

Hancock School Committee Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2021

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

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

1. Call to Order – Alex called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
2. Public Concerns
 - a. None
3. Correspondence
 - a. Alex received letter of the dissolution of the 3 town school union and the origination of the 2 town school union.
4. Review and approval of Minutes of Meeting 1/5/2021
 - a. On a motion from Bruce, 2nd from Missy; the committee approved the minutes unanimously
5. Principal's Report
 - a. Accolades and Happenings
 - i. Went remote a couple of weeks ago. Some classes went remote for 2 weeks
 - ii. Teachers/staff did a good job / Good feedback about how the days went
 - iii. Everyone was really excited to come back
 - iv. Both remote day and year. We need to upgrade/replace 15 computers for K-1.
 - v. Remote days have been used in lieu of snow days; new last day of school is June 14, 2021
 - b. Enrollment is level at 55
 - i. Cricket Cove – 8
 - ii. Kindergarten – 5 - Expect new kindergarten student after Feb. vacation
 - iii. First - 9
 - iv. Second - 6
 - v. Third - 4
 - vi. Fourth - 8
 - vii. Fifth - 6
 - viii. Sixth - 9
 - ix. Of the 55 enrolled students, 2 are remote but one of the remote learners is coming to school for partial days
 - c. Motion to participate in School Choice for School Year 2021-2022, leaving logistics up to Jay & Rebecca (Patty 1st, Alex 2nd; unanimous)
 - d. Interviewing for Para position, hoping to have position filled around Feb. vacation
 - e. Town Warrant report and data sheet will go to town hall later this week
 - f. Town serviced the voting machine. Town's plan is to remove the voting machine to the Town Hall because next voting will not be at the school.
 - g. Feb 15-19 school closed for school vacation.
6. Superintendent's report
 - a. Accepted as first reading Hancock School Committee Policy for Non Union Staff for COVID-19 (Patty asked for update to Title. Motion 1st Patty, Mark, second; unanimous)

- b. ESA 2 funds (Jay wrote \$20,000 grant) has been released. \$85,000 to Hancock (\$10,000 earmarked for mental / social emotional support) So far planning Intensive summer camp program, primarily on math/reading/study skills, play skills, etc.; expand after school tutoring program. A new storage container. Purchasing sports equipment, socio/emotional, part time RTI teacher. Money can be used next year.
 - c. Funding oppty #2 – received state coronavirus fund program \$2,400 to be spent by this school year. Priority for computers/technology.
 - d. Chapter 70 preliminary funding – Hancock’s portion - \$245,717
 - e. Pooled COVID testing – Hancock participating for 6 weeks (voluntary for both staff/students). Samples sent off to a lab. If one of the pools comes back positive; we’ll do further testing
 - f. Commissioners meeting – vaccination for educators. School nurses moved to phase 1. Educators scheduled for phase 2, step 3.
 - g. Retirement – Marla Dix at the end of the school year
7. Special Education report
- a. Nothing new to report
8. Finance Report
- a. Reviewed
9. Budget
- a. Reviewed and discussed. Rebecca will re-look for any more trimming.
10. Executive Session
- a. Not needed
11. Other Business
- a. Pole barn – hold harmless not signed yet
 - b. Direct deposit – Sherman Derby said he would speak to Joan; Rebecca has not heard back.
12. Adjournment – Missy motioned to dissolve the meeting at 7:49, 2nd from Mark. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patty Bishop