



Cohasset School Committee Meeting

School Committee Minutes

Wednesday, July 20, 2016
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, Interim Superintendent

Call to order and Roll Call-Chairman Astino called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. **Roll Call Vote;** Barbara Stefan-Present, Katie Dugan-Present, Jeanne Astino-Present, Ellen Maher-Present, Amanda Zani-Present.

Finance-Warrant 17-01S-Motion by Mrs. Dugan to approve Warrant 17-01S, 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.

Joseph Osgood and Deer Hill Playground Safety-Mrs. Demas updated the committee on the continued conversation about the Joseph Osgood and Deer Hill playgrounds. Recreation Director Ted Carroll is taking the lead for the schools & town on the corrections that are being discussed. He will keep Mrs. Demas updated.

FY16 School Committee Goal Review

Mrs. Maher and Mrs. Zani presented a recap of the goals and the accomplishments of the School Committee during FY 16. All of the goals set by the committee in August 2015 were attained. Minor edits & additions will be added. Mrs. Zani will correct and then forward to Mrs. Demas for posting on the school website. Mrs. Astino will also forward to Chris Senior and the chairmen of the BOS, Capital Budgets and Advisory Committees.

FY 17 School Committee Goals

Mrs. Demas discussed current objectives of the district and her office. They include but are not limited to a study of the Middle School, particularly the Special Education services & delivery, safety & security at all schools, training new teachers and re-training current staff on our programs i.e. Empowering Writers. The Committee then discussed general ideas for their goals, building off the five pillars from the Strategic Plan. (It was commented that it would be a good thing to have the schools present the strategic plan to the town manager, BOS, Advisory and Capital Budget committees). Top-level ideas presented include:

Human Resources; following up on contractual, agreed upon study groups, job descriptions and evaluations, Superintendent Search

Finance Goals; SPED stabilization fund policy, 5 year forecasting tool, review of K, Pre-K and Bus fees, improved financial reporting tools, participation in the Long Range Planning Group, collaborate with the town on common projects/assignments

Security; support the outcome of the assessment

Technology; see to completion the Digital Learning Plan rollout, strategize on next wave of capital expenditures, support PD and support for the classrooms

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.