

Hancock School Committee Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2024

Present: Jim Rodda, Elisa Kryskow, Alex Kastrinakis, Kayt Turner

Absent: Bruce Weiner

Also Present: Rebecca Phillips (Superintendent/SPED Director), Jay Merselis (principal)

1. Call to Order - Alex called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.
2. Public Concerns: None
3. Correspondence: None
4. Review/Approval of Minutes:
 1. Jim made a motion to approve 4/2 School Committee meeting, and 4/16 School Committee meeting minutes. Elisa - 2nd. All in favor.
 2. Alex makes a motion to amend and accept the budget at \$2,026,659.53 (which is the same number the town has) for the 4/16 Budget Hearing minutes. Jim- 2nd. All in favor.
5. Principal's Report
 1. This weekend is the performance of Wizard of Oz (Friday 1pm Dress Rehearsal, Friday 6p show and Saturday 2p show). Accolades to Amanda Lahey and Samantha Lincoln for their tremendous work on this project.
 2. 2024-2025 student count is around low to mid-50's.
 3. School Projects
 1. Waiting for parts for front door
 2. Dumpster is scheduled for the end of the year; storage unit project will begin after.
 3. Williamstown is replacing two of their playground sets; will speak to HOPE about acquiring these.
 4. Calendar
 1. Spring Concert May 21
 2. Plant Sale Memorial Day, May 27
 3. PreK graduation June 11
 4. Jiminy Pool Party June 11
 5. 6th Grade Graduation - tentative June 12
 6. Last Day of School June 14
6. Superintendent's Report:
 1. School Choice/Tuition Update
 1. Tuition for McCann was set; tuition decreased which gives us some room in the budget if another student were to enter the district.
 2. Article 18 - Looking for a Yes Vote to pass the Home Run Bill
 1. Dr. Phillips will bring this down to Senator Mark's office the Tuesday after Town Meeting
 2. We currently have two school choice 6th graders who plan to exercise their right to go to Greylock. We have budgeted 3 school choice students for Greylock, so this will not affect our upcoming budget.
 2. Review of Budget Presentation
 3. FY 25 Budget Discussion and possible vote
 1. N/A
 4. School Opportunity Act Plan: Discussion and Vote
 1. Will hold off on vote as there is an incomplete section. Will be presented in June
 5. Legislative Round Table discussion
 1. Many discussions about the end of the ESSR money (ie offsetting salaries initially, but that money has now been reflected back into the budget).
 2. Bills are currently going through regarding discipline
 3. Difficulties with hiring and turnover
 4. Support of universal free meals

6. Miscellaneous
 1. Dr. Phillips had a conversation with Sherman Derby this morning re: the statement on the inner front cover of the Annual Report and its relation to school committee changing holiday titles on the School Calendar
7. SPED Director Report
 1. No applicants for SPED teacher for as of yet for next year. Spread the word!
8. Financial Report - Reviewed
9. New Business:
 1. Next meeting is our reorganization; preparation/discussion from the committee.
10. Kayt motioned to adjourn 7:23, Jim - 2nd, all in favor.