

Hancock School Committee Meeting Minutes
November 2nd, 2021

Present: Bruce Weiner, Missy Turner, Cahill LeBarron, Elisa Kryskow
Also Present: Rebecca Phillips (Superintendent/SPED Director), Jay Merselis (Principal)

1. Call to Order - Alex called the meeting to order at 6:07pm
2. Public Concerns: None, no public present
3. Correspondence: Board of Selectmen intend to use the school building for town-related event
4. "Glimpse into the Classroom" - Donna Beguin presenting on Special Education
5. Review/Approval of Minutes: Bruce- 1st, Cahill- 2nd, to approve October Minutes. All in favor
6. Principal's Report:
 1. Positive Accolades for school happenings: Things are feeling more normal (fire drill, students working together, etc.). Upcoming classroom events to include Hancock Town Hall memorial, letters written to Veterans, etc.
 2. Enrollment is constant.
 3. New music teacher - Alan Livermoor - very positive involvement with children
 4. New nurse - Carol Stein-Payne - came from Williamstown Elementary, started last Wednesday
 5. MCAS: due to small number of students (16), interpretations of results are to be taken lightly
 1. ELA: 38% meeting, 56% partially (of partially - over 50% were in the top band). 6% not meeting. State average: 46% meeting
 2. Math: 6% exceeding, 21% meeting, 44% partially, 25% not meeting. State average: 33% meeting.
 3. Seeing an upward trend overall; placing importance on Aimsweb which monitors progress
 6. County-wide PD 11/2
 7. No community Thanksgiving this year; students will write notes to community members.
 8. Waiting for 3rd quote to come through for snowblower. Looking at approximately \$2,000k
 9. Sheds: current shed is 8x10; for comparison's sake - Home Depot same size is ~\$1500. Pre-made 10x20 shed is about \$8k.
7. Superintendent's Report
 1. Minimum wage: increase to \$14.25/hr; two employees who do not meet this standard. They will be bumped up as of 1/1/22.
 2. New nurse was hired above last year's based on years of experience; this will be reflected in the budget.
 3. Grant Updates:
 1. SPED grant 274 - a look at the numbers
 2. SPED grant 115 - summer programming, SPED supplies. Should be spent this year.
 3. SPED grant 119 - money earmarked.
 4. Proposal to town for Renovated Entryway
 5. Discussion about bathroom renovation
 6. FAQ from Dept of Ed with regard to COVID protocols
 7. Mask mandate extended to Jan 15th, 2022 by State Commissioner
 8. Rebecca took part in Chief Procurement Officer Training as Assistant Procurement Officer
 9. Legal memorandum for paid leave for COVID-related absences: up to number of hours worked per one week
 10. Public Health Department and Dept of Ed want help in encouraging parents to seek vaccination for their children
8. SPED report
 1. RTI in the classroom
 2. Behaviorist in the school 1x/month - helping with FBA and refine behavior plans
9. Finance Report reviewed

10. New Business: None

11. No executive session needed

12. Alex motion to adjourn 7:44 - Cahill 1st, Bruce 2nd, all in approval.