

Hanover School Committee Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2017
Hanover High School

Present: Mr. John Geary, Mrs. Kimberly Booker, Mrs. Ruth Lynch, Mrs. Libby Corbo, and Mrs. Leah Miller

Also Present: Matthew Ferron, Thomas Raab, Joan Woodward, Hugh Galligan, Matthew Plummer and Sheila Walsh

Absent: Debbie St. Ives

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Geary.

Public Comment: None presented

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Booker to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes for May 24th as presented this evening. The motion was seconded by Lynch. The vote carried unanimously.

Motion by Booker to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes for June 7th as presented this evening. The motion was seconded by Lynch. The vote carried unanimously.

Motion by Booker to approve the meeting minutes as presented for September 13th as presented. The motion was second by Lynch. The motion carried unanimously.

Report of the Superintendent:

- **Events and Updates** - There is a North River Collaborative quarterly report included in the packets for the Committee's review. On Wednesday, October 18th from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm **SMART** (Social Media Athletic Recruiting Techniques) presentation will be held. Walter Osterman, President of Social Mavens, will be running the event and several college representatives will be in attendance. The event will provide information to those students who aspire to play college sports and the importance of maintaining an appropriate social media profile. Friday night is the Hanover Huddle where Hanover will be playing Pembroke in the football game. The Homecoming Dance is Saturday night. Inclusive schools week is next week. Many events and activities are planned. Check the calendar for events at the schools.
- **Center School Building Project Update by Mrs. Corbo** - A lot of action going on around. A "Topping Off" celebration is tentatively planned for November 8, 2017. They are just waiting for confirmation that the Mass School Building Authority regarding this date. Further communication will be sent out once they receive confirmation.
- **Special Education Subcommittee Update** - A meeting was held on September 20th. The next meeting will be November 1st at 11:00am. All meetings are public and everyone is welcome to attend. The Committee would like to conduct parent & student surveys. The survey will focus on questions that are vetted by the Department of Education or the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that prove to be valid and reliable. Three committee members will review the questions and provide feedback to the Committee at the next meeting.

- **Negotiation Team** - Action is needed from the Committee to appoint two members to the Collective Bargaining Subcommittee. Selectman John Tuzik, appointed by the Town Manager, Troy Clarkson, will represent the Town for the purposes of negotiations. Mr. Tuzik is present tonight. He will be a voting member; he will be present at public discussion as well will be present at Executive Session to discuss strategy and updates. Appointment of Negotiations Subcommittee members also required. Both Mr. Geary and Mrs. Miller are prospective appointees.

Motion by Booker to appoint Leah Miller to the Negotiation Subcommittee for Collective Bargaining. The motion seconded by Lynch. The vote carried unanimously.

Motion by Corbo to appoint John Geary as a member of Subcommittee Negotiation Team. The motion seconded by Lynch. The vote carried unanimously. Mrs. Booker thanked both Mr. Geary and Mrs. Miller for their willingness to serve on this Subcommittee.

Mr. Geary read an email that was shared with him from Ed Quinn, who is a grandparent of a Hanover student. Mr. Quinn thanked Mr. Ferron, Maggie Fuller (student), and the staff, in relation to the *Choose Presence Campaign*. Maggie Fuller has given a gift to her generation and her parents. He fully believes this program will provide structure to an environment that has no structure.

Mr. Ferron thanked the staff that showed up for the night of the *Screenagers* Presentation. He appreciates the time and effort the staff has given towards the *Choose Presence* Campaign. They have gone above and beyond and it is much appreciated.

Report of Finance Department Presented by Dr. Raab:

- **Donations** - Totaling \$1,534.05

Motion by Booker to approve \$1,534.05 in donations as presented this evening. The motion was seconded by Lynch. The motion carried unanimously.

Report on Teaching and Learning:

- **HHS School Improvement Plan & HHS Connect Update** - presented by Hugh Galligan, Matt Plummer and Sheila Walsh. Mr. Ferron briefly spoke to the Committee regarding Mr. Paquette's health. He is doing well and he feels the administrative team has done a fantastic job stepping up during Mr. Paquette's absence. He is hopeful to be returning very soon. As shown in Appendix B1, Mr. Galligan began the presentation with the review of Goal #1, Safety and Security. He then continued with Goal #2, *HHS Connect* Update. Currently, the staff is in year two, Implementation, of this three-year plan. Mrs. Walsh continued the presentation focusing on Core Skills and Learning Expectations. *Chalk Talk* Protocol was used and Mrs. Walsh reviewed the protocol in depth surrounding the five Core Learning skills: Reading, Writing, Speaking, Problem Solving, and Technology. Mr. Plummer then led into Pathways: Fine & Performing Arts, Business, Finance & Entrepreneurship, Technology & Engineering and Health and Human Services. He continued the presentation with a comparison of the Pathways and the *Program of Studies* and whether or not the Pathways fit into the *Program of Studies*. Discussion continued and specific questions were posed by the Committee to the presenters regarding the goals of *HHS Connect*. Mrs. Lynch specifically asked whether or not the graduation requirements would change once the *Program of Studies* is complete and implemented. Conversation continued surrounding the ideas and possibilities of this program. The presentation then moved on to Goal #3, Professional Development and concluded with the Technology Goal, which is a district-wide goal. The goal for this item is to increase training in technology integration and digital literacy. ITSE (Information Technology Service Excellence) standards were reviewed and explained how they relate to their current Technology Goals. Mr. Plummer wanted to recognize both Brian Converse and

Pam Manning who have been recently added to technology team, both in different capacities, but have made a tremendous difference. Mrs. Lynch commended the presenters on a job well done and is happy that only one school presents their *Improvement Plan* at each meeting allowing appropriate time afforded to each school.

Action Items: No Items

Executive Session: (Will not Return to Open Session)

- **For the Purpose of Collective Bargaining Strategy**

Public Comment: None presented

The next School Committee Meeting will be October 25, 2017 at Hanover High School: Items currently on the Agenda are Elementary and HMS School Improvement Plan Updates, FY'18 Monthly Budget Summary, HHS French Exchange Program Request.

Motion by Booker to adjourn at General Session and enter Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Lynch. The motion carried unanimously. Roll Call, Ruth Lynch - Aye, Kimberly Booker - Aye, Leah Miller - Aye, Libby Corbo - Aye, John Geary - Aye.

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa V. Keefe

Documents Used:

Donations

HHS School Improvement Plans & HHS Connect Update

Appendix A

Appendix B1 & B2