

School Committee  
Regular meeting  
January 14, 2020

Call to Order – 4:31 PM

Roll Call – Ngina Lythcott, Penny Sutter, Liz Lovati, Adrianna Stefani, Eva Enos, Suzanne Scallion, Tim Reynolds.

No public comments.

Curriculum Presentation - Susan Heinz - Library Media Specialist

- Current activities and updates to the center
  - Website and catalog
  - Digital citizenship
  - Mock Caldecott Award
  - Coding Literacy
  - Current activities and updates to the center
- Future Goals

Review of Minutes

- Nov. 18, 2019
  - Correcting votes to reflect 3-0-0
  - Add “S” for seconding at top of page one - Penny
  - Penny – motion, Ngina – second
  - 5-0-0 - approved
- Dec. 11, 2019
  - Spelling of Adrianna name needs to be corrected
  - Ngina – motion, Penny – second
  - 5-0-0 - approved
- Jan. 9, 2020 – sub committee meeting
  - Penny - motion, Eva - second
  - 2-0-0

Superintendent’s Update

- Entry plan interviews continue
- Fishtales will be published in town and on the Cape - Suzanne will have a column
- Current budget is in the black

Principal’s Update

- Spring musical - Once on This Island, Jr.
- MA Cultural Council Grant - supports after school art seminar
- Currently administering Aimsweb and Access testing for monitoring student learning

- Retirements and Resignation - Jay Carducci, Judith Stanton, Mary Abt

#### Unfinished Business

- ELC Personnel – tabled
- Student Activity Account Policy JJF – Second reading
  - Liz - Who's in charge of fundraising?
  - Check policy on fundraising, including procedures for counting and submitting money
  - Table Motion - Liz - motion, Ngina – second
  - 5-0-0 - approved
- Minutes Policy BEDG – second reading
  - Ngina - Is there a middle ground for minutes between action minutes vs. transcripts of minutes?
  - Adrianna - Details are recorded in video recording
  - Liz – motion, Ngina – second
  - 5-0-0 – approved
- Survey Policy ILD – second reading
  - Adrianna - How will parents be notified of surveys?
  - Motion - Adrianna - Add “provide parents **notification and** access....” Penny - Second
  - 3-2-0 –approved amendment
  - Penny - motion to approve amended policy, Negina - second
  - 5-0-0 approved
- Student Handbook - First Reading
  - Eva will provide Tim with a list of edits
  - Tabled
- School building use fees
  - Suzanne is seeking input from local vendors & artists
  - Tabled

#### New Business

- Preliminary Budget 2020/2021 - Committee encouraged to review the budget in detail for the next meeting
  - Suzanne read a letter to the committee and community, providing a context for the process and current school standing
  - Some budget numbers are still influence because of the ongoing contract negotiations
  - No new personnel in administration
  - Cost of high school expenses will be influenced by where our students choose to attend
  - Grants reviewed
  - Nothing has been assigned to school choice, yet. It is coming.
  - K-8 transportation is covered by the budget. Asking town to cover high school transportation
  - Administration Budget - No significant increase. PD has been included.
  - SPED & Out of District Service - not anticipating anyone for ODS, except for the one student accounted for in HS. No significant increase. PD has been included.

- Early Learning Center - Articles 5, 6, & 7 has the potential to encourage school growth. Community should be reminded of the cost of the program that the articles didn't secure. Significant growth in budget lines. \$110,000
- Stipends move from school choice to budget. Need to name the different positions.
- School Committee meeting needs to be scheduled. Open Public Meeting for the budget needs to be scheduled. Triple Board meeting - with the Board of Select and Finance Committee is scheduled for Jan. 27, 5 PM. Scholarship Committee Nominee
- Does Julia Perry wish to continue?
- John Vosbargue is ready to stop in if Julie steps down.
- Need Field Trip - additional info will be given at the next meeting
- Surplus Equipment - Tabled

#### PSC Comments

- Ngina – Appreciation for Mary Abt's work. Thanks to Suzanne for budget proposal and to Jenn.
- Adrianna – Second what has been said.
- Liz – Thank you to Judith Stayton and Mary Abt. Appreciation for Suzanne's budget work.
- Penny – No comment.
- Eva – Second what has been said.

#### Adjourn 6:20

- Adrianna – motion, Ngina – second
- 5-0-0 – approved

#### Executive Session

#### Call to Order – 6:20

#### Negotiations

- Update provided by superintendent

#### Adjourned 6:23