

Hanover School Committee Meeting Minutes
June 7, 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 and Matthew Plummer

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 meeting minutes of May 24, 2017 as presented. The motion seconded by Lynch. The vote carried unanimously.

Report of the Superintendent:

- **Events and Updates:** Mr. Ferron informed the Committee that Mrs. St. Ives is absent this evening due to a family function. He also urged everyone to check the calendar for all of the fun events happening. The 8th graders are still in Washington, DC, and having a great time. Mr. Ferron was able to watch the band perform on Facebook Live. Next week the 6th graders are going to Camp Squanto. The High School Boys Lacrosse team just beat Hull in the South Sectional Semi Final game. They will be playing Cohasset this Friday in Marshfield. The Rugby team will be playing for the first ever MIAA State Championship against Milton at Endicott College, this Saturday at 2:30 pm.

There was a meeting today with administration leadership team concerning goals for next year. The focus has been on media addiction. Mr. Ferron reviewed the ideas, issues and plans that will be utilized beginning this fall. Included in the packets tonight are copies of the Legislation and recent articles concerning Mascots, for the Committee's review.

- **Special Education Sub Committee Update by Mrs. Booker** - The Special Education Subcommittee met this morning, June 7th. The next meeting is scheduled for September 20th at 11:00 a.m. All meetings are public and all are welcome to attend. Flexible furniture was discussed at the meeting, as well as surveys for the district. Stephen Lovell is actively recruiting teachers from elementary schools to look at flexible furniture; the committee looks forward to an update in the fall. The next step for flexible furniture will be the needs and funding of the middle school. The Committee recommends that the school conduct the Tell Massachusetts Survey with the teachers in the fall. The Committee is also gathering information to be discussed in September to conduct a parent and possible student survey in the spring.
- **Center School Building Project Update by Mrs. Corbo** - There is nothing new to report. There is a meeting tomorrow at 7:00 pm at Hanover High School which is open to the public. They will be discussing the bid material for the general contractor.

Report of Finance Department Presented by Dr. Raab: No report

Report on Teaching and Learning:

- **Class of 2017 College & Career Update - Class of 2017: Update presented by Mr. Plummer.** This year's class of 2017 was a wonderful group of students and excellent role models. They are going on to do great things. The presentation highlighted what each student's plan is for next year. In addition, the list of scholarships was reviewed. Over 1000 applications were submitted. The community supported Ninety-nine scholarships; the total amount awarded was in excess of \$200,000.00. Mr. Plummer reviewed the difference between early action vs. early decision within the college application process to the Committee. Mrs. Lynch thanked Mr. Plummer for supplying the information. She feels the information is extremely helpful for the Committee to see the breakdown of this information.
- **Student Services Update presented by Ms. Woodward** - An overview of Student Services was shown in Appendix A. Ms. Woodward gave an in-depth explanation of the programs and needs associated with each program. The presentation included the number of students that have Individual Education Plans (IEP) in each grade. The presentation also included the number of teachers and staff that are utilized to support these students.

Ms. Woodward discussed the Circuit Breaker tax relief and reviewed the status of the Extraordinary Relief Grant funds that were received this year.

Next, Ms. Woodward reviewed the services outside the day to day school year. These services include North River Collaborative partnerships, Out of District Placements, Extended School Year Services, Home Hospital Tutoring, updated DCAP, and the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Program.

Ms. Woodward also included survey information results from a survey given for the first time this year. Although the percentages of responses were low, all that responded were very high remarks.

Professional Development presentation continued which included a breakdown of the trainings offered. A recap of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) was also reviewed. Acknowledgment was given to the Special Needs Athletic Partnership (SNAP) for their help and support. The update concluded with the English Language Learners (ELL) portion of the presentation. Conversation continued regarding the number of students at the high school that require an IEP with the number of students that require additional services for MCAS.

Mr. Geary noted an error in the numbers shown in a presentation for Cedar School. Ms. Woodward will recalculate the numbers and send the corrected figures to the Committee. Further discussion continued concerning district programs and in depth explanation was given regarding the programs, and whether or not it is possible to offer the programs to the students earlier in the year. Mrs. Corbo asked for clarification regarding the Extended School Year program and how it is determined whether or not a student would require or be eligible for this program. Ms. Woodward explained that this is a joint decision between the team and parent of the student if it is deemed necessary.

Action Items:

- **February 2018 HHS Quebec Field Trip Request - Presented by Mr. Ferron, on behalf of Ms. Youngworth.** This is the same trip the students took this year, in which the Committee received an update from students that attended.

Motion by Booker to approve the February 2018 Hanover High School Quebec Field Trip as presented this evening. The motion was seconded by Lynch. Mrs. Corbo voiced her concern about the cost of the trip. She feels that it is a substantial cost for families for a three day trip. Mr. Ferron agreed to speak with Mr. Paquette and the teachers regarding the cost of this trip and cost of potential future trips. The vote carried unanimously.

Executive Session - At this time the Committee will be going into Executive Session. Roll Call vote. Motion by Booker to leave General Session and go into Executive Session at 8:06 pm without the intent to return to General Session. The motion was seconded by Lynch. Ruth Lynch - Yes, Kim Booker - Aye, Elizabeth Corbo - Aye, Leah Miller - Aye, John Geary - Aye.

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled:

June 21, 2017 at Hanover High School: Expected Agenda Items will be: FY17 Budget Close-Out Report, FACE Update & Summer Program Preview, Community Service Update, 2017-2018 Superintendent's Goals Draft 1.0

- **Public Comment:** None presented

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa V. Keefe

Documents Used:

Student Services Update:

February 2018 HHS Quebec Field Trip Request:

Appendix A

Appendix B