Hancock School Committee Meeting Minutes

January 10th, 2023

Present: Missy Turner, Elisa Kryskow, Alex Kastrinakis, Bruce Weiner arrived at 6:30

Absent: Kayt Turner

Also Present: Rebecca Phillips (Superintendent/SPED Director)

1. Call to Order - Alex called the meeting to order at 6:12pm.
2. Public Concerns: None
3. Correspondence:
   1. Email from Linda Burdick re: signatures needed for Annual Campaign Finance Report
   2. Discussion of Community Christmas
4. Review/Approval of Minutes: Missy- 1st, Alex- 2nd, to approve December minutes. All in favor.
5. Principal’s Report:
   * 1. Ms. Cummings with health concerns; staff has been incredible in stepping in based on their absences.
        1. Alicia Williams has taken on PreK teacher role. Ms. Maureen as para.
     2. Literacy night was a big success!
     3. Enrollment steady at 60 students.
     4. Next year’s calendar to be distributed and reviewed at next meeting
     5. Furnace is now working!
        1. Classrooms were warm as was nurses space and main office. Gym, kitchen and Dr. Phillip’s office hovered around 40 degrees
           1. Alex with questions to review costs of furnace repair.
     6. Jiminy ski program off to a successful start with Ms. Lebarron and Ms. Lincoln spearheading due to Mr. Merselis’ absence.
     7. Aubrey Thurston: newly hired as Gym and Technology teacher starting Jan 23rd. 0.55 position and SC is hopeful that she will be able to take advantage of a prorated reimbursement to continue her Master’s level schooling.
     8. School is closed on Monday 1/16 in honor of MLK.
6. Superintendent’s Report
   * 1. Alicia hired as 9 week sub to cover for Ms. Cummings with (prior) Nurse Maureen as para.
     2. More on Ms. Thurston: certifications in coaching, BLS, CPR, ADE, Concussion, A&P tutor etc. in addition to her background in teaching, psychology.
     3. Bathroom project at a bit of a delay with regard to load bearing walls, hot water line needing to be extended, flooring problems, etc. We anticipate ~10K in additional funds needed.
     4. Entryway project footing laid; noted that a frost barrier was already in place. This only took 1.5 days of having to use a different entrance. Waiting on glass and will hopefully finish installation over Feb break.
     5. Elisa made the motion to accept the Physical Restraint Prevention and Behavior Support Policy and Procedures as policy. Missy - 2nd. All in favor.
     6. Bully Intervention and Prevention Plan: discussed. Will review first read at next month’s meeting.
     7. Out of State Tuition Policy and Contract
        1. State Law says we have to charge a per pupil cost for Out of State Tuition: $16,444 (50% upfront, 50% 1/2 way through the year plus any additional costs).
        2. Made a motion for first read Out of State Tuition Policy based on amended language around 6th grade being the extent of schooling (i.e. students will not have the ability to directly file into Mt. Greylock). Missy- 1st, Elisa- 2nd. All in favor
     8. Reviewed 1st draft of FY24 Budget
7. SPED report:
   1. Parent Orientation for Tiered Focused Monitoring Review via zoom is Feb 13th.
      1. Could we make this a recorded meeting for parents to watch at a later time if need be?
   2. Will hopefully have Benchmark data to review at February meeting.
8. Finance Report: Reviewed.
9. New Business: None
10. Executive Session: None
11. Alex motioned to adjourn 7:59 - Melissa- 1st, Elisa - 2nd, all in favor.