



QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Committee Minutes
Thursday, November 14, 2019
Educational Support Center

PRESENT

Vice-Chair	Mark Brophy	Member, Barre
	Dr. Richard Allan	Member, Barre
	Deb Chamberlain	Member, Hubbardston
	David Correia	Member, Hubbardston
	Dave Deschamps	Member, Barre
	William Hansen	Member, Hubbardston
	Fred Jean-Francois	Member, Oakham (arrived 6:43 p.m.)
	Walter Nutter	Member, Oakham
	Marcelino Sarabia	Member, Hardwick
	Peggy Thompson	Member, New Braintree
	Mark Wigler	Member, Hubbardston

Absent: Ned Kelly; Geoffrey Spier; Peggy Thompson; Lee Wolanin;

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sheila Muir	Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Duval	Director of Administrative Services
District Administrators/Staff	Tricia Worthington; Gregory Devine; Sue Musnicki; Colleen Mucha; Andrew Walsh; Janet Hicks; Evan Barringer
Press:	Ellie Downer, Barre Gazette

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. at the conclusion of the New Employee Reception. In the absence of Mr. Wolanin, Vice-Chair Mark Brophy chaired the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Nutter and seconded by Mr. Wigler to approve the minutes of October 10, 2019. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0-4 with Mr. Sarabia, Mrs. Chamberlain, Dr. Allan, and Mr. Correia abstaining.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Superintendent's Report – Two events to speak to this evening. Dr. Muir stated that the NJROTC Annual Inspection took place today. As always, the cadets were exemplary and were highly recognized by the Commanding Officer.

Dr. Muir attended the MASC/MASS conference last week where Dr. Allan was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for a School Committee member. This award was given to Dr. Allan because of his commitment to the community and the students of the QRSD.

b) Director of Administrative Services

- Presentation of warrants – Payroll Warrants 8, 9, 10 and AP warrants 11A, 12A, 12B, 12V, 13A were approved by the Warrant Subcommittee.

c) Teacher Advisory Council

- Evan Barringer, President of QRTA, spoke in regard to the NJROTC Program and the wonderful opportunities the program offers students. The program instills confidence, discipline and teamwork for skills that are necessary throughout life.

d) Student Advisory Council

- MS/HS - Connor Foreman, Senior Class Treasurer reported on the events currently taking place at the high school. Boys' soccer, girls' soccer, field hockey and football all made districts in their divisions. The annual schoolwide Humans vs. Zombies event took place. All students participated in an ALICE presentation. Spirit Week was abbreviated due to the power outage and loss of school for two days. Many students are taking advantage of the tutoring sessions during flex block that are offered by NHS. Connor also reported that the one on one initiative of Chrome Books has streamlined work and has helped with Google Classroom.
- Elementary – Abigail Falconi and Paityn Gaspar, both sixth grade students at OCS reported on the events that have been taking place at Oakham Center School. The girls spoke about the OCS Student Council which is made up of 9 students from 5th and 6th grade. These students are expected to be role models for the school. Many activities throughout the year are organized by the Student Council. The SOAR program was discussed. This is a program that was developed from the Positive Behavior Support program where students earn points for positive behaviors. On October 31st, kindergarten and first grade students joined students at OCS for a Fall Festival. A special lunch was served for Halloween and over 80 students ordered hot lunch. On November 21st, the kindergarten and first grade will join OCS for a performance of musical talents of students with disabilities from the Berkshire Hills Music Academy with a Thanksgiving Feast following the performance.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Administrative Review

- No report was given

b) Audit

- No report was given

c) Budget

- No report was given. Budget process will begin in another month or two.

d) Central Office

- No report was given

e) Collective Bargaining

- No report was given. Will start collective bargaining after the first of the year. All collective bargaining agreements are up.

f) Plant and facilities

- No report was given in Mr. Kelly's absence. Mrs. Duval reported gave a brief update on the Hubbardston roof. Reimbursement rate is 60%. Project will begin in summer of 2021.

g) Policy & Review

- Motion made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Sarabia to remove EEBA Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy from the table.
Motion passed unanimously.
- IHBF – Homebound Instruction and IHBEA English Learners.
Motion made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Deschamps to place both policies – IHBF and IHBEA on the table for 30 day public review.
Motion passed unanimously.
- Innovation Pathways Presentation - currently offering Innovation Pathways courses at the high school. These are in technology and manufacturing. A video of the program can be found on our website.
- MCAS Report – Dr. Allan spoke to the copy of the presentation in each member's packet
- MS/HS Administration Reorganization - Dr. Allan spoke to the reorganization of the MS/HS and the roles and responsibilities of each of the administrators. Each committee member has a copy of their responsibilities in their packet.

- Dr. Allan reviewed changes in the demerit system so that the middle school is aligned with the high school. Using this system will give students the opportunity to control their behavior.

h) Special Education

- No report was given. Next meeting Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

i) QEMP

- No report was given

j) Technology

- No report was given

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

7. SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONCERNS

- Mr. Brophy encouraged members to attend the MASC/MASS fall conference. Mr. Brophy felt that it is very worthwhile for all School Committee members. Mr. Nutter also stated that he felt it is highly worthwhile.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- None

9. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Allan and seconded by Mr. Sarabia to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Bennett
School Committee Secretary

Approved by QRSD School Committee 12/12/19