

Hanover School Committee Meeting Minutes
April 5, 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, Debbie St.Ives, Joan Woodward and Matthew Paquette

Mr. Geary recognized Mr. Bob Shea who recently passed away. He sent condolences to the Shea family. The wake is Friday at Sullivan's Funeral Home.

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

Public Comment: None Presented

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Lynch to approve the School Committee minutes of March 22, 2017 as written. The motion seconded by Corbo. The vote carried unanimously with abstention from Mr. Geary.

Report of the Superintendent:

- **Events and Updates** – Mr. Ferron was happy to mention that there are a lot of great things currently going on. There is a home run derby as well as a culture show coming up. Last night was the Plymouth County Educators Association Annual Banquet. Hanover was very well attended with approximately 60 teachers in attendance and almost half of them received recognition based on nominations from their colleagues. In addition to faculty many administrators were also there to support and recognize Hanover educators. Hanover Public Schools is working to build a stronger partnership with YMCA. They will be offering free swimming lessons for all kindergarteners on Tuesday afternoons. This Friday night the Junior Prom will be held at Granite Links. The boys' basketball coaches and captains will be attending the next meeting in order to be presented with the team banner. The Hanover rugby team has been recognized by MIAA with almost 50 students participating. Mr. Ferron is very proud and happy and thanked the Committee for his evaluation.

Mrs. Corbo had a question about the safe grad night being planned. Mr. Paquette will speak to the parent group running this program and will get further information to the Committee regarding this event. The event will be held at the U and Mr. Ferron thanked them for donating their venue for this event.

- **Superintendent Summative Evaluation 1.0** - Mr. Geary began the evaluation of Mr. Ferron, and was cognizant of the fact that it was being done in the public eye. Mr. Ferron's Evaluation was completed and the overall evaluation was *Exemplary* for this year, which is a change from last year's *Proficient* rating. There are two portions to the Evaluation. Hanover Public Schools Goals is the first portion, and the second portion are the Goals that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) sets. The Hanover Public Schools' Goals were evaluated independently by Committee members and a summative was then compiled by Mr. Geary. There were four Goals for Mr. Ferron each having five stages of criteria. The Goals and criteria were reviewed individually and compiled into the Summative Evaluation. The DESE Goals were

also broken down and reviewed individually. Mr. Geary commended Mr. Ferron on the *Exemplary* ranking. He also communicated ideas about possible recommendations for the future could be documented during the evaluation process. The floor was opened to the Committee for comments. Mrs. Corbo commended Mr. Geary for the amount of work and accurate representation of what he received from the Committee. Once approved, the both summarized and individual evaluations will be available to the public. Mrs. Booker reiterated Mrs. Corbo's words to Mr. Geary. Although this topic was not listed as an Action Item for this evening, with the Committee's agreement and without need for further review, Mr. Ferron's evaluation could be voted for approval this evening rather than waiting until the next meeting. Mr. Ferron thanked the Committee and feels that with the support he receives from the Committee he is able to be successful. Discussion continued regarding recommendations and whether or not they should be included in the evaluations going forward. It was determined that the evaluation process be looked at, discussed and reviewed further.

Motion by Corbo to approve the Summative Evaluation 1.0 as presented this evening, April 5, 2017. The motion was seconded by Booker. The vote carried unanimously.

- **Center School Building Project Update** - Mrs. Corbo stated that over the past two weeks the Committee has been very busy. The prequalification process will continue for at least another two weeks. The Building Committee recently received unanimous approval from the Planning Board and today at 6:47pm received unanimous approval from the Conservation Committee. The Board of Health has not yet set the date for their vote of approval.
- **Special Education Sub Committee Meeting** - Mrs. Booker spoke on behalf of the subcommittee. They met this morning and the next meeting is May 3rd at noon. All meetings are public and all are welcome to attend. They will continue to work on goal setting. Communication was discussed at today's meeting and the importance of it being data driven. The Special Education Reserve fund was discussed as well as the standup desks pilot program. They may potentially look at budget sources if the data proves these are beneficial to the students.

Report of Finance Department Presented by Dr. Raab:

- Donations - Donations totaling \$5,219.16 were reviewed and itemized.

Motion by Lynch to approve \$5,219.16 as presented this evening. The motion was seconded by Booker. The vote was carried unanimously.

Report on Teaching and Learning:

- HHS Accreditation (NEASC Report) - This report (Appendix B) was presented by Mr. Paquette. Mr. Paquette reviewed the Five Year Progress Report submitted by the NEASC Follow -Up Committee, dated March 1, 2017. All items, accommodations, and recommendations from the Two Year Progress Report were reviewed and Mr. Paquette explained the results. Mrs. Lynch commended Mr. Paquette on the success of the Report. There was discussion and minimal questions concerning the results. Mr. Paquette clarified when necessary.

Action Items:

- **Vote on Special Education Reserve Account** - Dr. Raab spoke regarding this Special Education Reserve Account that was discussed in detail during the previous School Committee meeting. Dr. Raab is recommending two votes from the Committee this evening. One vote will be to approve the Board of Selectman's proposal. The second vote would be to establish the Special Education Reserve Account. This vote would not officially establish the Account until the Town Meeting approves the establishment of such an Account. Thus if approved by Town Meeting,

the School Committee would have already taken a vote for approval. Mr. Geary wanted to clarify this fund would help to offset and support any unanticipated situation. There is a 2% cap on this fund and thus would not entirely solve an unanticipated problem or situation.

Motion by Lynch to endorse a Special Education Reserve Fund to co-sponsor this for the 2017 Town Meeting article. The motion was seconded by Booker. The vote carried unanimously.

Motion by Lynch to establish a Special Education Reserve Fund with consideration after a Town Meeting 2017 approval vote. The motion seconded by Booker. The vote carried unanimously.

- **Annual District School Choice Vote- Annual Action Vote**

Motion by Lynch to pursuant to MGL Ch. 76 Section 12B Paragraph D, the Hanover School Committee vote not to participate in the School Choice program for the 2017-2018 school year due to the enrollment and class size limitations. The motion seconded by Booker. The vote carried unanimously.

- **Public Comment:** None presented.

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2017 at Hanover High School. Expected Agenda Items will be the 2016-2017 Last Day of School Vote, SEPAC Update, Before and After School Rates.

Motion by Lynch to adjourn at 8:26 pm. The motion was seconded by Booker. The vote carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa V. Keefe

Documents Used:

Donations:	Appendix A
HHS Accreditation (NEASC) Report:	Appendix B
Vote on Special Education Reserve Account:	Appendix C