



Cohasset School Committee Meeting

School Committee Minutes

Wednesday, April 5, 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

Chairman Astino called the meeting back to open session at 7:25 p.m.

Pledge-Recited

Invitation to Speak-Paul Schubert-155 Sohier Street reminded everyone of the CEF Spring Gala on Friday, April 7th at the Cohasset Golf Club for fundraising for the Learning Commons. Bob Erlandsen-Middle School Science teacher read aloud a prepared statement about MCAS testing and his opinion on the effect it has on students. He asked the School Committee to consider a resolution to grant permission to teachers to speak without fear of consequences.

Approval of Warrant-Motion by Mrs. Dugan to approve Warrant 17-20S, seconded by Mrs. Stefan.

Roll Call Vote; Barbara Stefan-Aye, Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Amanda Zani-Aye. Mrs. Maher abstained from the vote.

Superintendent's Report-Gifts-Mrs. Demas informed the Committee they have received a donation of \$240 from the Cohasset PSO for grants to the Deer Hill School. **Motion by Mrs. Dugan to accept the gift of \$240 from the Cohasset PSO for the grants to the Deer Hill School, seconded by Mrs. Maher. Roll Call Vote; Barbara Stefan-Aye, Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Amanda Zani-Aye.** Mrs. Demas informed the Committee they have received a donation of \$1606 from the Cohasset PSO for a grant to support a field trip for the entire 7th grade to attend the Sorensen Theater at Babson College for a live performance of Julius Caesar. **Motion by Mrs. Dugan to accept the gift of \$1606 from the Cohasset PSO for the 7th grade field trip to the Sorensen Theater in May, seconded by Mrs. Maher. Roll Call Vote; Barbara Stefan-Aye, Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Amanda Zani-Aye.**

ELA Curriculum Review-Lisa Farrell-Principal of Osgood School discussed the ELA Curriculum Review. She spoke about the formation of a literacy committee with Deer Hill, its members and goals, the importance of communication within the committee, the timeline and objectives. She also discussed using a community/parent survey and visiting other successful districts to determine what is best for the children regarding literacy.

Middle School Study-Assistant Principal of Cohasset Middle School Kerri Sandler discussed with the Committee the current status of the Middle School Study. Its purpose is to re-examine programming and structure at the Middle School. She highlighted the process being used, with the goal of articulating what education for middle schoolers should look like. She updated where the committee and subcommittees are at this point. She also reviewed things that are currently happening at the Middle School that are changing the culture such as music during pass times, dodgeball games and other activities for students, faculty and staff.

Update on Library Commons-Mrs. Demas gave the SC an update on the timeline of the project for the Learning Commons. The goal is for the project to be completed by August 30th.

Faculty Hiring Update-Mrs. Demas advised the Committee she received a resignation letter from David Delamatta effective 4/30/17.

School Committee Comments and Communication-Warrant Article #21-Mrs. Dugan advised the Committee there were a couple of slight changes in the wording of the article by town counsel. **Motion by Mrs. Dugan to approve Article #21 with new language, seconded by Mrs. Stefan. Roll Call Vote; Barbara Stefan-Aye, Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Amanda Zani-Aye.**

Follow-Up List-Mrs. Maher reviewed the list with the Committee and removed any items that have been completed.

Reading of Policy JLC-Student Health Services & Requirements-1st Read-Mrs. Zani reviewed the language changes with the Committee.

Reading of Policy IMG-Animals in School-1st Read-The Committee had a brief discussion on the policy.

Reading of Policy JF-School Admissions-1st Read-Mrs. Stefan discussion one change to the policy with the Committee.

Reading of Policy JLCD-Administering Medicines to Students-1st Read-Mrs. Stefan advised the Committee the MASC added one update to the policy which allows students with life threatening allergies to possess and administer epinephrine.

Report of sub committees of school committee-Chairman Astino stated she attended the Long Range Planning Group meeting and they discussed the new town website which has a YouTube link. There are currently 365 videos posted. She also advised the Committee that she was asked to participate in a pre-town meeting forum with Chris Senior that will be recorded by 143TV. Chairman Astino will forward information about the upcoming Day on the Hill to the SC which is scheduled for 4/25/17. Mrs. Dugan stated the Safe Harbor Coalition put out communication about the discussion of marijuana at the Planning Board meeting. Mrs. Maher attended the Middle/High School Council meeting and discussed Goals for 2018, school improvement plan and the piloting of the BRYT program for the transitional ESP for next year.

Approval of Minutes-**Motion by Mrs. Dugan to approve the minutes of 3/15/17 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Stefan and the vote was unanimous (5-0).** **Motion by Mrs. Dugan to approve the Budget Hearing minutes as amended, seconded by Mrs. Zani and the vote was unanimous (5-0).** **Motion by Mrs. Maher to approve the minutes of 3/20/17, seconded by Mrs. Stefan and the vote was unanimous (5-0).** **Motion by Mrs. Maher to approve the minutes of 3/22/17, seconded by Mrs. Zani and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Motion by Mrs. Maher to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Stefan and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Documents used at the Meeting

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Middle School Study	G-3
Library Commons Update	G-4
Faculty Update	G-5
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