

QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS - June 20, 2007

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Regular Meeting of the Quincy School Committee

A regular meeting of the Quincy School Committee was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall. Present were Mrs. Anne Mahoney, Mr. Kevin Mulvey, Ms. Linda Stice, Mr. Jim Timmins, Mr. Dave McCarthy, Mayor Phelan and Ms. Elaine Dwyer, Vice, Chairman.

Regular Meeting

Vice Chairman Presiding

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The Superintendent called the roll and all members were present. Also present were: Dr. Richard DeCristofaro, Secretary, and Mrs. Tefta Burrelli, Clerk; Drs. Mariano and Pattavina. Messrs. O'Brien, Ryan, Walsh, McPhee, Keith Segalla, and Canavan, Ms. Powell, Lebo, Hughes, and Roberts.

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On a motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Timmins, the Committee approved the regular and executive session minutes for June 6, 2007. The ayes have it. On a motion by Ms. Stice, seconded by Mr. Mulvey, the Committee approved the emergency and executive session meeting minutes for the June 12, 2007. The ayes have it.

Reg & Exec.
Mins. Approved
6/6/2007
Emer. & Exec.
Mins. Approved
6/12/2007

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Dr. DeCristofaro reported that 94-95% high school students were present for final exams, and 80% to low 90% of our students were present in school this week.

Supts. Report

The Committee recognized the three retiring principals who were present-- Dennis Carini, Principal of the Amelio Della Chiesa Early Childhood Ctr. and Lincoln Hancock Community Schools, Mr. Kevin Mark, principal of Montclair and Mr. Louis Ioanilli, Principal of North Quincy High School. Also present were the appointees--Ruth Witmer for Amelio Della Chiesa Early Childhood Ctr. and Lincoln Hancock Community Schools, Renee Lalumiere for the Montclair School, and Earl Metzler for North Quincy High School. The Committee thanked the retiring principals for their dedication and commitment and their years of hard work and congratulated the newly elected principals and wished them well in their new positions.

Staff Recognition

Principal Appointments

The Committee thanked the S.L.T. members for the gift of appreciation

they received.

The Superintendent thanked the City Council for passing the FY08 School Budget and the Mayor for the 7% increase in the budget. This will allow us to increase our after school opportunities and to increase supplies, purchase new text book at every level, continue full day Kindergarten, literacy and at-risk students and to build a new high school.

There was a brief recess at 7:35 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

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As no one wished to speak at the Open Forum, the Committee went on with the business at hand.

Open Forum

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Mr. Canavan reported that the Maintenance Department moved the Administrative offices from the old Quincy High School to the NAGE Building. They set up and broke down the graduation equipment at Adams Field. They are lining up projects for summer.

Buildings & Grounds

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Mike Ryan reported that Woodward Ave. will be closed off on June 25. A public hearing was held on June 14 with some School Committee members, Councilor Gutro and Kelly and the residents of the area. SMMA, Rishman and Rizo were also present. They shared information on traffic, point of contacts, community service information, and site safety. The neighbors requested that there be increased traffic patrols.

New QHS

Mr. Ryan showed on a map the area where the fencing will go. The Maintenance Office will be moving to one of the houses and the architects, Project Manager will be housed in the other house. The field in back will be used by construction people. Mr. Ryan also showed a rendering of the new high school. It has been decided that the brick will be red and not yellow.

Mr. McCarthy arrives at 7:48 p.m.

We are on schedule with the budget and moving forward. We should have all the permits this week. The Mayor told the Committee that we received the project funding from the state all signed. He thanked Katherine Cravens and Treasurer Cahill.

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On a motion by Ms. Stice, seconded by Mr. Mulvey, the Committee accepted a gift of \$163.55 donated by the Sunday School children of Faith Lutheran Church to benefit Quincy Public Schools "Project Access: Educational Services to Homeless Children." The ayes have it.

Gift -Homeless Children

On a motion by Mr. Timmins, seconded by Ms. Stice, the Committee accepted a donation of 80 fiction and on-fiction books for our elementary schools by Mr. Robert Kachinsky and his family and friends. The ayes have it.

Gift - QPS

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Mr. Rich O'Brien showed the Committee the updates made to the Quincy Public Schools Web Page. Some of the new additions are: SPED now has a page, the School Committee calendar, Team meetings are listed, MCAS schedule, lunch schedules, early release days, Career and Ed Center (a resource for seniors looking at career planning), FASA forms, and school starting times. The webpage is quite comprehensive.

Technology Update

Other sites they will be added are: a parent section, QPAC located under the parent section, ways to contact staff, staff academy, and a number of forms that staff may use, Principals' assistance area, forms for principals which are filled out every year, a template for SIP and there is an issue training package which we purchased. This will be used to train staff. It is web-based. Each school has its own site. Personnel advertising is handled by Mr. Walsh. This was requested last year.

There is a section for the new Quincy High School which show two presentations given to us by SMMA. Mr. Ryan will work with the Superintendent and Mr. Ryan to post updates, notes.

The Committee was very pleased with the web site. Mr. Timmins was very happy with the SPED page. He didn't feel that the school websites were keeping pace. Some schools are more involved. Their teachers are proactive. Mr. O'Brien will work with the schools.

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Ms. Stice thanked the three people that work in the Production Department -- Karl Schwendenman, Marie Cunniff and Cathy Cashman. Three dedicated staff who do quality work. Thanks also do Brian Smith for the work he did at the Teen Mothers' Graduation. He and Dr. Mariano put together a wonderful slide show. Also, Ms. Stice visited the Early Childhood Center three intensive Sped class for three year olds. This was the happiest place. Ms. Stice took off the School Policy Subcommittee Dress Code, Elementary Report Cards,

Staff Recognition

The Mayor congratulated the Superintendent and his staff for one of the most product years.

Ms. Stice is working on a draft policy for bullying. It is not ready to present as yet, it requires more input.

Mrs. Dwyer asked the committee to look at what's in their subcommittees and clean them up.

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The Committee noted the following resignations:

Resignations

Athenia Elie
Helen Layden

Darlene Bergstrom

Teacher
Lunch Attendants

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On a motion by Mr. Timmins, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Committee adjourned for the evening at 8:37 p.m. There was no executive session. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Adjournment