



Cohasset School Committee Meeting

Joint Meeting with Cohasset Capital Budget Committee

School Committee Minutes

Monday February 27, 2017

Cohasset Town Hall

Basement Meeting Room

Highland Ave

Cohasset, MA

In Attendance: Jeanne Astino, Chairman

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 7:47 p.m. **Roll Call Vote; Barbara Stefan-Present, Jeanne Astino-Present, Ellen Maher-Present, Amanda Zani-Present.**

Digital Learning: Supt. Demas and Assistant Supt. Skeiber presented the Digital Learning requests.

Supporting evidence provided to the CBC included: Flow chart of procedure to determine how /who receives loaner devices; Comprehensive summary of the BYOD model and the resulting benefits to learners and teachers; Current loan agreement; Current teacher testimonials about effectiveness and advantages that technology provides.

Major CBC concerns:

1. The penalty for loss or damaged devices is not clear in loaner agreement, liability not spelled out
2. Lack of hard policy re who exactly receives a loaner device and what the requirements are not articulated enough for CBC. Proposed procedure too loose. How can the schools drive device distribution (loaners) to sub 10%? What are the schools doing to encourage parents to purchase their own devices.

Playgrounds: Supt. Demas updated the CBC on the current status of the playground funding. Through her efforts, the CPC is going to fund, along with private fundraising the repairs and replacements required.

Executive Session: At 9:10 pm, Mrs. Maher made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing School Security, seconded by Mrs. Zani. Roll call; Aye Ellen Maher, Aye Amanda Zani, Aye Jeanne Astino, Aye Barbara Stefan.

After exiting Executive Session, Mrs. Astino moved to close the open session at 9:48 pm, seconded by Mrs. Stefan, all Aye