

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Quincy School Committee
Wednesday, May 8, 2013
City Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2013.

- II. Open Forum: An opportunity for community input regarding the Quincy Public Schools. After giving his or her name and address, each speaker may make a presentation of no more than four minutes to the School Committee. An individual may not exchange their time or yield to others.

- III. Superintendent's Report:
 - A. Cleaner Greener, May 5
 - B. Partnership Breakfast
 - C. Community Service Learning Celebration
 - D. Principal Induction
 - E. Squantum Multi-Cultural Fair
 - F. Spring Concert and Drama Event Update
 - G. Quincy High School Green Ribbon School Designation
 - H. Middle and High School Foreign Language Essay and Poster Contest Participants
 - I. Partnership Recognition: Boston Scientific
 - J. Home-School Connections: Monthly Newsletter from Atherton Hough Elementary School

- IV. Old Business:

- V. New Business:
 - A. FY2014 Budget Overview *Mayor Thomas Koch, Dr. Richard DeCristofaro
Mr. James Mullaney*

B. Alternative Program Update

Mrs. Maura Papile

C. School Choice: Superintendent recommends that the Quincy School Committee withdraws from the obligation to enroll non-resident students in the Quincy Public Schools for the 2012-2013 academic year for the following reasons:

- Continued projected enrollment conditions at the elementary and middle schools based on current and project enrollments
- Policy of the Quincy School Committee to adhere to class size guidelines.

D. Gift: Donation of a Plasma Cutter and 105 20-foot steel pieces valued at \$5,800 from the *Boston Globe*.

E. Out of State Travel:

1. Montclair Elementary School Grade 5 students to Canobie Lake Park, Windham, NH on June 24, 2013.
2. Wollaston Elementary School Grade 5 students to Canobie Lake Park, Windham, NH on June 20, 2013.

VI. Additional Business:

VII. Communications:

VIII. Reports of Subcommittees:

1. Budget and Finance Subcommittee: Ms. Isola to report on the April 8, 2013 and May 7, 2013 meetings.
2. Policy Subcommittee: Mr. Bregoli to report on the April 8, 2013 and May 6, 2013 meetings.
3. Central Building Committee: Mrs. Mahoney to report on the April 22, 2013 meeting.
4. Facilities and Security Subcommittee: Mr. McCarthy to report on the April 30, 2013 meeting.

IX. Executive Session: Collective Bargaining

X. Adjournment:

SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BUDGET & FINANCE

Isola/Bregoli/Hubley/Koch/Lebo/Mahoney/McCarthy

SCHOOL FACILITIES AND SECURITY

McCarthy/Bregoli/Hubley

- (1) Sterling Building Plans Referred to Subcommittee by the School Building Task Force in 1998.
- (2) Coddington Hall Referred to Subcommittee at the May 18, 2011 School Committee Meeting. The City of Quincy has appropriated funds to refurbish Coddington Hall to serve as the Quincy Public Schools administrative offices. Wessling Architects has completed the design phase of the project and construction bids are scheduled to go out in early October. All bids being in order, construction should begin in January 2013.
- (3) Houses on Saville Avenue Referred to Subcommittee at the May 18, 2011 School Committee Meeting. Currently home to the City's Public Building department, the School Committee and Superintendent see no future educational uses for these properties.
- (4) Outside Lighting Audit Referred to Subcommittee at the February 8, 2012 School Committee Meeting. To address safety concerns, an audit was requested to look for lights that need repair or replacement and locations that would benefit from additional lighting.
- (5) President's City Inn Referred to Subcommittee at the October 10, 2012 School Committee Meeting. Safety concerns have been expressed about this property that abuts the new Central Middle School.
- (6) Classroom Door Locks Referred to Subcommittee at the January 23, 2013 School Committee Meeting. Review of current status by school underway as well as cost estimates for upgrading all schools to meet recommended standards.
- (7) School Lobby Security Controls Referred to Subcommittee at the January 23, 2013 School Committee Meeting. Review of existing visitor protocols, with special consideration of current high school policies and discussion of enhancements moving forward for all schools.

HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY

Hubley/Lebo/McCarthy

- (1) School Meal Charges Referred to Subcommittee at the March 21, 2012 School Committee Meeting. New state and federal regulations require formalization of the school meal charges policy.
- (2) Science Lab Safety: Referred from the Teaching and Learning Subcommittee at the April 2, 2012 meeting. High School and High School Science labs have been reviewed and needed updates for compliance completed as of September 24, 2012 Special School Committee Meeting. Monitoring of supplies will be handled by High School Safety Team; need similar plan for Middle Schools.
- (3) Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Referred to Subcommittee at the September 24, 2012 Special School Committee Meeting. Student Support Services working with Lincoln Hancock, Clifford Marshall, and Parker Elementary Schools on piloting this initiative.

SCHOOL POLICY

Bregoli/Isola/Mahoney

- (1) Graduation Requirements Referred to Subcommittee at the September 7, 2011 School Committee Meeting and discussed at the October 11, 2011 School Policy Subcommittee. The discussion centered around adding a fourth year of Math as a graduation requirement; the issue is tabled until more is known about the impact of the new Common Core Standards on the Massachusetts frameworks.
- (2) New Educator Evaluations Referred at the September 7, 2011 School Committee Meeting and shared with the Teaching and Learning Subcommittee. Further discussion will be held in joint Subcommittee Meetings and Executive Session as it pertains to collective bargaining.
- (3) High School Community Service Referred to Subcommittee at the December 14, 2011 School Committee Meeting. A resolution was introduced proposing a Community Service requirement; pilot program for Grades 10 and 11 is underway for 2012-2013 school year.
- (4) Conflict of Interest: Volunteering, Tutoring, Hiring Referred to Subcommittee at the January 11, 2012 School Committee Meeting. Review and discussion of existing policy requested.

- (5) Adding CPR as a Graduation Requirement Referred to Subcommittee at the March 21, 2012 School Committee Meeting. Review and discussion of existing policy requested.
- (6) Exempting Student Athletes from Physical Education Requirement Referred at the May 2, 2012 School Committee Meeting. Student athletes who compete in three seasons of athletics with parent permission and maintenance of academic eligibility, would not be required to take Physical Education classes. Review and discussion of existing policy requested.
- (7) Advertising/Sponsorship Opportunities Referred at the June 13, 2012 School Committee Meeting. Review and discussion of amending the existing policy requested to explore the possibility of raising revenue by accepting advertising sponsorships.
- (8) Extracurricular Eligibility Referred at the March 25, 2013 Ad Hoc Athletics Rules Subcommittee. Review and discussion of the existing policy and consideration of increasing the requirements.
- (9) High School Grading Referred at the April 3, 2013 School Committee meeting after a presentation at the April 2, 2013 Teaching and Learning Subcommittee meeting. Review and discussion of amending the current standard for minimum passing grade to conform with surrounding communities.

SPECIAL EDUCATION**Mahoney/Bregoli/McCarthy**

- (1) Substitute Teachers for SPED Originally referred to Subcommittee at the January 17, 2007 School Committee Meeting. At the Special School Committee Meeting on January 28, 2012 and the Special Education Subcommittee meeting on February 1, 2012, it was agreed that some progress has been made in the way that substitute teachers are informed and educated about accommodations for special needs issues. A form has been developed for classroom teachers to share information and the goal for implementation is the 2012-2013 school year.
- (2) Special Education Program Assessment Referred to Subcommittee at the January 28, 2012 Special School Committee Meeting. This will be an ongoing discussion of the curriculum initiatives for Special Education.

RULES, POST AUDIT & OVERSIGHT**Lebo/Bregoli/Hubleby****TEACHING AND LEARNING****Lebo/Hubleby/Isola**

- (1) New Educator Evaluations Referred at the September 7, 2011 School Committee Meeting and shared with the School Policy Subcommittee. Two meetings have already been held to begin exploring the requirements of the new regulations (9/21/11 Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting and February 13, 2012 Teaching and Learning Subcommittee meeting) and further discussion will be held in joint Subcommittee meetings and Executive Session as it pertains to collective bargaining.
- (2) Media Specialists in Elementary and Middle Schools Referred at the January 23, 2012 School Committee Meeting. The Citywide Parents' Council presented a signed petition representing the request to restore these positions in the FY2014 budget and seek additional funding to address the positions for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:**CHANNEL 22****Mahoney/McCarthy**

Created at the October 27, 2007 School Committee meeting to encourage the greater use of Channel 22 across Quincy Public Schools.

CENTRAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**Mahoney****ATHLETIC RULES****McCarthy/Hubleby/Lebo**

Created at the October 24, 2012 School Committee meeting to continue discussion on Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association rules.