

Hancock School Committee Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2017

Hancock Central School

Present: Alex Kastrinakis, Patty Bishop, Mark Gaskill, and Missy Turner.

Also Present: Jenevra Strock Sped Director, Jay Merselis Hancock Principal, and Peter Dillon, Superintendent.

Absent: Bruce Gregorek

1. Call to Order – Alex called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Public Concerns –None.
3. Correspondence –None
4. Review and Approval of minutes from the Sept 11th, 2017 meeting –Made note to amend under principals report new letters, to news letters. Patty motioned to approve, with a 2nd from Missy, vote was unanimous.
5. Principal's Report
 - Jay recommended a school improvement counsel perhaps made up of 3 staff and 3 community members.
 - Suggested putting the school committee minutes on the school web site.
 - Berkshire Theater will be here on Thursdays for a total of 8 Thursdays with a performance to the public on the last Thursday.
 - Saturday October 14 will be the bottle drive
 - Book fair is from October 13th thru October 20th.
 - Working on new wording of the bully policy.
 - Recommended a total of 12 students per classroom
 - Trunk or treat is October 29th from 4pm to 6pm.
6. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Berkshire Magazine will be contacting Alex about doing a write up of the playground
 - B. Committee reviewed teacher's contract. Peter recommended approval with the amendments below made.
 1. Article VII substitute two in lieu of 2, to read "with two 30 minutes of prep. Time/week"
 2. Article VIII sec G. Replace with the state model.Patty made the motion to approve, Mark made a 2nd, and Approval was unanimous.
7. Special Education Director's Report
 - Parent Adv council had some attendance.
8. Finance Report: Reviewed and found all in order.
9. Play ground update: Can choice reimburse Hope for wood chips. Hope is looking to build a pavilion in the future.
10. New Business (too late to include on agenda in conformity with MGL c. 39 S 23B):
 - Patty spoke of the Newsletter and is looking for submissions
 - Patty brought up Missy's idea of a pamphlet about the school, and looking into how to produce it.
11. Adjournment and Warrant – on a motion from Patty and a 2nd from Missy, the Committee adjourned to sign warrants at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mark Gaskill

The listings of agenda items are those which at the time of posting the Chairperson reasonably anticipated may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law