

Hancock School Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 1st, 2023

Present: Melissa Turner, Elisa Kryskow, Alex Kastrinakis, Kayt Turner, Bruce Weiner  
Also Present: Rebecca Phillips (Superintendent/SPED Director), Sherman Derby, Don Rancotti, David Boyer, Eric Lilly, Bob Smith, Robin Keeney, Tom Trimarchi.

1. Call to Order - Alex called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
2. Alex made a motion to go into Executive Session, Kayt 2nd
  1. Roll call into executive session by all parties.
3. Correspondence: None
4. Discussion and Votes
  1. Kayt motioned moving approval of March 7th minutes to next meeting. Current agenda has them mistakenly referenced as "March 27." Bruce - 2nd. All in favor.
  2. 2023-2024 School Year Calendar
    1. Bruce motioned to have Columbus Day Holiday terminology changed to "State Holiday" on Hancock Elementary School Calendar, Elisa 2nd.
      1. Discussion re this terminology being a less controversial label.
      2. Motion to approve, no opposed or abstained, motion carries.
    2. Bruce motioned to have Community Christmas terminology changed to "Holiday concert" on Hancock Elementary School Calendar, Kayt 2nd.
      1. Discussion: Hancock Elementary School calendar is an entirely different entity and has nothing to do with a town funded event. It is important that the school calendar be inclusive of all students at the school. Community Christmas can and will remain as such through the Town and their marketing of the event which is held at the Elementary School.
      2. Motion to approve, no opposed or abstained, motion carries.
    3. Alex motioned to use school choice funds to offset this year's budget. Elisa - 2nd.
      1. Discussion: Maintaining a fair tax rate to the town's people; small increases over the longer term rather than a huge bump in taxes once School Choice funds have been depleted and the school is in need of larger expenses (i.e. additional meeting space to maintain HIPPA compliance). 18% of school choice money is already going to offset budget.
      2. All in favor: none, motion does not carry.
5. Policy for Private School Approval to be put out for vote at June School Committee meeting
6. Additional school committee meeting scheduled for May 16th at 6:00 pm as we did not have enough time to cover all agenda items at today's meeting.
7. Alex made a motion to adjourn at 6:47. Missy- 2nd.