

Hanover School Committee Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2023, 7:00 PM
In-Person and Virtual Meeting
Hanover High School; Media Center

Present: Mrs. Libby Corbo, Mrs. Ryan Hall, Mrs. Ruth Lynch, and Mrs. Kristen Cervantes.

Absent: Mr. Pete Miraglia

Also Present: Mr. Matt Ferron, Mrs. Debbie St. Ives, Mr. Michael Oates, Ms. Kaitlin Morelli, Mr. Matthew Plummer, Mr. Birolini, Mrs. Jane DeGrenier, Mr. Jesse Craddock, Mr. Steven Henderson, Landon McLaughlin, Declan King, Charlie Carrol, Maura Canny, Julia Leskow, Ms. Leslie Turocy, Matthew Bellerby, Mrs. Megan McBride, Ms. Andrea Hurley, and Ms. Rachael Brewin.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chair Corbo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Corbo advised that the agenda would be presented out of order.

HHS Hawks Esports Team Presented by Mr. Steven Henderson and Mr. Landon McLaughlin, Captain of the Smash Brothers team: Mr. Henderson and Landon shared the first year of the Hawks Esports Club and the club's experiences and successes.

Questions/Comments:

Mrs. Lynch asked if it could be watched and how. Mr. Henderson explained it can be watched on the streaming service, [Twitch](#) and uploaded to [YouTube](#).

HHS Italy Trip Review from Students Presented by Mr. Matthew Plummer, Declan King, Charlie Carrol, Maura Canny, and Paulina Leskow: Mr. Plummer, Declan King, Charlie Carrol, Maura Canny, and Julia Leskow shared a slideshow of their experiences on the Italy trip.

Questions/Comments:

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Cervantes, and Mrs. Lynch appreciated the students sharing their experiences and the chaperones, who gave up their time and took the risk of escorting the students on this trip.

- **HS Student Account Authorization – Board Game Club Presented by Ms. Lesley Turocy and Matthew Bellerby:**

Ms. Turocy and Matthew Bellerby presented a new student activity account to approve for the HHS Game Board Club. Matthew continued by sharing that the Board Game Club will provide a place for students and even interested teachers to play their favorite board games among their peers. This club fills a gap for students who want to be involved at our school but do not feel they fit in anywhere else. At the Board Game Club, no prior skills or experience is required to have a fun time. Our catalog will range from simple games such as Monopoly and more complex games such as Catan. The primary goal for this club is to have fun and unwind after school. However, other benefits may include lasting friendships and increased confidence.

Questions/Comments:

Mrs. Corbo inquired about the interests of other students and when the meetings would be. Matthew replied there is a lot of interest and that meetings could be on early release days as the meetings could go on for hours depending on the game.

Mrs. Hall shared that she loved the idea of students disconnecting from their phones and connecting with friends.

Mrs. Cervantes reviewed the club laws and was impressed by the thoughtful design and thoroughness.

Mrs. Corbo entertained a Motion to approve the *HS Student Account Authorization – Board Game Club* as presented. The motion was moved by Mrs. Hall and seconded by Mrs. Cervantes-roll call vote Ryan Hall-Aye, Elizabeth Corbo-Aye, Kristen Cervantes-Aye, and Ruth Lynch-Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Approval of Minutes:

February 15, 2023: Motion entertained by Mrs. Corbo to approve *February 15, 2023, School Committee Open Session Minutes* as written. The motion was moved by Mrs. Hall and seconded by Mrs. Cervantes-roll call vote: Ryan Hall-Aye, Elizabeth Corbo-Abstained, Kristen Cervantes-Aye, and Ruth Lynch-Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

March 8, 2023: *March 8, 2023, School Committee Open Session Minutes* were tabled until May 10, 2023, meeting.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- **Events and Updates Presented by Mr. Matthew Ferron:**

Mr. Ferron shared events and updates in the District. Please direct any questions to Mr. Michael Oates.

- HHS Spring Pops Concert
 - April 27th at 7:00 PM
- HHS Junior Prom
 - April 28th
- HHS AP Exams
 - Begin next week
 - Continue for the next couple of weeks
- Coffee and Transition Talk; Representatives from the Department of Developmental Services at Tempus Unlimited
 - Friday, April 27th at 10:00 AM
 - Gears towards students and families leaving school and going into the workforce and other aspects of their life.
 - Sponsored by SEPAC
- HHS Senior Events
 - List of events in the Committee packets
 - June 2nd – Graduation.
 - May 25th – Academic and Scholarship Awards Night
- Fiber Municipal Fiber Grant
 - Partnering with the IT Department and Hanover Fire Chief Jay Cavallaro
 - Total cost is a little under \$280,000
 - Reduced over time with the help of the IT Department
 - Grant request is for \$250,000

- Would be to apply to create a linked fiber network throughout all of the school municipal buildings over time
- Originally, the project was linked to schools, town hall and a few other facilities fire police.
- If awarded the grant, the project that will be implemented and completed, a radical improvement in our IT infrastructure, speed, accessibility, and other capacities will be much better not only for the individual user, but between all of our buildings.

Mrs. Corbo added a reminder that the Annual Town Meeting is May 1st. Attendance and support is appreciated.

Questions/Comments: None at this time.

- **Policy Section K; Second Reading Presented by Mrs. Kristen Cervantes and Mrs. Ruth Lynch:**

Mrs. Cervantes presented Section K for a second reading. She explained there were some changes as feedback was received. Most changes were the usual grammatical mistakes, but the most significant change was Section KEC which was removed from this Section and to IJ-R. Mrs. Lynch added that they wanted to use the Hanover Community as the group for giving feedback. Mrs. Cervantes requests to vote Policy; Section K for an “in form” vote.

Mrs. Lynch noted the Policy Section IJL-R is incorrect and should be IJ-R. She continued by thanking Mrs. St. Ives and the Library Team. Mrs. St. Ives explained the changes made on each school’s library page on the website, and changes will be made as deemed by the School Committee. Mrs. Lynch shared that this “new” policy is in place of the “former” policy KEC.

Questions/Comments: None at this time.

Mrs. Corbo opened the floor up for Public Comment.

Public Comment:

Mr. Eric Grund-70 Heritage Way, via online, advised the Committee that he could not hear one of the speakers. The microphone volume was adjusted.

Mrs. Corbo entertained a Motion to approve in form *Section K*, as presented. The motion was moved by Mrs. Hall and seconded by Mrs. Cervantes-roll call vote Ryan Hall-Aye, Elizabeth Corbo-Aye, Kristen Cervantes-Aye, and Ruth Lynch-Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Policy Section L; Second Reading Presented by Mrs. Kristen Cervantes and Mrs. Ruth Lynch:**

Mrs. Lynch presented Policy Section L for a second reading. She continued to explain that no feedback or changes were given. Mrs. Lynch requests a vote of Policy, Section L, for an “in form” vote.

Questions/Comments: None at this time.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Mrs. Corbo entertained a Motion to approve in form *Section L*, as presented. The motion was moved by Mrs. Hall and seconded by Mrs. Cervantes-roll call vote-Aye, Ryan Hall-Aye, Elizabeth Corbo-Aye, Kristen Cervantes-Aye, and Ruth Lynch-Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Policy Section J; First Reading JA - JLA Presented by Mrs. Kristen Cervantes and Mrs. Ruth Lynch:**

Policy Section J; First Reading JA – JLA was tabled until the May 10 School Committee Meeting. Policy Section J will be presented for the first reading in full at this meeting. The Policy Committee would like Mr. Jim Hardy from MASC to review it before giving it to the Committee.

Questions/Comments: None at this time.

- **Policy Section IJL-R; First Reading Presented by Mrs. and Mrs. Lynch Kristen Cervantes:**

Mrs. Lynch noted the Policy Section IJL-R is incorrect and should be IJ-R. This policy was discussed with Policy Section K, First Reading.

REPORT OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- **FY '23 Q3 Revolving Account Report Presented by Mr. Matthew Ferron:**

Mr. Ferron presented and reviewed the FY '23 Q3 Revolving Account Report. The report reflects revenue and spending from the Revolving Accounts from July 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023. Overall, the Revolving accounts are tracking as expected, except for a few accounts, which were summarized on the [FY '23 Q3 Revolving Account Report](#), posted on the School Committee website under Public Documents.

Questions/Comments: None at this time.

- **FY '23 Donations as of April 14, 2023, Presented by Mr. Matthew Ferron:**

Mr. Ferron presented donations of \$22,667.14, which were received from HFEE, HPTA, and Joe's Country Store/Coffee for approval.

Questions/Comments:

Mrs. Corbo and the Committee would like to thank HFEE, HPTA, and Joe's Country Store/Coffee for their generous donations.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Mrs. Corbo entertained a Motion to approve *Donations for \$22,667.24* as presented. The motion was moved by Mrs. Hall and seconded by Mrs. Cervantes-roll call vote-Aye, Ryan Hall-Aye, Elizabeth Corbo-Aye, Kristen Cervantes-Aye, and Ruth Lynch-Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Report on Teaching and Learning:

- **Middle School Student Data Presentation Presented by Mr. Dan Birolini, Ms. Megan McBride, Ms. Andrea Hurley, and Ms. Rachael Brewin:**

Mrs. St. Ives, Mr. Birolini, Mrs. McBride, Ms. Hurley, and Ms. Brewin presented to the Committee the [Middle School Student Data Presentation](#), which can be found on the School Committee website under Public Meeting Documents. For more details, please visit the Hanover Public Schools website for the [April 26, 2023, School Committee Meeting](#).

Questions/Comments:

Mrs. Corbo, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Lynch, and Mrs. Cervantes expressed their concerns and related questions. Mr. Birolini, Ms. McBride, Ms. Hurley, and Ms. Brewin responded to their concerns and questions.

Mrs. Corbo shared and reviewed the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) **FY22 per Pupil Expenditures spreadsheet** pulled off the website. This will be shared and posted for the public record as [FY22 State Per Pupil Exp - FY22 State Total Expenditures](#) and [FY22 State Per Pupil Exp - FY22 State Total Exp Adjusted](#).

Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Corbo discussed Mrs. Corbo's two spreadsheets in length.

Action Items:

- **HS Student Account Authorization – Board Game Club Presented by Mrs. Lesley Turocy and Matthew Bellerby:**

HS Student Account Authorization: Board Game Club was presented at the beginning of the meeting out of order.

Public Comment: None at this time.

The next School Committee meeting is **on May 10, 2023**. Expected agenda items will be: Policy J; Second Reading JA - JLA, Policy J; First Reading JLC – JRD, FY '23/'24 Budget Update, FACE Update, and other items TBD.

Mrs. Corbo encouraged the Community to attend the May 1, 2023, Town Meeting.

Mrs. Corbo entertained the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 PM. The motion was moved by Mrs. Hall and seconded by Mr. Miraglia-roll call vote Peter Miraglia-Aye, Ryan Hall-Aye, Elizabeth Corbo-Aye, Kristen Cervantes-Aye, and Ruth Lynch-Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tahnee Warner

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Executive Assistant/ Recording Secretary

Documents Used:

Appendix A Policy Section K; Second Reading
Appendix B Policy Section L; Second Reading
Appendix C Policy Section J; First Reading JA – JLA. (Tabled until the May 10, meeting.)
Appendix D Policy Section IJ-R; First Reading
Appendix E FY '23 Q3 Revolving Account Report
Appendix F FY '23 Donations as of April 14, 2023 (Updated 4/26/23)
Appendix G Middle School Student Data Presentation
Appendix H Student Account Authorization – Board Game Club
HHS End of Year Schedule of Events
MASS Massachusetts Association of Superintendents FY24 State Education Aid Update