



Cohasset School Committee Meeting

School Committee Minutes

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Cohasset Middle-High School
Community Use Room
143 Pond Street
Cohasset, MA

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

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

Call to Order and Roll Call-Chairman Astino called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **Roll Call Vote; Barbara Stefan-Present, Katie Dugan-Present, Jeanne Astino-Present, Ellen Maher-Present, Jennifer Madden-Present.**

Pledge-Recited.

Public Comment-None.

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

Superintendent's Report-Athletic Update-Athletic Director Ron Ford presented the budget update to the Committee. He thanked Mrs. Maher for her help. Mr. Ford reviewed the Fall/Winter budget details. He discussed new cameras for the field and gym to get better filming, downloading and to live stream games. He is working details out with Don Roine. He will come to SC and present when a proposal is complete. Mr. Ford reviewed each individual sport with the SC.

Hiring Update-Superintendent Demas stated they had a custodian leave recently and have hired a new one which will start on Monday. They have hired the Deer Hill School Principal. Mrs. Alex Sullivan, Reading Specialist at the Osgood School is the new Principal. They have received 25 applications for the Middle School Associate Principal. The posting closes on 5/9/18. Carolyn Connolly will be meeting with the PSO to go over the Middle School Steering Committee Plan. Mrs. Demas stated last night Safe Harbor, Cohasset Police and Cohasset Public Schools hosted Cory's Cause. It was a great event and the girls Lacrosse team attended. The Deer Hill playground will be shut down within a month for

renovation, which should take a couple of weeks to complete. The Osgood School staff finished Responsive Classroom Training. Mrs. Demas stated the 3rd graders finished up MCAS testing. Assistant Superintendent Patrick Sullivan commented that Professional Development is continuing with focus on Social Emotional Learning.

Finance-Monthly Update-Mr. Tuffy stated the revolving funds are in good shape. There is a negative balance in the grants which was the result of the timing of a grant payment. They have since received it. He discussed Special Education and the fact that there will be no aging out in the next few years and they have not had any change in out of district Special Education. Mr. Tuffy stated expenditures are up by about ½ percent from last year. They are not worried about any accounts. They have budgeted conservatively.

Bus Maintenance-Mr. Tuffy reported all buses and the food van are running great.

Gift-The school received a \$2000 Fidelity Charitable grant made possible by Joe and Shelly Mahoney for the athletic department. **Motion by Mrs. Maher to accept the \$2000 check from the Mahoney Family, seconded by Mrs. Dugan. Roll Call Vote; Barbara Stefan-Aye, Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Jennifer Madden-Aye.**

School Committee Comments and Communication-Report from sub-committees of SC-Mrs. Maher attended the Middle/High School Council meeting. They discussed the Middle School action plan. It was an exciting and enthusiastic discussion. Mrs. Maher circulated info on the Marijuana Articles for Annual Town Meeting from Safe Harbor Coalition. Chris Murphy asked if the SC would be interested in speaking at ATM. After a brief discussion the SC decided to draft a statement and ask the Moderator if they can present at ATM. Chairman Astino will work on the letter. Mrs. Madden attended the Osgood School Council meeting where they discussed professional development days. The drop-off is going smoothly. Principal Lisa Farrell will be working with Superintendent Demas on the School Improvement Plan. Superintendent Demas reported to the Committee that the music teacher is teaching the students how to read music and has a wonderful 10 foot yellow chalk display at the back of the building. The students wet a tennis ball and have to say the note that it hits. Mrs. Madden attended the Alternative Energy meeting. They discussed the possibility of geothermal heat for the new town hall that they will explore as an option. There is a committee that will explore the solar panel at the schools. The Committee had a brief discussion about the roof and putting solar panels on it since it will need to be replaced. Superintendent Demas will speak with the Town Manager. Mrs. Dugan met with Long Range Planning group. They will meet again 6/18/18. All members will need to be reappointed. Mrs. Dugan reminded the SC that they should appoint a new liaison to the PEB Committee. Mrs. Dugan will circulate an article from the MASC in April about the superintendent evaluation that is worth reading.

Approval of Minutes-**Motion by Mrs. Maher to approve the minutes of 3/26/18, seconded by Mrs. Stefan and the vote was unanimous (5-0).**

Motion by Mrs. Maher to approve the minutes of 4/4/18 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Stefan and the vote was unanimous (5-0).

Follow-up-The Committee reviewed the list of follow-ups and updated the list.

Chairman Astino asked for a motion to go into Executive Session #3 for strategy related to negotiations with union personnel-CTA and #1 to discuss the reputation or character or complaints against an individual. The Committee will come out of Executive Session for the purpose of adjourning. Motion moved by Mrs. Maher and seconded by Mrs. Dugan. Roll Call Vote; Barbara Stefan-Aye, Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Jennifer Madden-Aye.

The SC went into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

The SC exited Executive Session at 9:45 pm on a motion by Mrs. Maher, seconded by Mrs. Stefan. **Roll Call Vote; Barbara Stefan-Aye, Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Jennifer Madden-Aye.**

The SC reconvened in Public Session. Cohasset Town Manager Mr. Chris Senior joined the SC for the purposes of voting the Cohasset Teachers Association successor agreement.

Mrs. Maher motioned to approve the Cohasset Teachers Association successor agreement for FY 19, FY 20 and FY 21. Motion seconded by Mrs. Dugan. **Roll Call Vote; Barbara Stefan-Aye, Katie Dugan-Aye, Jeanne Astino-Aye, Ellen Maher-Aye, Jennifer Madden-Aye, Christopher Senior-Aye.**

Motion to adjourn the Cohasset School Committee meeting of April 25, 2018 by Mrs. Maher, seconded by Mrs. Dugan at 10:04 pm, **All -Aye.**

Documents used at the Meeting

Athletic Update	E-1
Monthly Update	F-1
Bus Maintenance	F-2
Gift	F-3
Follow-up and Updates	I-1