



Cohasset School Committee Meeting

School Committee Minutes

Wednesday, May 10, 2017
Cohasset Middle-High School
Community Use Room
143 Pond Street
Cohasset, MA

In Attendance: Jeanne Astino, Chairman
Katie Dugan
Ellen Maher
Barbara Stefan
Amanda Zani

Also in Attendance: Louise Demas, Superintendent
John Tuffy, Interim Business Manager
Sue Skeiber, Interim Assistant Superintendent

Call to Order and Roll Call-Chairman Astino called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. **Roll Call Vote;** Barbara Stefan-Present, Katie Dugan-Present, Jeanne Astino-Present, Ellen Maher-Present, Amanda Zani-Present.

Pledge-Recited

Invitation to Speak-Resident Maura Jane Rodgers of 14 Oak Street read aloud and submitted a letter to the Committee regarding an incident with her son at the CMHS. She advised the SC she would return in two weeks for their response to her comments.

Approval of Warrant-Motion by Mrs. Stefan to approve Warrant 17-22S, seconded by Mrs. Dugan. **Roll Call Vote;** Barbara Stefan-Aye, Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Amanda Zani-Aye. Ellen Maher abstained from the vote.

Middle High School News-Jane Cavanaro advised the SC the last session of peer leaders is this Friday. The seniors only have 7 days left. The prom is on May 19th. AP exams are happening now. The high school Arts Night is May 18th. Students returned from the Euro trip and had a great time. They loved touring all of the cities in Germany. The Model UN is going to Bourne High School to have a mock assembly. Sophomore and junior students attended the college fair on Monday.

Superintendent Report-Europe Trip-Mrs. Demas asked if the Committee could reschedule the discussion as Mr. Willis was not present.

Faculty Openings-Mrs. Demas advised the Committee they haven't received any notices of retirements this year. She discussed the positions available for the next school year. They have finalized the search for the assistant superintendent and will present the candidate to the SC at the next meeting. They are waiting on a response from the State on Mr. Tuffy's waiver. Ron Menard and Bart Riley are interviewing candidates for IT support.

SC Comments and Communication-Selection of Meeting for Superintendent's Evaluation-Mrs. Maher distributed documents that she and Mrs. Zani have been preparing. She explained the process to the Committee. She asked that the Committee look over the documents and email their choice of what form for evaluation they would like to use. The SC agreed to discuss at the 6/7/17 meeting. The SC presented Mrs. Zani with parting gifts and thanked her for her commitment and work on the School Committee.

FY17 Goal Review-Chairman Astino suggested the Committee have a workshop in July with a facilitator from MASC. The Committee reviewed their 5 goals and the status of them.

Report of sub-committees of School Committee-Mrs. Maher reported that the security subcommittee met with Mrs. Demas and Mr. Tuffy and reviewed all projects and their status. Everything is moving forward. Mrs. Dugan stated she quickly reviewed the town report and advised the SC it is available on the town's website. The Long Range Planning Group is continuing to work on new growth analysis. There was a request by the LRPG that the schools give an overview on the mechanics of the CTA contract. The Master Plan Committee has been meeting on a regular basis and they are still in the information gathering phase. Chairman Astino stated AEC is meeting Monday.

Minutes-Motion by Mrs. Maher to approve the minutes of 4/26/17 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Zani and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Follow up and Updates-Chairman Astino asked the Committee to review the list of subcommittee and liaison assignments to discuss at next week's meeting.

Chairman Astino asked for a motion to go into executive session for Exemption #4 to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto and reconvene in open session for the purpose of adjourning. Motion moved by Mrs. Maher, seconded by Mrs. Stefan. Roll Call Vote; Barbara Stefan-Aye, Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Amanda Zani-Aye. The Committee went into executive session at 8:47 p.m.

Motion to adjourn executive session at 9:35 pm by Ellen Maher, seconded by Amanda Zani, roll call Aye-Barbara Stefan, Aye-Katie Dugan, Aye-Jeanne Astino, Aye-Ellen Maher, Aye-Amanda Zani.

Motion to adjourn open meeting at 9:36 pm by Amanda Zani, seconded by Barb Stefan, all AYE.

Documents used at the Meeting

Fiscal FY17 Cohasset School Committee Goals
FY17 Superintendents Goals
SC subcommittee & liaison assignments