

School Committee Minutes

Date: September 8, 2022

Location: 566 Main Street

Attendees: Pam Pietrowski, Holly Lynch, Joe Hicks, Helen Pickard, Andrew McDevitt, Gregg Gilligan, James Mealey, Lorene Marx, Marci Boccuzzi, Student Representatives Abbott and Elkhadiji.

Call to Order (video time)

At 7:03 p.m. the Chair called the meeting to order.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Student Report

Student Representatives Abbott and Elkhadiji updated the Committee on events and activities at the high school.

Consent Items

A motion was made by Ms Lynch to approve the minutes of August 12, 2022 as presented in the packet, seconded by Mr. McDevitt. A roll call vote was taken, Ms. Pickard, Ms. Lynch, Mr. Hicks, Mr McDevitt and Ms. Pietrowski voted yes, and the motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gilligan introduced Ms. Boccuzzi to provide an update to the Committee on this year's summer school program. In response to a question, Ms. Boccuzzi stated that there was no acceleration academy this year but there was credit recovery for the high school.

Dr. Gilligan discussed opening days for staff including safety and technology training. Ms. Marx discussed Ms. Gregoire's talk to staff as well as some of the professional development provided to teachers this year. Ms. Marx and Ms. Boccuzzi discussed staff's positive response to Keynote Speaker Lisa Dieker's "Creating Inclusive Schools".

In response to a question, Ms. Marx discussed the Wit and Wisdom Program and the optional professional development offered to staff over the summer. Dr. Gilligan discussed the opening day for students, he noted that kindergarten started this week. Dr. Mealey stated that transportation for students has gone very smoothly so far.

Ms. Marx stated that the DIBELs presentation is tentatively scheduled for the first meeting in October. Dr. Gilligan thanked the student representatives for attending the meeting in person this evening. In response to a question regarding vacancies, Dr. Gilligan stated that there are a few vacancies for special education teaching assistants and one BCBA position.

Chair's Report

Chair Pietrowski discussed the COVID challenges over the last few years and how NAPS staff have remained the constant in students' lives. She noted that the district has done a good job

recognizing the social emotional needs of students and putting plans in place to address those needs. Chair Peitrowski stated that financially the district is in a good position and she is cautiously optimistic that this will be a normal school year.

2nd Reading Educator Hall of Fame Nominee

Ms. Lynch moved to accept the nomination for Peter Concannon to Educator Hall of Fame. Mr. McDevitt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Ms. Pickard, Ms. Lynch, Mr. Hicks, Mr McDevitt and Ms. Pietrowski voted yes, and the motion passed.

2nd Reading Transfer Ownership of Old Items

Dr. Mealey discussed the need for the transfer of old items to the town as well as the list of items to be transferred. He noted that approval will allow the school department to transfer items to the town for disposal as town sees fit.

Mr. Mcdevitt moved to approve transfer of ownership of surplus furniture to the town as presented in packet. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Ms. Pickard, Ms. Lynch, Mr. Hicks, Mr McDevitt and Ms. Pietrowski voted yes, and the motion passed.

1st Reading Overnight Student Trips

Ms. Marx reviewed the proposed overnight trips. She stated most trips are repeat trips. In response to questions by the Committee, Ms. Marx stated that she will check whether college prep students are able to attend the Washington DC trip and she will get additional information for the Committee on the refund policy for the trip to Spain. She noted that NAMS students will be participating in Natures Classroom at NAMS this year, no trip approval will be required.

1st Reading Initial Compliance Certification

Dr. Mealey discussed the MSBA initial compliance certification requirements. He stated that although School Committee approval is not required, he would like the School Committee to provide an endorsement. He stated that the deadline for approval is September 30. The Select Board is scheduled to vote to approve at their next meeting, after counsel review.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The Committee thanked staff for their work over the summer. The Committee requested a doodle poll be sent out to members for an alternate date for the first meeting in October.

Adjourn

At approximately 8:00 p.m. Chair Pietrowski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Lynch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. McDevitt. A roll call vote was taken, Ms. Pickard, Ms. Lynch, Mr. Hicks, Mr. McDevitt and Ms. Pietrowski voted yes, and the motion passed.