

Hancock School Committee Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2024

Present: Jim Rodda, Alex Kastrinakis, Bruce Weiner, Kayt Turner

Absent: Elisa Kryskow

Also Present: Rebecca Phillips (Superintendent/SPED Director) & Jay Merselis (Principal)

1. Call to Order - Alex called the meeting to order at 6:05
2. Public concerns: None
3. Correspondence -
 - a. Mar 6, 2024 4:30 Selectman Meeting
 - b. Notice of Interest State Training Ethics
4. Review / Approval of Minutes -
 - a. 4:1 Performing to be switched to Performing of 1/24 minutes
 - b. Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes of 12/5 and 1/24 as amended. Jim 2nd -all in favor
5. Principal's Report-
 - a. Accolades & Happenings
 1. Received a grant for \$650 from the Mass Cultural Council to fund two animal exhibitions, one from the VT Museum of Natural History & the other Reptile Nook. Both will be open to the public
 2. Posted front office position with some interest
 - B. Enrollment
Remains steady
 - C. Project Updates
Working on shed quotes, set budget will be okay and shall work. Shed will not be happening until summer as other units will need to be cleaned out and removed.
 - D. Upcoming Events
 1. Boys and Girls Club field trip for the whole school Friday before February vacation.
 2. March 5, 2024 no school as the school will be hosting the polls
 - E. Miscellaneous
 1. A draft of next years school calendar has been made. To vote on at the next meeting
 2. Mass Public School Report Cards-
Anyone can look up any Massachusetts school: a great resource of testing averages and more details about the school standings
6. Superintendent Report-
 - a. Budget Report-
 1. Revenue increase in school choice monies & Chapter 70 increase by .19%
 2. Union budget needs to be voted on and due to town by the 21st.

b. Second read and vote : Parental Notification of Opt Out Option for Human Sexuality Curriculum policy. 1/24 did first vote; 2nd read Jim motioned to accept policy; Bruce 2nd - all in favor .

C. Book Challenge Police Development -

Material consideration- working with other superintendents - showed form as to how the process will be put in place.

D. School Choice / Tuition Update

Senator Marks Office is drafting Home Rule Bill. It will be sent to the clerk and assigned to a committee. Then the Rules committee to the House, to the Senate then voted on.

E. Student Data Benchmark Presentation

Math is a strong suit.

F. Miscellaneous

1. Donna Beguin, Special Education, gave her retirement letter effective in June. She will be working summer program as well
2. Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education sent a letter recognizing Emma Bassett as a top Student of Massachusetts! And sent a student achievement award and gift card, signed by Commissioner Riley

7. No Special Education Report

8. Financial Report

- a. Principal expense seems high because some items were posted to the wrong line

9. No New Business

Buce Motioned to adjourn at 7:16 Jim 2nd