

Hancock School Committee Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2020

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

Also Present: Jay Merselis (Hancock Principal), Rebecca Phillips (Superintendent/Sped Director), Peter Dillon

1. Reorganization

- Chair – Alex Kastrinakis (Patty 1st, Bruce 2nd: unanimous)
- Vice Chair – Mark Gaskill (Alex 1st, Missy 2nd: unanimous)
- Secretary – Patty Bishop (Mark 1st, Alex 2nd: unanimous)
- Union Committee – Alex Kastrinakis, Bruce Weiner, Missy Turner (Patty 1st, Mark 2nd: unanimous)

2. Call to Order – Alex called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

3. Appointment of Procurement Officer

- Appoint Rebecca as Assistant Procurement Officer - Mark 1st, Patty 2nd: unanimous

4. Public Concerns

- None

5. Correspondence

- Email from Town Selectmen

6. Review and Approval of minutes

- June 2, 2020 – (Bruce 1st, Missy 2nd: unanimous)

7. Principal's Report

- School
 - Next year enrollment – 52 students (without new School Choice
 - Cricket Cove: 6-7 K: 4
 - 1st: 9 2nd: 5
 - 3rd: 4 4th: 8
 - 5th: 5 6th: 11
 - Motion to approve School Choice, at Jay's discretion (Patty 1st, Missy 2nd: unanimous)
 - Jay believes we can accommodate a class of 14 (12 is better)
 - 6th grade could not go to the Cape last May; however, they were able to go to Ramblewild.
 - Summer sessions for students on IEPs are going well. Almost 100% attendance for specialists. For the most art on Zoom, but some 1-1 outside, which has better attendance
 - CARES Act – received grant. Money will go towards Learning Management System (LMS), general professional development, technology (hardware/software), PPE, General classroom supplies to handle Covid crisis
 - Eco Genesis evaluated the school regarding a cleaning and sanitation plan

- Researching ability for outside classroom to be available when school starts: two car ports or pavilion.
- Teachers will be cleaning out the classrooms and we will get a dumpster to get rid of old, not usable furniture and items.
- Staff
 - School nurse – no replacement yet, but solid applicant
 - Para - solid applications
- Re-opening school survey
 - Two families aren't comfortable sending their children to school; interested in remote
 - Overall, parents are pleased with what Hancock School did last year.

8. Superintendent's Report

- Alex welcomed Rebecca.
- The State has a memo of understanding with the Teachers Association to allow 10 days of professional development to prepare for the new year. The State adjusted the student days to 170 (from 180).
- Rebecca and Jay will meet with the teachers to discuss what the teachers feel they need, help identify what to do with the 10 days, modification of learning spaces
- Reopening Plans
 - i. Two phase reopening plan. The state has provided a general outline (5 questions to answer), feasibility study, results and recommend structure (due July 31st)
 - 1. In person learning (modification of space)
 - 2. Blended learning plan
 - 3. Fully remote structure
 - ii. Rebecca/Jay recommend In person learning
 - 1. Learning spaces will meet or exceed the 3 ft requirements
 - 2. Plexiglass dividers
 - 3. Transportation – staggered seating windows open, all masks
 - 4. Nurse – 15 hr/week plan (Rebecca made the School Committee aware it will be hard to get a 15 hr nurse)
 - 5. 2nd grade and up will need to wear masks
 - iii. School Committee supports the phase 1 in person plan. Patty 1st, Missy 2nd: unanimous
 - iv. A detailed robust plan is due August 10th
 - 1. Rebecca will send the plan to the School Committee in time for a meeting on August 6th (There will be no meeting on August 4th)
- Peter informed the committee that Steve Soule submitted the Asbestos report to the State Office
 - i. Approximately \$3,000 needed before school starts. State will approve AdHira Management plan
 - ii. Chris Lynch (DESE) supports the reconfiguration of the Shaker Mountain Union (the Union will consist of New Ashford and Hancock)

9. Special Education Director's Report

- Rebecca overlapped with Jenevra to transition
- Need to determine file cabinet logistics

10. Finance Report

- Reviewed.

11. New Business (too late to include on agenda in conformity with MGL c. 39 S 23B):

- Jay reported he has not received certification as yet (paperwork is complete)
- Peter delivered a Senate Citation to Jenevra
- Jay confirmed the School Sign will be painted prior to school opening
- The Committee thanked Peter for his years of service.

12. Executive Session

- Not needed.

13. Adjournment – Patty motioned to dissolve the meeting at 7:04, 2nd from Mark. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patty Bishop