

Hancock School Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 6th, 2025

Present: Kayt Turner, Jim Rodda, Elisa Kryskow, Bruce Weiner, Ana Bradbury (zoom)

Also Present: Rebecca Phillips (Superintendent/SPED Director)

Absent: Jay Merselis (Principal)

- 1) Call to Order - Kayt called the meeting to order at 6:09pm
- 2) Public Concerns: None
- 3) Correspondence:
  - a) Reminder for Bruce and Ana to get their evaluations to Lars.
  - b) Conflict of Interest training due 1/31 for those on this year's cycle.
  - c) Teacher Negotiations Meeting on Thursday 1/8 – ground rules meeting
- 4) Approval of minutes:
  - a) Bruce motioned to approve 12/8/25 minutes. 2nd- Kayt All in favor.
- 5) Principal's Report:
  - a) Accolades and Happenings
    - 1) Winter Concert and Community Christmas were both a huge success
    - 2) Lots of fun activities, laughter and academics before break
    - 3) 27 participants in the Jiminy Ski Program.
  - b) Enrollment remains exactly the same. Inquiries continue to come in for School Choice. One family said that they had “done extensive research and Hancock was their #1 choice.”
  - c) Upcoming Events/Schedules
    - 1) Bio-Eyes- a program in conjunction with Williams College for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders: Goal is to “foster enthusiasm with science... using a hands on approach.”
    - 2) Jan 30: early release/half day. PD in afternoon: practicing unification, lock down, safety procedures.
    - 3) Play practice for Little Mermaid started this week
    - 4) Started working on '26-'27 calendar. Will bring to March meeting for approval in April.
    - 5) Position will be posted this week for hiring the summer school coordinator. Summer Academy will be all of July (rather than various weeks throughout the summer) which makes sense as far as building upkeep, etc. Program will be fully grant funded with breakfast and lunch and full day programming.
- 6) Superintendent's Report:
  - a) Home Rule Bill Update: No further updates since last meeting.
  - b) Cariina management system option: Discussion and possible vote
    - 1) Currently using antiquated, individual systems. This works, but is definitely not the most efficient (i.e. time sheets are done by hand, driven to Richmond or individually scanned, re-printed, etc.)
    - 2) \$2,500 cost for implementation (finding out what we need, doing the conversions into the platform), with \$10,000 per year contract for the rest of this school year and the following two years.
      - i): discussion about viability of company overall, cost when contract ends.
- 7) Will hold off on this decision for now as we research more/different platforms/companies and gather additional information.
  - a) Posted Pre-K/K position. No interest. Alecia Williams will finish out the year in the teacher role; helpful to keep continuity. Grace Lillie will remain as Para.

- b) FY '27 Budget Presentation: 1<sup>st</sup> Draft. Discussed and reviewed.
- 8) SPED Director Report
  - a) MTSS (general education intervention that provides another layer of tiered support): in process of revisiting all data for students. SPED meets with MTSS (Amanda) and classroom teacher. Reviewing if those sessions are translating into the classroom? One student graduated MTSS and we are seeing that this is an effective intervention.
  - b) 1 student graduated off an IEP, otherwise numbers remain stable. No referrals incoming for new IEPs.
- 9) Financial Report - Reviewed
- 10) New Business
- 11) Adjournment: Kayt motioned to adjourn at 7:34, Elisa - 2nd. All in favor.