



## Cohasset School Committee Meeting

### School Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 24, 2018  
Cohasset Middle-High School  
Community Use Room  
143 Pond Street  
Cohasset, MA

**In Attendance:** Jeanne Astino, Chairman  
Katie Dugan  
Ellen Maher  
Barbara Stefan  
Jennifer Madden

**Also in Attendance:** Louise Demas, Superintendent  
Patrick Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent  
John Tuffy, Business Manager

Chairman Astino called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. and asked for a roll call vote; **Barbara Stefan-Present, Katie Dugan-Present, Jeanne Astino-Present, Ellen Maher-Present, Jennifer Madden-Present.**

**Chairman Astino then requested a motion to enter into Executive Session for purpose #3, Strategy related to union personnel, the custodians. Mrs. Dugan made the motion, Mrs. Maher seconded the motion, roll call vote Barbara Stefan-Aye, Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Jennifer Madden-Aye.**

**The Committee exited executive session and reconvened the public session at 7:06 pm.**

**Pledge**-Recited.

**Invitation to Speak**-None

**Approval of Warrant**-Motion by Mrs. Dugan to approved Warrant 18-13S, seconded by Mrs. Stefan. **Roll Call Vote; Barbara Stefan-Aye, Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Jennifer Madden-Aye.** Mrs. Maher abstained from the vote.

**Finance-Monthly Update**-Mr. Tuffy stated there is nothing dramatic with the Revolving Account or Grants. The one difference is they just received news from the Governor's office that they will be receiving a grant for the School Resource Officer for \$20,000. Everything else is the same as last year and on track. An aide at Osgood was added due to a requirement in services needed. He is waiting on the winter months heating invoices come in. December was more than he expected. He will wait and see how the rest of the winter goes. Mr. Tuffy is currently working on the FY19 budgets.

**Bus Maintenance**-Mr. Tuffy stated the buses have been running great. He thanked Missy and Chris and the DPW for their work. The food service van is running well. They spent \$125.99 on a safety inspection and an oil change.

**Superintendent Report-Athletic Update-Falls Sports**-Athletic Director Ron Ford gave his update of the FY18 Fall Sports. He thanked Mrs. Maher for all of her help with the reporting system and accurate information. He spent money on uniforms for Boys Golf, Cheerleading, and Boys & Girls Soccer. He reported a tremendous fall season for sports. He thanked the participants, parents, fans and coaches.

**SC Comments and Communications-Custodial Contract**-Chairman Astino stated they have a ratified Custodial contract. **Motion by Mrs. Dugan to approve the MOA for the AFSCME-AFL CIO, Council 93, Local 1395 Cohasset School Custodians, seconded by Mrs. Stefan. Roll Call Vote; Barbara Stefan-Aye, Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Jennifer Madden-Aye.**

**School Website**-Chairman Astino reported she and Mrs. Stefan worked on content for the SC page on the district website for a second time and made small changes. The Committee reviewed the changes and made some additional minor edits. Chairman Astino will make edits as suggested and post it.

Chairman Astino stated the town received an award from MIIA for Risk Management & Innovation. She further reported that the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds sent notice of the CPC funds for Cohasset which total \$42,810 in 2017 under the Community Preservation Act.

**Report from sub committees of school committee**-Mrs. Dugan stated the Governor's budget should be coming out shortly. Mrs. Dugan requested for Mr. Tuffy to doublecheck the Ch. 70 money with the release of new budget from the state. The Long Range Planning Group is meeting on Monday and will discuss the state budget. Mrs. Madden stated the Policy Subcommittee met yesterday. They are still working on the bullying policy and are waiting on feedback from leadership. Superintendent Demas stated she has reached out to other Superintendents regarding the residency policy. She will compile info and bring back to the SC. Mrs. Maher stated the Superintendent's Evaluation committee met on Friday. Budget & Finance will meet on Monday. The Security subcommittee will meet with the SRO on Thursday. Chairman Astino stated AEC met on Monday. Tanya Bodell had an interesting presentation on generating more energy savings via solar or other means. The SC briefly discussed the school replacement roof project including MSBA support and requirements that the roof must be 20 years old to qualify for funding.

Mrs. Dugan requested that Safe Harbor be put on a future agenda so the Committee can be informed of current activities and meet the newly hired grant manager.

The Committee also inquired as to when the High School and Middle School program of studies for next year will be presented and Supt. Demas advised either the end of February or the beginning of March.

Rep. Meschino and Senator O'Connor will be present at the second meeting in February. Mrs. Astino asked the Committee members to funnel questions for them through Ms. Jennifer Souretis by the end of the week.

**Minutes 12/20/17-Motion by Mrs. Maher to approve the minutes of 12/20/17, seconded by Mrs. Dugan and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

**Chairman Astino asked for a motion to go into executive session for exception #1-For personnel issues. Motion moved by Mrs. Maher and seconded by Mrs. Dugan. Roll Call Vote; Jeanne Astino-Aye, Katie Dugan-Aye, Barbara Stefan-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Jennifer Madden-Aye.**

The Committee went into executive session at 8:25 p.m.

The Committee exited executive session at 8:52 pm.

The Committee adjourned the open meeting at 8:53 pm on a motion by Mrs. Maher, seconded by Mrs. Dugan, all in favor- Aye

**Documents used at the Meeting**

Monthly Finance Update	F-1
Bus Maintenance Log	F-2
Athletic Update	G-1
School Website	H-1
Minutes 12/20/17	