

Hanover School Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2014  
Hanover High School

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

**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 as written for January 29, 2014. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously with an abstention by Marriner.

**Action Items:**

**HHS Field Trips**

- Field Trip to Costa Rica was presented by Mr. Perry
- this trip was student driven- its open to all students
- all ACIS trips are mindful of the History and Environmental Science and Language and Culture
- Question by Corbo regarding communication-Students are allowed to bring cell phones- there is Wi-Fi in the hotel and a chain of communication in case of an emergency
- Question by Corbo- The trip is \$3000.00, is there any financial aid available? There are scholarships available or they can fundraise
- Question by Lynch- Have other students in the area been on this trip? Response that Mr. Perry has been in contact with other teachers/towns that have been and the response is very positive
- Motion by Phillips to approve the field trip to Costa Rica for 4/9/15-4/18/15 as detailed. The motion was seconded by Corbo. The motion carried unanimously.
- Jazz Festival at Plymouth State University for 5 student musicians-
- Motion by Corbo to approve the 2014 All New England Jazz Festival Field Trip Request as detailed. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.
- MMEA Festival at Seaport Hotel – Congratulations and Warm Wishes to the students invited to attend. Motion by Corbo to approve the MMEA All State Festival 3/20/14-3/22/14 at the Seaport Hotel as detailed. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

**Acceptance of Donations**

- Hanover PTA Donations for Cedar School, Middle School
- Donations total \$8,756.61
- Question by Corbo- How are funds that are not earmarked going to be spent? Response by Mr. Ferron that Box tops for Education were not earmarked but no curricular changes will be made with that money
- Motion by Phillips to accept donations in the amount of \$8,756.61. The motion was seconded by Corbo. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Report of Superintendent:**

### **District Events and Updates**

- Friends of Hanover Elementary Schools had a fundraiser at Pembroke Country Club last weekend- Donations from fundraising event is around \$48,000.00
- Intention is to work with the parents to put together a small advisory group (including parents, teachers, technology etc.) to look at the opportunities that this money could create for students
- Comment by Marriner that the School Committee would like the money validated to make sure its spend equitably between elementary schools and they may vote to approve it conditionally
- Town Manager is presenting State of Town Address at Town Hall, tomorrow at 7:30 am
- Mr. Ferron spoke with Bob Murray about high school fields- baseball field is being evaluated and schedule is still to be completed by first pitch of season
- Track & Field Events- Conservation Commission meeting was snowed out and is now rescheduled for Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. There is a Plan B if the Conservation
- Question by Corbo- did we follow up with the softball field? Internally they followed up with softball coach and there is no issue with foul balls in the tennis court
- Mr. Ferron spoke in regards to Dr. Raab's Proposed Community Service Requirement for 40 hours over 4 year
- This will be addressed further next week at his proposed studies changes/requirements

### **MSBA Update- Center/Sylvester**

- We were contacted by the Project Coordinator to set up a conference call with him
- Town Manager was able to find a Funding source for feasibility study
- Need to create a building committee for this and a School Committee Representative will be required
- Question by Phillips regarding how much a feasibility study would cost? Response by Mr. Ferron that Mr. Clarkson has set aside about \$500,000.00

### **Town Manager's FY15 Budget Submission Breakdown for HPS**

- Town budget was presented for the town last week
- Town Manager Recommendation for Operating side budget for HPS is \$24,027,579.00
- Warrant Article for Special Education Relief in the amount of \$300,000.00
- Public Hearing for budget will be March 5, 2014
- Gap between Level Service Budget and Town Manager's budget is around \$345,000.00
- Gap between HPS needs budget and Town Manager's budget is around \$900,000.00
- Comment by Corbo that if we could see a presentation that if the Town Manager's Budget stands and we have a deficit of \$345,000.00- how would that impact the students?
- Mr. Rowe applied for relief for extraordinary funds through state and Ms. Shea may apply for relief under special education costs

**Report of Finance Department:**

FY15 Budget Update

- Already covered under other categories

**Per Pupil Expenditure**

- FY 11 and FY12 Per Pupil Spending by DESE was provided- FY13 has not been released yet
- Its broken down by category and shows where Hanover stands in relation to like districts as identified by DESE
- Overall Hanover ranks 10<sup>th</sup> out of the 11 towns presented
- One reason Hanover is low on the list is the insurance/retirement category- Hanover has a 50/50 split between employees and town

**Report on Teaching & Learning****Full Day Kindergarten Update**

- Completed kindergarten registration today
- Center- 68 students for full day, 32 for half day
- Cedar -33 students for full day, 20 for half day
- Cedar has 40 full day slots and Center has 60 full day slots
- Center- Out of 32 students for half day-20 would use SCORE program for 2-5 days
- Cedar – Out of 20 students for half day-13 would use SCORE program for 2-5 days

**Public Comments:**

- Comment by Corbo -Nominations for school committee papers are due March 24 or 28<sup>th</sup> with signatures

Motion by Corbo to enter executive session to discuss litigation strategy only to return to open session for adjournment.

Roll Call Vote- Libby Corbo- Yes, Michael Phillips- Yes, William Marriner- Yes, Ruth Lynch- Yes

Motion by Corbo to adjourn open session of February 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion was seconded by Phillips. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrea Holmes

2/13/14

**Documents Used:**

Minutes 1-29-14

MMEA Field Trip Request

Jazz Festival Field Trip Request

Costa Rica Field Trip Request

Donations 2-12-14

Per Pupil Expenditure FY 11 & FY12