

School Committee Meeting
December 6, 2021
Town Hall/Zoom

SusanMary Redinger called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

In attendance: Suzanne Allen, Abby Besse, Sharlene Cronin, Shannon Molloy and SusanMary Redinger.

Others in Attendance: Dr. Linda Dwight, Ingrid Nilsson, Henry Wacek, Nina Iverson, Asha Khurana.

Asha Khurana read the Vision Statement.

No Public Comment.

Student Report

Asha Khurana reported that Winter Sports started this week. The Athletic meeting is being held tonight. There have been a few modifications to the Athletic presentation to highlight new MIAA guidelines around diversity. Athletes and coaches are required to take a new course on diversity. The Middle and High School music concerts are this week. The quarter 2 progress reports come out next week. Lots of work busy time for everyone. Yearbook club photos were taken today. Picture retake is Wednesday. The Parent teacher conference have finished up.

Superintendent Update

Attached

The School Committee will respond and vote at their next meet to support CASE Collaborative's request to create a capital improvement account that will enable them to make upgrades to facilities that serve the students in their programs. They would like to begin by keeping \$300,000 in excess funds (savings from FY20) rather than return the money to districts, to create a playground at the Post Office Square facility. CASE would need a 2/3 vote from each School Committee of sending district by December 20th.

FY23 Budget Review

Dr. Dwight and Ingrid Nilsson reviewed the FY23 Budget including:

*FTE/personnel explanations by Cost Center in the FY23 budget.

*Proposed FY23 Budget changes as recommended by the leadership team.

*Graph showing students receiving services via intervention, ELL, 504 plans and IEPs.

School Committee member discussed their desire to present a budget that reflects the needs of the district. The School Committee will take a final vote on the FY23 Budget next week. The School Committee will then submit their budget work to the Finance Committee and Select Board to work through and present for town meeting vote.

Grant Approval

SusanMary Redinger presented a gift from Lisa Frackiewicz and her family to generously help fund the addition of a scoreboard in the new HES building gymnasium. The gift is donated in remembrance of Ed Frackiewicz. The donation in the amount of \$2,872 will allow for larger display and programmable team names on the scoreboard planned to be funded through the School Building Committee.

With no objection SusanMary Redinger approved the grant as presented.

Future Meeting Dates

December 13

Agenda Items

SEPAC

Facilities

Food Service

New Clubs

Town Report

Community Education and Recreation

Minutes

With no objection SusanMary Redinger approved the minutes of the November 22nd meeting as amended.

SC Liaison and Subcommittee Reports

Suzanne Allen – reported that School Council will meet next week.

Suzanne Allen – reported that The Wellness Committee is set to meet next week. Abby and Shannon will be attending in place of Suzanne Allen.

Suzanne Allen – reported that the Transportation Advisory and Policy Subcommittee will be meeting soon

Sharlene Cronin – reported that the Best Practice Subcommittee met and put together a schedule for the next several months. Will look for definitions for Liaison and Subcommittee assignments.

Sharlene Cronin reported that the Athletic Advisory has not met.

Sharlene Cronin reported that the Finance Committee meeting for last week was cancelled.

Abby Besse – No Update

Shannon Molloy reported that STSS is winding down so may not have much to report going forward. Vaccination rates by municipalities show that 55% of children in the 5- to 12-year-old range are vaccinated in Harvard.

SusanMary Redinger reported that CPIC will be meeting next on December 9th. The schools will be presenting their request on that day.

SusanMary Redinger reported that the Harvard/Devens Jurisdiction Subcommittee met and in order for the final disposition to be made there needs to be settlement on the Vicksburg Square development. They are hoping that MassDevelopment could provide funding to hire a consultant to help sort things out.

SusanMary Redinger reported the School Building Committee will meet on December 16th. The playground is expected to be completed soon. Due to a power outage, there was an electrical burn-out in the cafeteria.

SusanMary Redinger reported that HEAC meets on next Monday,

Public Commentary - None

School Committee commentary - None

Executive Session

SusanMary Redinger made the motion and Sharlene Cronin seconded to move into executive session for the purpose of: MGL Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a), #3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the HTA because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or position of the school committee.

MGL Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a), #2: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (Superintendent Dr. Linda Dwight);

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Zadroga