

Hancock School Committee Meeting Minutes
August 5th, 2025

Present: Kayt Turner, Jim Rodda, Elisa Kryskow (zoom), Ana Bradbury (zoom), Bruce Weiner
Also Present: Rebecca Phillips (Superintendent/SPED Director)

1. Call to Order - Kayt called the meeting to order at 6:06pm
2. Public Concerns: None
3. Correspondence: None
4. Simon Holzapfel: Community Volunteer
 1. Coming in weekly and twice-weekly to help engage students in a new way to structure thinking (agile thinking): breaking down the steps, grit and perseverance, regardless of the content. Also helping kids to understand the nervous system in an attempt to self regulate. His work is meeting many different academic standards.
5. Approval of minutes:
 1. Bruce motioned to approve 6/2/25 minutes. 2nd- Kayt. All in favor.
 2. Bruce motioned to approve 6/9/25 minutes. Kayt- 2nd. All in favor.
6. Principal's Report:
 1. Accolades and Happenings
 1. Summer program was well attended and included breakfast and lunch. Building remained cool with the hot temps. Field trip to Lupa Zoo was a success as well. Entire program was paid out of REAP funding.
 2. Building Projects:
 1. Floors are completed and teachers are now able to get their rooms ready
 2. A-1 slated to come pump septic system before school year begins
 3. 1 person scheduled to come evaluate roof pricing
 4. Bids out for emergency doors
 3. Enrollment projected at 46
 1. Pre-K/K room: total of 11 students
 2. Pre-K: 1 3-year-old with out of state tuition policy, 6 four-year-olds (one of whom is out of state), 4 kindergarten students (1 of whom is out of state [rate at \$7,500], 0 school choice).
 3. 1st grade - 4 students, 0 choice, 2nd grade - 10 students, 3 choice = 14,
 4. 3rd grade: 6 students, 0 choice, 4th, 3 students, 0 choice = 9,
 5. 5th grade: 4 students, no choice, 6th grade: 8 students, 2 choice = 12
 4. Upcoming Events/Schedules
 1. School Starts on Monday the 25th for the teachers and staff . Will include CPR and first aid training.
 2. Students begin Thursday Aug. 28th
 3. School is closed Monday 9/1 for Labor Day
7. Superintendent's Report:
 1. Out of State Tuition Policy, 3rd read: Discussion and vote
 1. Bruce makes motion to approve policy. Elisa - 2nd. No discussion. All in favor.
 2. Out of State Tuition Amount: Discussion and Vote
 1. Kayt makes a motion to have the tuition rate be \$8,100 (\$45/day) for the year. 2nd - Bruce. No discussion, all in favor.
 3. Staff Handbook: Discussion and Vote
 1. Elisa makes a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Staff Handbook. Jim- 2nd. All in favor.
 4. Student and Family Handbook: Discussion and Vote

1. Kayt makes a motion to accept the Student and Family Handbook. Jim- 2nd. Discussion re: Including MASC's suggestion that we include language to entitle parents to opt their children out of LGBTQ-supportive books. This will likely be as an addendum to the Handbook in September. All in favor.
5. Non-op Approval: submitted yearly to indicate that we are not a 7th-12th grade district. No tuition contract with New Lebanon at this time due to a new Superintendent in their district. Have two students attending there next year as well as a current 5th grader who may opt to go there in 7th grade.
6. Home Rule Bill Update: copy of the letter that went to the Joint Education Committee to include other schools (Warwick, Richmond and Worthington) as they requested to move this forward. This is an amendment and thus they have until December of 2026 address this. Currently this is a wait and see...
7. Start of School Update:
 1. Bringing in Andrew Shanock: the science of reading as well as working through the day-to-day complexities of working in a school environment. May do more consultation with him as we move forward.
 2. CPR/Ethics training for staff.
8. Miscellaneous
 1. Just found out that moving forward we will have a yearly financial audit, whereas this used to be every 3 years.
8. SPED Director Report
 1. Cornelia Alden and Dr. Philips met in July re: streamlining SPED needs. She is also doing Wilson training which will benefit out students greatly.
9. Financial Report - Reviewed
10. New Business
11. Adjournment: Kayt motioned to adjourn at 7:28, Jim - 2nd. All in favor.