



## **Cohasset School Committee Meeting**

### **School Committee Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015**  
**Selectmen's Office-Town Hall**  
**41 Highland Avenue**

**In Attendance:** Dr. Paul Schubert  
Mrs. Jeanne Astino  
Mrs. Mary McGoldrick  
Dr. Helene Lieb

**Absent:** Paul Ognibene, Chairman

**Also in Attendance:** Barbara Cataldo, Superintendent  
Dave DeGennaro, Business Manager

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Dr. Schubert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
**Roll call vote: All present.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**-Pledge recited.

**Invitation to Speak**-None

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Astino requested a change in the minutes for the purpose listed of the executive session.

**Motion by Dr. Lieb to approve the minutes of 11/19/14 as amended, seconded by Mrs. McGoldrick.**  
**Roll Call Vote: 4-0, All Ayes.**

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Gifts-Superintendent Cataldo advised the commission of gifts received for the Rocketry Project.**

**Motion by Dr. Lieb to accept the gift of \$500 from Cavanaro Consulting, \$100 from Cohasset Rotary, \$250 from Glenn Pratt and \$250 from Cohasset Village Partners, LLC., seconded by Mrs. McGoldrick.**  
**Roll Call Vote: 4-0, All Ayes.**

The commission thanked everyone for their donations and help.

### **Flood Update**

Superintendent Cataldo updated the commission on the status of the damage from the flood at the Administrative Offices. The builder took a tour last week. They are working with the insurance adjuster. The work has not been started yet. They are going to reconfigure some internal cabinets, sinks and possibly an additional office (next to Dave DeGennaro) for Jane Pescatore. The cost would be minimal.

She has spoken to Town Manager Chris Senior about staying in 91 Sohier Street until possibly the end of June.

### **2016-17 School Calendar/Survey Results**

Superintendent Cataldo discussed with the Commission the results of the Survey Monkey for next year's calendar. Dr. Schubert asked that the Commission hold off on voting as Mr. Ognibene is not present tonight. Superintendent Cataldo stated they received 502 responses from families and 135 from the faculty. The majority wanted to start in September as opposed to late August. The families' first choice was the faculties' last choice. She will put the calendar together for the next meeting with the popular vote.

### **Open meeting Law**

Superintendent Cataldo distributed information to the Commission of updates to the Open Meeting Law. She will discuss with Town Manager Chris Senior about possibly scheduling an Open Meeting Law class.

### **Superintendent's Evaluation**

Superintendent Cataldo distributed her prepared information of her goals. She noted it has been 6 months since the Commission voted on her goals. Superintendent Cataldo gave some highlights of her goals. She asked the Commissioners to read her report and they will address at the next meeting.

### **Finance**

**Warrant 15-17S**-Insurance warrant for flood related items.

**Motion by Mrs. Astino to approve Warrant 15-17S, seconded by Dr. Lieb.**  
**Roll Call Vote: 4-0, All Ayes.**

**Warrant 15-02SI**

**Motion by Mrs. Astino to approve Warrant 15-02SI, seconded by Dr. Lieb.**  
**Roll Call Vote: 4-0, All Ayes.**

Ellen Maher-63 Old Pasture Road asked if the costs of the administration offices at 91 Sohier Street are covered by insurance. Superintendent Cataldo responded that the insurance company is covering the rental costs.

Patty Gillis-492 Jerusalem Road asked how long the school administration offices can stay there. Superintendent Cataldo responded that she has spoken to Town Manager Chris Senior and has asked if they can stay until the end of June.

### **Auditors Financial Report**

Mr. DeGennaro advised the Commission they have received their annual audit from Powers and Sullivan. There were no instances of non-compliance.

**Motion by Dr. Lieb to approve report, seconded by Mrs. McGoldrick.**  
**Roll Call Vote: 4-0, All Ayes.**

### **Bus Maintenance Report**

Mr. DeGennaro distributed a report to the Commission. They have had some issues with the buses over the past three months. Marty Hale -467 Beechwood Street discussed with the Commission some of the issues. Some are electrical, some were recalled and some are component failures. He explained that it takes time to see what the issues are. Mr. DeGennaro will keep the Commission informed on a regular basis.

### **Communications**

Dr. Schubert advised the Commission that Capital Budget approve the technology requests and Advisory approved as well. Mrs. McGoldrick met on Monday with the CPAC for their monthly meeting and went over the budget. Dr. Schubert stated the CEF will be hosting their Annual Gala on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Atlantica. Superintendent Cataldo stated the next CPAC meeting is at the Paul Pratt Library at 7 p.m. The next School Committee Meeting is 4/15/15 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Motion by Mrs. Astino to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. McGoldrick.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0, All Aye.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.