

HOPKINTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Middle School Library

MINUTES

School Committee Chair Ellen Scordino opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the following present:

Members:

Ms. Ellen Scordino, Chair
Ms. Lori Nickerson, Vice Chair (absent)
Ms. Kelly Knight, Member
Mr. Jonathan Graziano, Member
Ms. Jean Bertschmann, Member

Also Present:

Dr. Cathy MacLeod, Superintendent
Mr. Ralph Dumas, Director of Finance

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Recognitions: Middle School Robotics

- Team coaches HHS Technology/Engineering/Teacher Doug Scott, HMS Technology/Engineering/Teacher Amy Borges, and HHS student assistant coach, Blake, were welcomed. The RoboHillers recently participated in the VEX IQ Challenge and were awarded the Middle School Excellence Award along with qualifying for VEX Worlds. This is the first year for HMS Robotics Team. Ms. Borges introduced the members of the team and team members explained the building of their robot and described its role in the competition. The team has been invited to participate in the world challenge in Kentucky in April.

III. Public Comments: None at this meeting

IV. Reports

A. Student Council – None at this meeting

B. Liaisons Reports

- The Girls Basketball Team participated in the semi-finals, the Boys Hockey Team is playing tonight in the state semi-finals, and the Cheerleading Team won the state title.

C. SC Chair Report

- Ms. Scordino reported that the Irvine-Todaro Properties Advisory Group met and elected Chair and Vice Chair.
- The school department operating budget was presented to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) and was well received. The Capital Articles for the turf fields and the bus parking lot were discussed, and the BOS indicated support for the football field to be a turf field, and for the bus parking lot. Dr. MacLeod will provide the information requested by the BOS.

D. Superintendent's Report

- The 7th grade concert was held last evening. Dr. MacLeod observed that the concert highlighted the breadth of opportunities available in the music program, the talent of Hopkinton students, and the rate at which teachers have been able to increase students' skills.
- The Wellness Fair was held on February 29, 2016. The event was put on by the Wellness Department and the HPTA and was well attended.

V. New Business

A. Before & After School Program – YMCA Renewal – Mr. Dumas

For Consideration: Request and recommendation that the School Committee exercise its option to renew the contract with the YMCA for a second year, beginning in September 2016.

Motion: Move to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to renew the contract with the YMCA for a second year, beginning in September of 2016 was made by Ms. Knight, seconded by Mr. Graziano.

Vote: Favor: 4 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Nickerson)

B. Food Service Management Contract – Whitsons Renewal – Mr. Dumas

For Consideration: Request and recommendation that the School Committee exercise its option to renew the contract with Whitsons for a second year, beginning in September of 2016.

Motion: Move to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to renew the contract with Whitsons for a second year, beginning in September of 2016 was made by Ms. Knight, seconded by Mr. Graziano.

Vote: Favor: 4 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Nickerson)

Mr. Graziano commended Whitsons for their excellent communication and engagement with the school community. The high level of customer service they offer was also noted.

C. Hopkins School and High School Roofs – Designer Selection – Mr. Dumas

For Consideration: Request and recommendation that the School Committee award the contract to Gale Associates of Weymouth and authorize the Administration to sign a contract in the amount of \$87,000.

Motion: Move to award the contract and authorize the Administration to take appropriate steps to sign a contract with Gale Associates of Weymouth in the amount of \$87,000 was made by Ms. Knight, seconded by Mr. Graziano.

Vote: Favor: 4 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Nickerson)

D. Budget Transfers – Mr. Dumas

For Consideration: Request and recommendation that the School Committee approve the budget transfers as outlined in the documentation.

Motion: Move to approve the budget transfers as outlined in the agenda materials was made by Ms. Knight, seconded by Mr. Graziano.

Vote: Favor: 4 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Nickerson)

E. Capital Project Article Warrant #16-045 in the amount of \$10,531.00 – Mr. Dumas

For Consideration: Request and recommendation of the Superintendent for payment of invoices for Capital Project invoices as appropriated in Article 14F, 24, and 26.

Motion: Move to approve the payment of Warrant #16-045 in the amount of \$10,531.00 to the vendors outlined in the warrant was made by Ms. Knight, seconded by Mr. Graziano.

Vote: Favor: 4 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Nickerson)

F. Paraprofessional – Dr. MacLeod

For Consideration: Request and recommendation of the Superintendent for an additional 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional to meet the needs of a recently registered elementary student based on the needs as dictated by the IEP.

Discussion: Dr. MacLeod is meeting with Dr. Zaleski, an outside consultant, and the team chairs to carefully assess the needs of students and ways to provide support in a more flexible manner. The final conclusions will be available for the 2016-2017 school year. The requests for additional paraprofessionals on tonight's agenda are dictated by the students' IEPs and are only needed through the end of this school year.

Motion: Move to approve the addition of a 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional for the recently registered elementary student was made by Ms. Knight, seconded by Mr. Graziano.

Vote: Favor: 4 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Nickerson)

G. Paraprofessional – Dr. MacLeod

For Consideration: Request and recommendation of the Superintendent for an additional 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional to meet the increased needs of a Center School student.

Motion: Move to approve the addition of a 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional to meet the increased needs of a Center School student was made by Ms. Knight, seconded by Mr. Graziano.

Vote: Favor: 4 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Nickerson)

H. Middle School State-Side Overnight Approval – Dr. MacLeod

For Consideration: Request and recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the overnight travel request for:

- Robotics Team to Kentucky: April 20 – April 23, 2016

Motion: Move to approve the overnight travel request for the Robotics Team to Kentucky from April 20 – April 23, 2016.

Vote: Favor: 4 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Nickerson)

VI. Old Business

A. School Committee Policy: IHAMB and IHAMB-EI Sex Education: Dr. MacLeod (2nd reading)

For Consideration: For a second reading.

Discussion: Only one question about the curriculum was received since the last reading.

Motion: Move to adopt Policy *IHAMB* and *IHAMB-EI* as amended was made by Ms. Knight, seconded by Mr. Graziano.

Vote: Favor: 4 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Nickerson)

VII. Public Comments: None at this meeting

VIII. Items by Consensus:

- The Superintendent recommends the School Committee vote to approve the Operating Budget & Other Funds Warrant #16-044 in the amount of \$181,870.18.
- The Superintendent recommends the School Committee vote to approve the Elmwood School Student Activities Warrant #16-046 in the amount of \$2,570.00.
- The Superintendent recommends the School Committee vote to approve the Middle School Student Activities Warrant #16-047 in the amount of \$32,819.90.
- The Superintendent recommends the School Committee vote to approve the minutes of the special School Committee meetings of April 9, 2015 and December 10, 2015 as indicated in the agenda materials.
- The Superintendent recommends the School Committee vote to approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meetings of May 28, 2015, June 18, 2015, October 15, 2015, October 22, 2015, and December 3, 2015 as indicated in the agenda materials.

- F. The Superintendent recommends the School Committee vote to approve \$943.30 from General Mills “Box Tops for Education” Program and \$244.00 from the HPTA “Spirit Wear” fundraiser be placed in the Hopkins School Gift Account as indicated in the agenda materials.
- G. The Superintendent recommends the School Committee vote to approve \$2,000.00 from the “The Sky’s the Limit” fundraiser and \$1,309.85 from Target’s “Take Charge of Education” Program be placed in the Middle School Gift Account as indicated in the agenda materials.

Motion: Move to approve items VIII. A. – G. was made by Ms. Knight, seconded by Mr. Graziano.

Vote: Favor: 4 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Nickerson)

Ms. Scordino noted that a request for minutes was fulfilled, and confirmed with the MASC and MGL that minutes are not needed when the School Committee meets with Town Committees and/or the Board of Selectmen in a public meeting and deliberation and comments take place only during the public meeting.

IX. Executive Session: To conduct a Level III Grievance Hearing under the teacher’s collective bargaining agreement.

Motion: Move to go into Executive Session pursuant to conduct a Level III Grievance Hearing under the teacher’s collective bargaining agreement was made by Ms. Knight, seconded by Mr. Graziano.

A roll call vote was taken:

- Ellen Scordino, Chair - yes
- Lori Nickerson, Vice Chair - absent
- Kelly Knight, Member - yes
- Jonathan Graziano, Member - yes
- Jean Bertschmann, Member - yes

Motion: Move to exit Executive Session for the purpose of adjournment was made by Ms. Knight, seconded by Mr. Graziano.

A roll call vote was taken:

- Ellen Scordino, Chair - yes
- Lori Nickerson, Vice Chair - absent
- Kelly Knight, Member - yes
- Jonathan Graziano, Member - yes
- Jean Bertschmann, Member - yes

X. Adjournment

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Knight, seconded by Mr. Graziano.

Vote: Favor: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Scordino, Chair
Lori Nickerson, Vice Chair