

School Committee Meeting (virtual meeting)
May 13, 2020
Minutes

Present were School Committee Members: Geoff Gorman, Nicole Bartlett, Don Myers and George Schmidt. Chris Santos was not present. Also present were: Patty DeBoer, Superintendent, Hope Hanscom, Assistant Superintendent and Paul Funk, Business Manager.

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Gorman called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

2. *Ratify agenda of May 13, 2020

Roll Call Vote: In favor of ratifying agenda - Mr. Gorman, Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Myers and Mr. Schmidt; opposed none.

3. Public Comment

None

4. *Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2020

Ms. Bartlett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to approve the minutes of March 18, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: In favor - Mr. Gorman, Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Myers and Mr. Schmidt; opposed - none.

5. Report of the Superintendent

- Personnel

Mrs. DeBoer reviewed the personnel report with the School Committee.

- School Closure and At-Home Learning (Hope Hanscom)

Mrs. DeBoer and Dr. Hanscom along with each school Principal presented an update for the School Committee regarding at-home learning.

- School Choice (students)

Mrs. DeBoer presented an update on School Choice.

- Planning Forward (Post-Closure/Reopening)

The Administrative Team has been meeting regularly to discuss strategies moving forward. As of now nothing is definitive. Mrs. DeBoer will update the School Committee.

- Planning for Success

Mrs. DeBoer reviewed the strategic plan with the School Committee. Mrs. DeBoer and the team do not feel they will be ready by July 1st to present to the Committee based on the current situation but will continue working diligently.

6. Report of the Business Administrator

- Food Services Meals Program and Revolving Account

Mr. Funk presented a report to the Committee regarding the food services meals program as well as grants and revolving accounts.

- FY20 Budget/Expenditures

Mr. Funk presented an update on the FY20 budget.

- School Choice (Financials/Expenditures)

Mr. Funk reviewed the School Choice revenue and expenditures with the Committee.

- 3-year Financial Plan

The School Committee as well as Mr. Funk and Mrs. DeBoer discussed the 3-year Financial Plan.

7. Subcommittee Reports

- FY20 Superintendent Evaluation

Mrs. DeBoer's evaluation was presented by Mr. Gorman. Overall Mrs. DeBoer received exemplary and proficient scores.

8. Specifically Assigned/Unfinished Business

- *Graduation Book for Class of 2020

Based on Mr. Balestracci and his student council recommendation Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the book "212 The Extra Degree" as the graduation gift to the 2020 graduates.

Roll Call Vote: In favor - Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Myers and Mr. Schmidt; opposed -none. Due to technical issues Mr. Gorman was not available to vote.

9. New Business

- *Changes SC 19-20 Meeting Schedule (May 27, 2020, June 10, 2020, June 24, 2020)

Ms. Bartlett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to cancel the May 27, 2020 meeting and add June 24, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: In favor - Mr. Goman, Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Myers and Mr. Schmidt; opposed - none.

The Committee also discussed moving the joint meeting with the MWPT to a later date

- *Reopening Working Group

Mrs. DeBoer will communicate regularly to the School Committee information regarding the reopening working group meetings.

10. Items the Chair did not reasonably know in advance (other)

11. Public Comment

None

12. *Executive Session

- Strategy for negotiations with non-union personnel

13. *Adjournment

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Myers to adjourn the meeting at 8 pm and enter into the Executive Session and not return to the regular meeting.

Roll Call Vote: In favor - Mr. Gorman, Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Myers and Mr. Schmidt;
opposed - none.

Respectfully submitted by,

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