

Minutes of Nov. 19, 2014 School Committee Meeting

In attendance: Mr. Paul Ognibene
 Mrs. Mary McGoldrick
 Dr. Paul Schubert
 Mrs. Jeanne Astino
 Dr. Helene Lieb

Also in attendance: Mrs. Barbara Cataldo, Superintendent
 Mr. David DeGennaro, Business Manager

Mr. Ognibene called the Open Meeting to order at 7:25 PM. ROLL CALL: All present

Mr. Ognibene invited audience members to address the Committee.

John & Abigail Adams Scholarships: Mrs. Connolly read the list of scholarship winners; only one student, Andrew Monteiro, was present.

NEASC Update: In providing this update, Mrs. Connolly recapped how the accreditation process works and indicated that the next formal reporting is in 2015. While the cycle is 10 years for the actual visit, the school looks at it as an ongoing process. She indicated that the amount of work on the curriculum has been monumental over the past year; all half day Professional Development days have been dedicated to curriculum. Assessment has also been a focal point to insure that all courses contain the same rigor and expectations. Maintenance of the facility is another ongoing project.

Enrollment Numbers: The October 1st enrollment number of 1608 students was used as the basis for Chapter 70 funding. Enrollment projections for FY 2016 will be given at next meeting.

Chapter 70 School Finance Task Force Hearings: There might be cuts in school funding as a result of shortfall in state revenues. Many changes in state personnel and funding lie ahead.

Lobby Guard Update: The Middle-High School installation is complete and transition to fob system is ongoing. Deer Hill and Osgood do not have optimal lobbies for housing the Lobby Guard. Over time we will try to incorporate the same double door system that's in place at the MHS. Deer Hill and Osgood are also transitioning to fob system.

Reading of Visitor's Policy: While this is technically the second reading of the policy, it has been changed, so it will need to be read again and not voted on until read one more time without changes. Mrs. Astino read the policy.

Reading of Security Camera Policy: This Policy will be read one more time before voting on it.

Warrant 15-08S: MOVED by Dr. Lieb to approve Warrant 15-08S. SECONDED by Dr. Schubert. ROLL CALL VOTE: All AYE in favor of approving Warrant 15-08S.

Monthly Update: As of Oct. 31st, approximately 25% of the budget has been expended. Unemployment and utilities at Osgood and Deer Hill are accounts that we are watching closely. We are implementing new efficiencies through National Grid as well as installing new motors for fans and roof equipment. We should also see savings on gas because of lower prices.

Declare Old School Buses Surplus: Mr. DeGennaro would like to have the Committee declare the old buses surplus so that he can begin the auction process. MOVED by Mrs. Astino to declare the buses surplus and to send them to auction on a timeline that's in sync with arrival of new buses. SECONDED by Dr. Lieb. ROLL CALL VOTE: All AYE in favor of declaring the buses surplus. The Music Circus is generously allowing us to park new buses there until they are on the road and may allow old buses to be put there as well. It will probably be two weeks before the new buses are on the road.

Communications: SEPAC is having a speaker on anxiety which is a topic that applies to all students. The Digital Learning Committee visited Duxbury. The Elder Center is now ready for occupancy and had an open house this past weekend. The CEF Spelling Bee was this past weekend.

Guys and Dolls will be performed the first weekend in December. The football game on Saturday will be in Lowell.

MOVED by Dr. Schubert to go into Executive Session to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual, and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation. SECONDED by Mrs. Astino. ROLL CALL VOTE: All AYE.

List of All Documents Used at Meeting

E-1	Enrollment Numbers
E-2	Chapter 70 School Finance Task Force-Hearings
E-3	Reading of Policy KI Visitor's Policy -2 nd Read
E-4	Reading of Policy ECA Security Camera System Policy-2 nd Read
F-1	Monthly Update
F-2	Declare Surplus, Old School Buses