

School Committee Meeting
February 14, 2022

In attendance: Suzanne Allen, Abby Besse, Sharlene Cronin, Shannon Molloy and SusanMary Redinger.

Others in attendance: Linda Dwight, Henry Wacek, and Nina Iverson

SusanMary Redinger called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Vision Statement: Shannon Molloy

Public Commentary:

Liz Ruark – Orchard Hill – Masking Policy

Charles Oliver – Simon Atherton Road – COVID/Masking Policy

Emily Marczyk – COVID/Masking Policy

Amy Bassage – Littleton County Road -Masking Policy

Rachel Kopay –Littleton County Road - SEPAC programming

Eva Johnson Bolton Road – Masking Policy

Russel Kilkenney – Slough Road – Masking Policy

David Kilkenney – Slough Road – Slough Road – Masking Policy

Barbara Romero – 4 Woodchuck Hill Road – Masking Policy

Theresa Hoggins – Ann Lee Road – Masking Policy

Student Report:

Henry Wacek reported that the second quarter ended and report cards have been sent out. The COVID at home test program has started and students will test at home on Thursdays. The basketball teams have had their senior nights.

Nina Iverson: reported that students have some concerns about the quality of the school lunches. Students are interested in having the program of studies include courses about financial literacy.

Student Club:

Brittney Anderson from Harvard Cable Television presented a request to start the creation of video production club. This will allow students to learn about video production outside of the classroom. The School Committee will be invited to visit the studio for a tour and share the work being done.

Abby Besse made the motion and Suzanne Allen seconded to approve the request to create a Video Production Club at Bromfield.

VOTE: Allen (Aye), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Molloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)

Superintendent Report

See Attached

Director of Instructional Design

Dr. Dwight presented for approval the job description for the Director of Instructional Design position. Dr. Dwight made some changes based on feedback from the Committee. Dr. Dwight will be advertising for the position with the understanding that the Budget Subcommittee may need to look at funding sources if FY23 budget needs to be cut.

Suzanne Allen made the motion and Sharlene Cronin seconded to approve the job description for Director of Instructional Design as amended.

VOTE: Allen (Aye), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Molloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)

HPS Software Presentation

Chris Boyle and Beth Graham from the Instructional Technology Team gave an overview of the HPS Software program. The presentation included Harvard Public School's Digital Resources Philosophy, the Software vetting process, the software growth from FY19 to FY23 and the software budget.

COVID Policies Review (VOTE)

The committee debated at length the date and parameters for making masks a choice at both schools. The committee aligned with the March 9th date recommended by the district leaders and our lead school nurse.

Individuals will still need to wear masks as follows:

- On the bus (federal mandate)
- In nurse's rooms
- Vaccinated individuals who are identified as a close contact for 10 days
- Unvaccinated individuals identified as a close contact for 5 days after quarantining for 5 days.

Suzanne Allen made the motion and Abby Besse seconded to rescind the mask policy effective March 9th, 2022. Friendly amendment to change the motion to the following:

Adopt a policy that we will finalize at our next meeting that will allow mask optional behavior to begin in our school on March 9th.

VOTE: Allen (Aye), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Molloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)

Science Fair Judging

SusanMary Redinger asked for those interested/able to judge projects at the science fair on March 11th to notify her by email. SusanMary Redinger is not available to judge this year and is hoping one/two School Committee members can judge as well as potentially someone to present our award, depending on the format.

Grant Approval (VOTE)

Dr. Dwight presented a grant from the Harvard Schools Trust to fund furniture for the room that will host the STAAR program. The grant total is \$5,447.

Sharlene Cronin made the motion and Abby Besse seconded to approve the grant as presented. The School Committee would love to see pictures the space when it is set up.

VOTE: Allen (Aye), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Molloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)

Future Meeting Dates

February 28th

SAC/SC – March 4th

Holding in person meetings

March 14th

Agenda Items

District Improvement Plan

School Improvement Plan

Goals

Policy

Strategic Planning

Calendar

Food Service

Minutes

With no objection the minutes of the January 24th School Committee meeting were approved as amended.

With no objection the minutes of the January 24th Policy Subcommittee/SC meeting were approved as presented.

Shannon Molloy presented the following account payable warrants for review:

Warrant 22-16 in the amount of \$283,693.01

Warrant 22-17 in the amount of \$465,468.58

SC Liaison and Subcommittee Reports

Abby Besse – nothing to report.

Shannon Molloy – reported that it has been an honor to serve on The Bromfield School Principal Advisory Committee.

Shannon Molloy – reported that the Covid Safe School Advisory met last week.

Sharlene Cronin – thanked everyone for the great work putting together the budget and for the thorough presentation to the Finance Committee.

Sharlene Cronin reported that the Best Practices Subcommittee met and made great progress on the handbook and will be bringing it to the full committee in a creative way by the end of next month.

Suzanne Allen- reported that the Bromfield School Council met to discuss proposal to have alumni come in and talk to seniors about what is next for them and help mentor them. Bromfield School Committee meets again this Wednesday.

Suzanne Allen - reported that the Transportation Advisory Committee to discuss the Ayer Road project.

Suzanne Allen – reported that the Strategic Planning Committee is going well.

SusanMary Redinger – reported that the School Building Committee meeting is Thursday. We are down to approving final invoices. The actual expenditures being reported show that the project is \$450K less than expected. The project is on time and under budget which is awesome.

Public Commentary

Kerra Huchowski – Shaker Road – Masking and Housing developments

Amy Bassage – Old Littleton Road – Pool Testing

Keli Callaghan – Old Littleton Road – Masking

School Committee Closing Commentary

Suzanne Allen – appreciates working with each member and taking the time to collaborate on important issues

SusanMary Redinger – thank you for spending your Valentine’s Day with us, happy birthday to Linda tomorrow.

With no objection the meeting was Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Zadroga

Student Report: