wellness and safety and prevention- Evaluation for students would be for wellness classes (not team sports)
- Addition of Painting 2- Level 1
- Music: Courses were renamed to Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Chamber Music- Percussion Ensemble was added as a new course
- Music in TV was added as a new course
- Music Technology was renamed to Digital Music Production and Music Theory description was updated
- Motion by Phillips to accept the HHS Program of Studies 2014-2015 as detailed with amendments stated. The motion was seconded by Geary. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None presented

Motion by Geary to adjourn at 8:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrea Holmes  
2/27/14

Documents Used:  
Minutes 2-12-14  
Vision 2020 Math Update  
HHS Program of Studies 2013-2014  
HHS Program of Studies 2014-2015  
HHS POS Edits  
HHS Community Service Requirement