Hancock School Committee Meeting Minutes

February 10th, 2025

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

Also Present: Rebecca Phillips (Superintendent/SPED Director) via Zoom, Jay Merselis (Principal)

1. Call to Order - Kayt called the meeting to order at 6:11pm
2. Public Concerns:
   1. Concerns about communication re: teacher turnover in 3/4 class.
3. Correspondence:
   1. Reminder to complete attestation for MA Ethics Training
4. Alex motioned to approve 1/7/25 minutes. 2nd- Jim. All in favor.
5. Principal’s Report:
   1. Accolades
      1. Credit to Jiminy Peak for their school ski program
      2. Ms. Mills took on and reorganized Student Council - the kids are excited.
   2. Enrollment:
      1. Consistent at 48; two school choice inquiries today.
   3. Project Updates:
      1. Roof remains ok; Dr. Phillips talked to Sherman Derby and both Mr. Derby and the roofer think heat sealing the seams will be an effective solution. Drains are working fine.
   4. School 2025-2026 Calendar
      1. 3 different schedule options; School Committee is leaning toward Draft #3 and will vote next month.
   5. Upcoming Events/Schedules
      * 1. Valentine’s dance organized by Student Council on Feb 13th
        2. Boys and Girls Club field trip Friday before Feb break (Feb 14th)
        3. Winter Break Feb 17-21
        4. Ski program dates: 24th is last lesson, the following Monday is a ‘free ski’ (no lesson) day.
6. Superintendent’s Report:
   1. Draft Budget: 2nd Review with a few noted highlights
   2. Circuit Breaker Discussion and Possible Vote
      1. Discussed possible options with how to use Circuit Breaker funds. Consensus is to bring options to the finance committee meeting
   3. School Choice/Tuition Update:
      1. Bill was filed Jan 13. Due to turnover on the Joint Education Committee they anticipate correspondence around the beginning of March about when they will schedule a hearing for the bill. Rep Barrett and Rep Marks both support the filing.
7. SPED Director Report
   1. No additional updates
8. Financial Report - Reviewed
9. New Business:
   1. Discovered that School Committee minutes are uploaded to our website on the back end, however are not seen on the consumer’s side. Mr. Merselis will look into what is causing this issue; issue started when new IT platform changed.
10. Kayt motioned to adjourn 7:16, Elisa - 2nd, all in favor.