



Cohasset Public Schools

143 Pond Street

Cohasset, MA 02025

Empower Students to Improve Communities

Cohasset School Committee Meeting

School Committee Minutes

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Learning Commons

Cohasset Middle and High School

143 Pond Street

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Virtual Access via Zoom and Facebook

6:00 P.M.

In Attendance:

Craig MacLellan, Chairman

Ted Carr

Lance Dial

Paul Kearney

Lydia St. Onge

Also, in Attendance:

Dr. Patrick Sullivan, Superintendent

Dr. Leslie Scollins, Assistant Superintendent

Barbara Cerwonka, Director of Student Services

Sue Owens, Director of Finance

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman MacLellan called the School Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. **Roll Call: Ted Carr – Present, Lance Dial - Present, Paul Kearney - Present, Lydia St. Onge - Present, Craig MacLellan - Present.**

School Committee Reorganization

Motion to make nominations effective next meeting, June 22, 2022, by Mr. Dial, seconded by Mr. Carr.

Aye - All

Chairperson: Mr. MacLellan nominates Mr. Dial as the chairman for the next year, seconded by Mr. Kearney.

All - Aye

Vice Chairperson: Mr. Kearney nominates Craig Maclellan as Vice Chairman for the next year, seconded by Mr. Dial.

Aye – 4

Abstain - 1

Secretary: Mrs. St. Onge nominates Mr. Carr as secretary for the next year, seconded by Mr. MacLellan. Aye - All

Public Comment

None

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan thanks Chairman MacLellan for his service as the chair of the School Committee.



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Graduation for the Class of 2022 was held this past weekend on June 4! Dr. Sullivan shared photos of the event.

The Deer Hill Spelling Bees were held for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. Kindergarten Orientation for next year's students and their families was held and preschool students got to take a bus ride to Osgood.

Coalition awards from Safe Harbors were held this week. Some sports teams are still playing and there will be more reports about that next time.

The Track and Turf project has hit a few snags in supply chain for the turf material. In the interest of ensuring that fall sports can participate the track will be put in in 8 weeks and then the existing turf will be used for the full Fall sports season.

School buses have been parked in a private lot and we are looking for more long-term solutions for our busses. Michelle Leary, town procurement officer has proposed a solution. A parcel of land that abuts Osgood school can be developed to park our school busses. There is a buffer of trees to protect the view from neighbors and it would be a dense gravel and not pavement because it is adjacent to wetlands.

Safety meetings have continued with the schools, police and fire. Police will be in our schools in workspaces. Schools will continue to be adamant about IDs for access to schools.

Student Advisor Update - The halls have been quiet with the seniors gone. This week in honor of pride month, each day has been assigned a different color of the rainbow. Class field trips – freshman – Museum of science, Sophomores – Aquarium, Juniors – Level 99 an escape room. AP students are going to Osgood and deer hill for a diversity day. On June 24 there will be a school clean up and then beach day.

Gift – Robotics Tool Cabinet for Eagle Scout Project (Carl Fernald) - Carl will be building this because the robotics materials are currently disorganized, and it will integrate a charging station and a robot case for travel. This will be a gift as a part of the Eagle Scout Project. It will be designed by Carl and he will be helped by the members of Troop 28.

Mr. Dial asked about materials – Carl will be use plywood, lumber and egg foam.

Motion to accept Eagle Scout Project by Mr. Dial, seconded by Mr. Carr.

Aye – All

High School Trip to the Galapagos Islands (Mrs. Laura Humphrey) – This will be Mrs. Humphrey's 10th trip with students. She has already traveled to Latin America. With Explorica the quality of lodging and food is high. It is adventure-based travel. Juniors picked the trip destination.

If the price is too high for families, they will look at a Costa Rica itinerary.

The number of students who sign up and the teachers who can go are counted and the proper ratios are maintained.

Motion to approve the proposed trip to the Galapagos islands by Mrs. St. Onge, seconded by Mr. Carr

Aye - All

Alternative Energy Commission Electronic Bus Proposal Presentation (Ms. Tanya Bodell)

Last December the AEC approached the SC to say we may have the opportunity to do an electric school bus demonstration project. We now have an opportunity to do a demonstration project with an Electric School Bus at the Rec Center. The level 2 electric charger would be provided by National Grid.

Enel X - Global Energy Company – Brianna Walsh presented the Cohasset eBus proposal, timeline for the project, and benefits of an eBus including cost savings, reducing risk, emission reduction, and being a leader in eBus adoption.

Mr. Carr thinks that this is a great opportunity and a great energy solution for the town. Mr. Dial is wondering about community engagement regarding the parking at the Rec Center.

This parking information has been offered by the town and if there is a different spot, it can be changed if we move forward with this contract.



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Would this replace a bus, would it be an additional bus? Sue Owen said that we currently lease 7 buses and the ebus would be number 8 and then we still own a bus.

Where are the busses made? Are they American made?

They are the same makers that we currently use. We have the goal to get a bus ordered before the EPA offers money to increase eBuses across the country.

Globally enel X manages about 3,000- buses.

Motion to preliminarily approve the demonstration ebus project pending further procurement and pricing information by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Carr.

Aye – All

Deer Hill School Handbook and School Improvement Plan (Mrs. Alexandra L. Sullivan) -

DH Family – School Relationship Survey (April 2022) – Organized around 4 compass point of the district strategic plan.

Compass Point #1

Area of strength – inclusivity, diversity, and multiple perspectives; academic learning environment; develop additional resources and supports to facilitate at home learning

Area of growth – need for better communication about what we already do; develop additional resources and supports to facilitate at home learning

Compass Point #2

Areas of strength – social emotional wellness, children enjoy going to school, inclusivity, diversity, empathy & global citizenship; trusted adults

Areas of growth – identify additional opportunities for students to develop & maintain supportive per relationships; develop additional concrete strategies to support students in navigating peer relationships

Compass Point #3

Areas of Strength – use of technology; access to resources; class sizes

Areas of Growth – maximize expertise of curriculum specialists and use of support staff to differentiate instruction for learners across all levels; leverage volunteers to target specific skills

Compass Point #4

Areas of strength – enrichment programs; opportunity for families to contribute to school community; opportunities to learn about curriculum; responsiveness

Areas of growth – understanding how data and student work is used to assess me child’s academic performance; develop effective communication structures re: curriculum & assessment; provide opportunities to celebrate student learning & accomplishments

Recurring themes: differentiation (who); curriculum & assessment practices (what); engagement (why)

Handbook Changes– page 11 – In a car, do not drop your children off in front of school. Page 18 – refer to the school committee’s policy for wellness

School Improvement Plan Changes – SMART GOAL #1 changes– action plan item – develop an effective communication structure for orienting families to the assessment process and timeline at Deer Hill

Goal #2 changes– Collaborate with PSO to organize a Community Expert Day; clearly articulate a curriculum based project at each grade level that provides an opportunity for families to join in celebrating the accomplishments of students; organize a family math event; organize a community event in collaboration with Cohasset PD that promotes bike and pedestrian safety

Goal #3 – action plan did not change, all items can grow and evolve

Osgood School Handbook and School Improvement Plan (Ms. Lisa Farrell) -



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Osgood Family – School Relationship Survey (April/ May 2022) – 170 Families Participated (51%) PK – 2

Strengths – majority comfortable when they come into the building; opportunities to be involved at Osgood; satisfied with how Osgood is preparing my child socially and emotionally; student feels a sense of belonging

Growth - school communication (87%) relative weakness. Ms. Farrell is now offering a Bloomz account for Osgood with updates, audiobooms, etc.

Handbook changes – pages 9 – 14 updated staff; added hyperlinks for policies; minor language changes around attendance; added district calendar link

School Improvement Plan Changes – Goal #1 – math PD

Goal #2 – continue implementing Responsive Classroom, Zones of Regulation, Size of Problems

Goal #3 – more community engagement; CHS students joined Osgood for holidays and diversity fair; would love to expand it to Middle School

Motion to School Improvement Plan for Deer Hill By Mr. Dial, seconded by Mr. Carr

Aye – All

Motion to Approve Handbook By Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Dial

Aye - All

Motion to Approve Handbook and School Improvement Plan for Osgood By Mr. Dial, seconded by Mr. Carr

Aye - All

Approval to Utilize the SPED Stabilization Find (Vote) (Ms. Susan Owen) – When we build the FY23 Budgets we planned to allocate \$200,000 from the SPEC Stabilization Fund to balance the budget to buy ahead tuition.

Motion to allocate \$200,000 of the SpEd Stabilization fund to balance the budget by Mr. Carr, seconded by Mrs. St. Onge.

Aye – All

Special Education Update (Mrs. Barbara Cerwonka)

The Student Services Website has been updated.

Special Education Qualification: diagnosed disability & inability to make effective progress for which you need specialized education. SpEd does not require an independent diagnosis or evaluation

Melissa McDonough, 306 Fair Oaks Lane: Is there any progress on the items raised at the forum last month or a plan to track them?

IEP Data For School Year 2021-2022 for Fall Winter Spring

Osgood 11.3% - 13.7% - 16.7%

Deer Hill 15.5% - 15.5% - 15.7%

CMS 16.1% - 17.4% - 15.5%

CHS 11.5% - 12.9% - 12.8%



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May 2022 Evaluations

Initial Evaluations – 15 eligible; 7 ineligible; referrals came from Early Intervention (1) – MTSS (9) –

Parents (6)

Reevals – 10

Reviews - 19

51 meetings

Cassie Muir, 40 Red Gate Lane – At the SpEd Forum the mention was the survey results would be shared tonight. Will those be shared tonight to review themes? The specific results about the Terri Hamm survey? Those will be shared after they are received.

School Committee Comments and Communication

School Committee 2022 – 2023 Meeting Schedule –

June 22 is scheduled as our next meeting.

July 13

August 10

March 29 instead April 5

Motion to approve 2022-23 Calendar Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Dial.

Aye – All

Approval of Minutes

April 27, 2022 – Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Dial, seconded by Mrs. St. Onge

Aye – 4

Abstain – 1

May 11, 2022 - Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Dial, seconded by Mr. Kearney

Aye – 4

Abstain – 1

May 18, 2022 - Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Dial, seconded by Mrs. St. Onge

Aye – 4

Abstain – 1

Motion to Adjourn Meeting by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Carr.

Aye – All

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 P.M.

Documents used at Meeting –

Presentation by Carl Fernald

High School Trip to the Galapagos Islands Presentation - Mrs. Laura Humphrey



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Electric School Bus Demonstration Project for Cohasset Schools - Collaboration via ENEL X - Brianna Walsh

Deer Hill Family-School Relationship Survey - April 2022 - Principal, Alexandria Sullivan

Osgood School Family Survey - Principal, Lisa Farrell

Special Education Update - Mrs. Barbara Cerwonka, Director of Student Services