

School Committee Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room
Monday, July 22, 2013
6:00 p.m.

Members attending: SusanMary Redinger, Kirsten Wright, Patty Wenger, Bob Sullebarger, Joseph Connelly, Absent: Lorraine Leonard. Keith Cheveralls, Maureen Babcock

SusanMary Redinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Review of Minutes

Patty Wenger made a motion and Bob Sullebarger seconded to approve the minutes of the June 17th meeting as amended. (Kirsten abstained due to absence)

VOTE 3/0

Reports

Superintendent Report

Dr. Connelly reported that he has been notified that Circuit Breaker reimbursement will be funded at 75%. We had budgeted it at 65% reimbursement for FY14. The additional \$200,000 in Circuit Breaker reimbursement will help to offset developing Special Education tuition costs. Dr. Connelly reported that the MASS Summer Institute at Mashpee High School this past week was great and there was a lot of focus on Common Core and the Educator Evaluator initiatives. Dr. Connelly reported that a total of 11 Bromfield teachers worked on developing school-wide rubrics that will align with The Bromfield School's 21st Century learning expectations. The rubrics will be shared with all Bromfield staff in August and will be implemented during the 2013/2014 school year. Dr. Connelly was notified that the Coordinated Program Review (CPR) will take place in March of 2014 for the Harvard Public Schools.

Personnel Report

Dr. Connelly reported that the current unspent balance as a result of personnel changes is \$115,433. The unfilled vacancies include the following:

TBS Chorus Teacher

ELL Teacher .4 FTE

Grade 2 Teacher

It is anticipated that all of the above will be filled by next week.

CASE Collaborative Representative to Board of Directors – Ch. 40, Section 4E(c)

Due to recent management problems the law now requires the member district School Committee to appoint its representatives to the CASE Board of Directors on an annual basis and all appointed Special Education Collaborative board members must complete an on-line training course and pass an on-line exam before serving on a Collaborative Board of Directors.

Bob Sulleberger made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to move that we appoint Dr. Connelly to be our representative to the CASE Collaborative Board of Directors for the 2013/2014 school year.

VOTE: 5/0

2013/2014 School Committee Outcomes and Goals

Dr. Connelly presented a draft of the 2013/2014 School Committee/Superintendent Outcomes. Dr. Connelly and SusanMary will wordsmith the draft and put into a smart goals format to present at the August 26th meeting.

School Choice Openings (3)

Dr. Connelly reported that two grade 10 students and one grade 12 student had withdrawn as Choice students from The Bromfield School making the total number of School Choice- In students 74. The FY14 School Choice subsidy is \$385,000 equal to 77 School Choice – In Students. In order to meet the subsidy of \$385,000 three additional School Choice openings must be identified.

Bob Sullebarger made a motion and Kirsten Wright seconded to move that we open choice slots in Grade 2 for one opening and in Grade 4 for two openings. After discussion Bob Sullebarger withdrew his motion.

After further discussion Bob Sullebarger made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to open 2 slots in Grade 4 and one slot in Grade 9.

VOTE: 3/1

SusanMary Redinger (Yay), Bob Sullebarger (Yay), Patty Wenger (Yay) and Kirsten Wright (Nay)

Superintendent Search – Internal Candidate Update

The Committee was asked to submit interview questions to Dr. Connelly that will be used during the interview with MASS and Dr. Dwight by Monday July 29th. The Committee discussed the potential timeline for a faculty/staff forum the week of September 2nd and a public forum on Monday, September 9th followed by a School Committee final interview with Dr. Dwight for the Superintendent position. The Committee will make a decision on regarding hiring Dr. Dwight as Superintendent by Monday, September 16th.

Future Agenda Items

School Readiness Report
Goals/Outcomes drafted
Personnel Report
Update on Capital projects
Strategies for Collective Bargaining
Finalize Candidate Interview Questions
Rubric - NEASC
Devens on site meeting
Schedule Meeting at Monty Tech
Budget

SusanMary Redigner adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Zadroga
Recording Secretary