



Cohasset School Committee Meeting

School Committee Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2019
Cohasset Middle-High School
Community Use Room
143 Pond Street
Cohasset, MA

In Attendance: Ellen Maher, Chairman
Jennifer Madden
Paul Kearney
Craig MacLellan
Ashley Colleary

Also in Attendance: Dr. Patrick Sullivan, Superintendent
Michael MacMillan, Director of Finance & Operations
Dr. Leslie Scollins, Assistant Superintendent

Chairman Maher called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll Call Vote; Paul Kearney-Present, Ashley Colleary-Present, Ellen Maher-Present, Jennifer Madden-Present, Craig MacLellan-Present.

Pledge-Recited.

Superintendent's Report-AP Awards-Dr. Leslie Scollins, Assistant Superintendent presented awards to students that received AP Scholar status, AP Scholar with Honor, AP Scholar with Distinction and National AP Scholar. She congratulated the group on a great accomplishment. She also presented awards to three students for the National Merit Program. Students and parents were in attendance.

AP Macro-Economics-Mr. Welsh stated this course was started by students asking for it. He is amazed by the focus of these students and impressed with the high grades they continue to receive. The students make the class very easy to teach. Dr. Sullivan thanked Mr. Welch for his continued hard work with the students. He consistently works with and inspires students. He is a great educator.

Camp Wing Report-Principal John Mills gave an overview of the highlights of the recent trip on September 11. The students had a great time. He created a survey to see how the students felt about the trip. He reviewed the results of the survey. The purpose of the survey was to revisit the purpose of the trip, explore the curriculum and evaluate the trip to accomplish the identified goals. Dr. Sullivan thanked Mr. Mills for talking to the students and getting them to open up about the trip. Mr. Mills added that they are currently working on a different trip in the spring as an alternative and different

experience. Mrs. Colleary asked if there could be some community service component for the spring trip. Mrs. Madden requested parents be requested to provide feedback as well.

AP Data Presentation-Dr. Leslie Scollins reviewed data with the Committee. The results were great. She reported that 182 AP students were tested, which was an increase of 33 students from the year before. There were 324 exams given, which was an increase of 57 exams from the year before. There has been a steady upward trend over the past few years. Last year 86% of Cohasset students scored a 3 or above. A challenge continues to be how we support our students taking AP classes on Virtual High School.

Dr. Sullivan reported on the first High Five event with first responders on Friday, which was a great event. The Freshman class hosted the Coastal Sweep and cleaned up the beaches. It was a great community service event. The Deer Hill and Osgood Schools had their back to school nights with new formats, which was met with great success. The district is now live with Aspen. Dr. Sullivan stated on October 15th there is a Safe Schools night with Police, Fire & Safe Harbor. Part of the presentation is the demonstration of "Hidden in Plain Site". On October 17th he is hosting a Superintendent's Coffee Talk. They will discuss the new start times of schools next fall. There are Parent/Teacher conferences on 10/23/19 & 10/24/19 at the elementary schools. Mr. Scott is also in the process of scheduling a Credit for Life Fair to help senior students how to be financially literate. On October 25th they are hosting Trunk or Treat. On October 26th there will be an information session for families of Deer Hill and Osgood schools who are interested in hosting METCO families. MCAS data will come out at the end of October.

Motion by Mrs. Colleary to move the approval of warrant agenda item until after the Finance Update, seconded by Mr. Kearney and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Finance- Director of Finance & Operations Michael MacMillan stated the District received a gift from the Clark Chatterton Fund for \$3000 to be used towards the purchase of a new sound system for Alumni Field and \$5175 from the PSO for Challenge Day and \$500 from Hingham Institute for Savings for Credit for Life program. **Motion by Mr. Kearney to accept the gift of \$3000 from Clark Chatterton Fund, seconded by Mrs. Colleary. Roll Call Vote; Paul Kearney-Aye, Ashley Colleary-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Jennifer Madden-Aye, Craig MacLellan-Aye.**

Motion by Mr. Kearney to accept the gift of \$5175 from the PSO, seconded by Mrs. Madden. Roll Call Vote; Paul Kearney-Aye, Ashley Colleary-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Jennifer Madden-Aye, Craig MacLellan-Aye.

Motion by Mr. Kearney to accept the gift of \$500 from Hingham Institute for Savings, seconded Mrs. Colleary. Roll Call Vote; Paul Kearney-Aye, Ashley Colleary-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Jennifer Madden-Aye, Craig MacLellan-Aye.

Approval of Capital Requests to Capital and Advisory-Mr. MacMillan reviewed the requests for Special Town Meeting. **Motion by Mr. MacLellan to approve the Capital Requests, seconded by Mr. Kearney. Roll Call Vote; Paul Kearney-Aye, Ashley Colleary-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Jennifer Madden-Aye, Craig MacLellan-Aye.**

Approval of Warrant-**Motion by Mr. Kearney to approve Warrant 20-6S, seconded by Mrs. Colleary. Roll Call Vote; Paul Kearney-Aye, Ashley Colleary-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Jennifer Madden-Aye, Craig MacLellan-Aye.**

School Committee Comments and Communications-School Committee Handbook-The SC reviewed the document. **Motion by Mrs. Madden to approve the School Committee Handbook as amended, seconded by Mrs. Colleary and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Reading of Policy AC-Nondiscrimination-1st Read-The SC reviewed the policy and agreed it is a policy that they will continue look over. **Motion by Mr. MacLellan to approve Policy AC-Nondiscrimination as amended, seconded by Mr. Kearney and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Reading of Policy JB-Equal Educational Opportunities-1st Read-**Motion by Mr. MacLellan to approve Policy JB-Equal Educational Opportunities, seconded by Mr. Kearney and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Reading of Policy GBA-Equal Employment Opportunity -1st Read-**Motion by Mr. MacLellan to approve Policy GBA-Equal Employment Opportunity, seconded by Mr. Kearney and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Reading of Policy GCF-Professional Staff Hiring-1st Read-**Motion by Mr. MacLellan to approve Policy GCF-Professional Staff Hiring, seconded by Mr. Kearney and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Reading of Policy JKAA-Physical Restraint of Students-1st Read-**Motion by Mr. MacLellan to approve Policy JKAA, seconded by Mr. Kearney and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Reading of Policy JFABF-Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care-1st Read-**Motion by Mr. MacLellan to approve Policy JFABF-Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care, seconded by Mr. Kearney and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Reading of Policy JFABE-Educational Opportunities for Military Children-1st Read-**Motion by Mr. MacLellan to approve Policy JFABE-Educational Opportunities for Military Children, seconded by Mr. Kearney and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Reports from Sub-Committee and Liaisons-Mrs. Madden attended the Alternative Energy Committee meeting. They have received a grant from Green Committees again and are funding a new boiler at the school. Policy sub-committee met. Mrs. Madden attended the Deer Hill Open House which was great. Mrs. Colleary stated there is a Safe Harbor event on October 10/16/19 at the library titled 'What Parents Need to Know About Adolescent Mental Health at 6:30 p.m. The Unity Council will meet on 10/23/19 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the book 'There There' by Tommy Orange. Mrs. Maher attended the Advisory & Capital Budget meeting as well as the Selectmen's meeting. The discussed the Capital Projects proposals. The Selectmen will discuss the Wheelchair Capable Van at their meeting on 10/15/19. Mr. MacMillan will give a cost/benefit analysis to the Board.

Approval of Minutes-**Motion by Mr. MacLellan to approve the minutes of 9/4/19, seconded by Mrs. Madden and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Motion by Mr. MacLellan to approve the minutes of 8/21/19, seconded by Mrs. Madden and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Motion by Mr. MacLellan to go into Executive Session for Exemption #3-Strategy related to negotiating, seconded by Mrs. Madden. Roll Call Vote; Paul Kearney-Aye, Ashley Colleary-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Jennifer Madden-Aye, Craig MacLellan-Aye.

The School Committee went into Executive Session at 9:07 p.m.

The School Committee exited Executive Session at 10:11 pm.

The School Committee adjourned the regular meeting at 10:12 pm on a motion by Mrs. Madden, seconded by Mr. MacLellan, All -Aye.

Documents Used at the Meeting

AP Awards	D-1
National Merit	D-2
AP Data Presentation	D-3
Capital Requests	F-1
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SC Handbook	G-1
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