

Hancock School Committee Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2021

Present: Alex Kastrinakis, Patty Bishop, Mark Gaskill, Bruce Weiner, Missy Turner

Also Present: Jay Merselis (Hancock Principal),

Present via Zoom: Rebecca Phillips (Superintendent/Sped Director)

1. Call to Order – Alex called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.
2. Public Concerns
 - a. None
3. Correspondence
 - a. None
4. Review and approval of Minutes of Meeting 2/2/2021
 - a. On a motion from Bruce, 2nd from Missy; the committee approved the minutes unanimously
5. Principal's Report
 - Accolades and Happenings
 - Our after school person had to take some time off. Teachers, notably Mrs. Beguin and the new para, Miss St. Jean have been covering
 - Art and music classes have been creative in allowing students to express themselves in safe manners
 - Art is on the walls
 - Music classes have learned ukulele and now a composition program on the Chromebooks
 - Enrollment is level at 56
 - Cricket Cove - 8
 - Kindergarten - 6
 - First - 9
 - Second - 6
 - Third - 4
 - Fourth - 8
 - Fifth - 6
 - Sixth - 9
 - A school choice student's family made the decision to homeschool; the family nows that to re-enroll in the future will have to reapply
 - Enrollment for 2021-2022 looks to be steady around 50. There is interest in school choice but it is too early to predict how many, if any, slots we might have
 - Conscious of filling seats without having too many students in a room
 - Hired a new special education para who is wonderful
 - Working in 2nd/3rd room focusing on struggling students
 - Working with special education teacher to help reduce her load
 - Town warrant report and data sheet have been submitted
 - Did week 2 of the new pooled testing program today. It has gone very smoothly
 - The 2nd/3rd faculty position has been advertised internally and will be posted to the general public, as needed, in the coming days.

6. Superintendent's report
 - a. Pool testing – First week was a little difficult (need to work out kinks). 159 districts participating, Governor Baker has expanded to April. Working with BMC to get testing to Boston
 - b. ESSER 2 grants completed and approved today - \$85,000. We are earmarking approximately:
 - i. \$50,000 to after school and summer remedial program and academics.
 - ii. \$10,000 must be spent on social/emotional with additional hour for next year.
 - iii. \$7,000 for behavioral/mental health (using a consultant)
 - iv. \$10,000 on technology
 - v. \$5,000 on sanitation, ppe, supplies.
 - c. Dept. of Transportation changes
 - i. All required to wear masks
 - ii. Lifted distancing requirement
 - d. Accepted as second and final reading Hancock School Committee Policy for Non Union Staff for COVID-19. Motion 1st Mark, Missy, second; unanimous approval
7. Special Education report
 - a. Hired new para. Excited about her skills. She has experience in high needs students
 - b. Grant – expanding Sped hours; implementing weekly sped luncheons using a weekly consult model to review student strategies/needs
8. Finance Report
 - a. Reviewed
9. Budget
 - a. Reviewed and discussed. Bruce motioned to accept the budget as a draft, Mark 2nd; unanimous approval
10. Executive Session
 - a. Not needed
11. Other Business
 - a. Budget meeting with Town at 5:15 on Wednesday (not posted, so we can't all attend)
12. Adjournment – Mark motioned to dissolve the meeting at 7:42, 2nd from Alex. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patty Bishop