

Hancock School Committee Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2024

Present: Jim Rodda, Elisa Kryskow, Alex Kastrinakis, Kayt Turner, Bruce Weiner
Also Present: Rebecca Phillips (Superintendent/SPED Director), Jay Merselis (Principal)

1. Call to Order - Rebecca called the meeting to order at 6:10pm
2. Reorganization
 1. Bruce nominated Kayt for Chairperson. Jim - 2nd. All in favor.
 2. Kayt nominated Bruce for Vice Chairperson. Alex - 2nd. All in favor.
 3. Alex nominated Elisa for Secretary. Kayt - 2nd. All in favor.
 4. Jim motioned to elect Bruce, Kayt and Alex for Union Committee. Elisa - 2nd. All in favor.
3. Scholarship Awards - Discussion and Vote
 1. Alex makes the motion for Jenner Kittle to receive \$100 Mary Ellen Donna Scholarship and Owen and Andrew Petropulos to receive \$25 each of \$50 Nellie Cameron Scholarship . Jim - 2nd. All in favor.
4. Public Concerns:
 1. Question about mowing schedule to be altered in Spring while school is in session - will follow up with the town re: their contract.
 2. Flag pole has a broken rope. Art Williams has been contacted. Fire department meeting is this Thursday.
5. Correspondence: None
6. Review/Approval of Minutes:
 1. Minutes will be tabled until the next meeting as the meeting was May 1st and the agenda read May 7th.
7. Principal's Report
 1. Hot Air Balloon on campus and providing rides tonight. Fundraising from 3rd/4th allowed for this fun opportunity (too windy the first time the balloon came in the winter).
 2. Wizard of Oz was a huge hit with many community members in attendance and planning for next year's production is already underway.
 3. Cape Cod Trip with Lanesboro was a great (and happily busy!) success.
 4. 2024-2025 student count is around low 50's.
 5. Pre-K early education combined classroom
 1. Discussion about putting 2.9 yr - Kindergarten together into one classroom as part of an early education center. Letter will be sent to Pre-K/upcoming K parents and families.
 6. Project Updates
 1. Dumpster is scheduled for the end of the year; storage unit project will begin after.
 7. Calendar
 1. June 11 - 8:30a Pre-K graduation and Jiminy Pool Party to follow immediately
 2. June 12 - 6th Grade graduation at 12:30. School Committee members welcome to attend.
 3. Last day of school - June 14, 11:30 dismissal
8. Superintendent's Report:
 1. School Opportunity Act Plan: Discussion and Vote
 1. "Heat Map" that identified performance and attendance gaps for low income and disabled students. These numbers were below state average, however these numbers were elevated over time within the school.
 2. Kayt makes a motion to accept the SOA as written. Bruce - 2nd. All in favor.
 2. Staffing for FY 25
 1. New in person SLP will be with us 2 days/wk starting for the summer program
 2. Still looking for both nursing and special ed positions
 3. End of School Year items/summer projects

1. Summer Program run by Makayla
 2. Mobile Shredder coming to the school.
4. School Choice/Tuition Update
 1. Home Run Bill will be heard in front of the Joint House Committee this Thursday.
 2. Welcoming any testimony from those in the SC, or town as a whole, to support this.
9. SPED Director Report
 1. No additional information
10. Financial Report - Reviewed
11. New Business: None
12. Jim motioned to adjourn 7:51, Alex - 2nd, all in favor.