



Cohasset School Committee Meeting

School Committee Minutes

**Thursday, July 09, 2015
Selectmen's Office-Town Hall
41 Highland Avenue**

In Attendance: Paul Ognibene, Chairman
Jeanne Astino, Vice-Chairman
Mary McGoldrick
Ellen Maher
Katie Dugan

Also in Attendance: Barbara Cataldo, Superintendent
Dave DeGennaro, Business Manager

Chairman Ognibene called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
Roll call vote; All Aye.

Chairman Ognibene asked for a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of Chapter 39, Section 29. The purpose of executive session is to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for teachers. The Committee will reconvene in public session. Mrs. Maher moved the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Astino.

Roll call vote; Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Mary McGoldrick-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Paul Ognibene-Aye.

The committee entered into executive session at 6:07 p.m.
The committee came out of executive session and into public session at 7:15 p.m.

Pledge-Recited

Invitation to Speak-None

Superintendent's Report

Gifts

Superintendent Cataldo advised the Committee they have received a check for \$5100.00 from the South Shore Music Circus for a grant to renew the subscriptions to Alcohol Education for students/athletics for 3 years. Mrs. Maher asked why check was made out to Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund and not the school. Mr. DeGennaro stated he will ask Ron Ford but believes the fund will forward money to the school.

Motion by Mrs. Astino to accept the very kind donation from South Shore Music Circus for \$5100.00 for Alcohol Education subscription, seconded by Mrs. McGoldrick. Roll call vote: Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Mary McGoldrick-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Paul Ognibene-Aye.

Superintendent Cataldo advised the Committee they have received a check from Sail Nantasket Inc. to cover the stipend for Bob Foley's coaching.

Motion by Mrs. Astino to accept the check for \$3000 from Sail Nantasket to cover Bob Foley's stipend for coaching, seconded by Mrs. McGoldrick.

Roll call vote: Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Mary McGoldrick-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Paul Ognibene-Aye.

Bus Maintenance Plan

Chairman Ognibene recapped the discussion the Committee had at the last meeting about the bus maintenance plan and gave an overview of how the Committee got to this point. The sub-committee has done some research and has a lot of information to report. He thanked Marty Hale and Kelly Dickson for all of their work. Dave DeGennaro and Katie Dugan gave a power point presentation. They discussed the FY16 district transportation goals, background information, issues that need to be addressed and potential maintenance options and considerations. Mr. DeGennaro advised the Committee they had a conversation with N.E. Transit but do not have a written contract yet. Mr. DeGennaro discussed the schedule for DOT Inspections. N.E. Transit will have a mechanic on-site for inspections at a cost of \$100 per hour to the district. Mr. DeGennaro went over the out of service history for the buses over the past year. He discussed the turnover time on repairs offered by N.E. Transit. He also stated N.E. Transit's offered a spare bus to keep in the town's possession at no cost to the town. (Note: town would pay for insurance, registration and maintenance for approx. \$5500). Jack Keniley-46 Black Rock Road asked why it took 51 days to get one bus fixed this year. Mr. DeGennaro responded the issue was with a fuel line and it was difficult to determine the issue and then parts needed to be ordered. Mark Puzella of 9 Clay Spring Road asked how the \$5500 was determined for the 2nd spare bus. Mr. DeGennaro explained what the cost of \$5500 covers for the bus. Mrs. McGoldrick suggested speaking with other towns that have this type of contract with N.E. Transit and see what their experience has been. Barbara Stefan of 260 Jerusalem Road asked what the \$100 covers with inspections. Mr. DeGennaro stated that is the hourly rate for the mechanic. Chairman of Capital Budget Sam Wakeman suggested possibly talking to Elder Affairs about shared use of SPED Vans. The committee discussed whether or not another spare bus is necessary and whether or not they should always keep an extra bus as a safety net and not to be used for athletics.

Chairman Ognibene stated the following action items need to be looked into;

- The Committee needs to understand how the town will handle the code analysis with New England Transit
- What is the availability of the "sprinters" to address repairs
- Decide if another spare bus, as offered by N.E. Transit, is worth it.
- The Committee needs to see a general maintenance contract from N.E. Transit.
- The Committee needs to look at long term issues (if it make sense to outsource a SPED van or work with Elder Affairs.
- The Committee should discuss the possibility of shared procurement with another town.

Mrs. Dugan spoke of the three options available for the Committee to consider. Option 1-Full-Time Maintenance Personnel, Option 2-Upgrade N.E. Transit contract and add part-time maintenance

personnel or Option 3-Outsource Maintenance to third party vendors. She had a discussion with Christopher Senior about a possible shared position with DPW for maintenance. Mrs. Astino expressed concern with getting into a maintenance contract with a N.E. Transit when they took so long with other issues. Mr. Ognibene stated the Committee voted to eliminate the maintenance position so they have to come up with an alternative option. Mrs. Astino stated she did not vote to remove the maintenance position; she was vehemently opposed to it.

2015/16 Calendar

Superintendent Cataldo advised the Committee there were a couple of minor changes to the calendar with the Jewish holidays.

Motion by Mrs. McGoldrick to accept the changes to the 2015/16 Calendar, seconded by Mrs. Astino.
Roll call vote; All aye.

Finance

Motion by Mrs. Astino to approve Warrant 15-23S, seconded by Mrs. McGoldrick.
Roll call vote; Roll call vote: Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Mary McGoldrick-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Paul Ognibene-Aye.

Motion by Mrs. Astino to approve Warrant 15-24S, seconded by Mrs. Dugan.
Roll call vote; Roll call vote: Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Mary McGoldrick-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Paul Ognibene-Aye.

Motion by Mrs. Astino to approve Warrant 15-07SI, seconded by Mrs. McGoldrick.
Roll call vote; Roll call vote: Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Mary McGoldrick-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Paul Ognibene-Aye.

Motion by Mrs. Astino to approve Warrant 16-01S, seconded by Mrs. McGoldrick.
Roll call vote; Roll call vote: Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Mary McGoldrick-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Paul Ognibene-Aye.

School Committee Comments and Communications

None

The next meeting is Thursday, July 14th at 5 p.m. for executive session and open session at 7 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Astino to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. McGoldrick.
Roll call vote; Roll call vote: Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Mary McGoldrick-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Paul Ognibene-Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

List of Documents used at meeting

- E-1 Gifts
- E-2 Bus Maintenance Plan
- E-3 2015-16 Calendar

