

Hanover School Committee Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2015
Hanover High School

Present: William Marriner, John Geary, Michael Phillips, Ruth Lynch and Kimberly Booker

Also Present: Matthew Ferron, Thomas Raab, Deb St. Ives

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

Public Comments: None presented

Approval of Minutes: Minutes are tabled for this meeting

Public Hearing on FY16 Budget

Public Comments: No questions were presented in regards to the budget

School Committee Vote: Dr. Raab recommends the school committee vote on the FY16 operating budget as follows: \$21,325,756 in salaries, \$3,594,687 in expenses, totaling \$24,920,443.

Motion by Geary to approve the FY16 Budget Version 3.0 for total of \$24,920,443.00 as detailed in budget 3.0. Motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Report of Superintendent

Updates and Events:

- Award was presented to Jack Buckley for scoring 1000 points during the boys varsity basketball 2014-2015 season
- FACE office and Middle School presented Wizard of OZ last weekend and it was a huge success
- The Sound of Music will be performed next weekend at the High School
- Cedar School has family night this week
- Center/ Sylvester has a kindergarten dance party coming up
- Tomorrow night is Middle School Museum Of Science sleepover

Draft of 2015-2016 School Calendar

- This year Friday June 26th will hopefully be the last day of school
- Next year 2015-2016 calendar – first day of school will be September 1st for teachers and students will begin on September 2nd
- November 3rd will be a Staff PD day due to the election schedule
- Thanksgiving break would be 1/2 day on Wednesday and no school on Thursday and Friday
- Christmas Break would be Thursday December 24-31st
- Traditional February and April vacations
- 5 snow days will be built in so last day of school would be June 23rd
- One thing to be considered is to hold graduation on a Friday night on the turf field to make it easier in case of hot weather
- Comment by Mr. Geary that there is one typo- Thanksgiving break should be November 26 & 27, not 28th
- Question by Mr. Phillips- When is the last time we started before Labor Day?
Response by Dr. Raab that for the last 6-7 years, we have started before labor day

Finance Department

Donations

-Total donations for this week is \$4,851.77

- Question by Mr. Marriner- are all schools enrolled in Target program? Response by Dr. Raab that all schools are enrolled and donations for schools not listed here should be forthcoming

Motion by Geary to approve donations as listed in the amount of \$4,851.77. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Expense Transfer Request

-Currently we have a prior year expense encumbrance of \$3,256.95 on a purchase order that is partially paid from last year FY14- it was rolled into FY15 in case we received a balance bill from vendor. To date, we have received no invoices on this purchase order

- Need to transfer money into the special education revolving account

Motion by Geary to move sum of \$3,256.95 from a partially paid purchase order into special education revolving account. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Report on Teaching & Learning:

HHS Program of Studies

- A Summary of Changes was presented for 2015-2016
- Some minor changes were made such as, dates and names.
- The new rubric criteria for HHS graduates to speak effectively was added
- *The Pearl* was deleted from English 9-1 and 9-2
- Addition of Anchor TV/Broadcast Journalism
- Looked at all social studies electives and extended them out to be full year courses
- Updated mathematics language to align to the Common Core expectations
- Other changes are editorial or grammatical
- Psychology/Sociology will also be a year-long elective
- Question by Mr. Geary- explain the difference between 2.5 credits versus 5 credits. Response by Mr. Paquette that some electives can be taken full year for 5 credits or every other day for 2.5 credits but all will be year long
- Comment by Ms. Lynch- great work creating such an outstanding document- Mission Statement is very clear, description of courses is excellent and what is expected of students is clear. I commend you and the School Council on this
- Mr. Paquette would like to recognize Dr. Raab on his hard work on this Program of Studies
- Motion by Geary to accept the HHS Program of Studies 2015-2016 as written with minor changes in the future. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried by a majority vote with an abstention by Lynch.

Action Items: None

Public Comment: Comment by Mr. Geary that he had a meeting today with staff and Ann Logan of PTA regarding Vision 2020- made a 3 part plan over the next 8 weeks to have the community informed of the Vision 2020 plan.

Motion by Geary to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrea Holmes

Documents Used:

School Committee Vote Memorandum

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