

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Quincy School Committee
Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 7:00 pm
Coddington Building

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2015.

- 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. Inspiring Quincy
 - B. Student Recognitions: National Merit Scholars
 - C. Student Assessment for Spring 2016
 - D. Parent Academies
 - E. American Education Week
 - F. Educator Mini-Grant Awards
 - G. Aspen Publication #17
 - H. MSBA Board Meeting
 - I. BOKS Training/Program Launch
 - J. Home School Connections: Atherton Hough, Montclair, Squantum, and Wollaston Elementary and Quincy High School Monthly Newsletters.

- IV. Old Business:

V. New Business:

- A. Curriculum Update: Handwriting Without Tears *Mrs. Perkins*
- B. Athletics Program Improvement Plan *Mr. Joyce, Mr. Lane*
- C. FY2016 Additional Budget Appropriation *Dr. DeCristofaro*
- D. MASC Conference Update *Mrs. Hubley*
- E. Out of State Travel: Sterling Middle School Chorus to the Providence Bruins, Providence, Rhode Island on November 22, 2015.
- F. Overnight Travel:
 - 1. Point Webster Middle School Grade 8 to New York City, New York June 9-10, 2016.
 - 2. Sterling Middle School Grade 8 to Washington, D.C., June 6-9, 2016.

VI. Additional Business:

VII. Communications:

- A. Upcoming School Committee Meetings: December 9, 2015.
- B. Upcoming Subcommittee Meetings:
 - 1. Policy: Monday, December 7, 6:00 pm
 - 2. Teaching & Learning: Monday, December 7, 5:00 pm

VIII. Reports of Subcommittees:

- A. Budget & Finance: Mrs. Hubley to report on the November 9, 2015 meeting.
- B. Teaching and Learning: Ms. Isola to report on the November 9, 2015; November 12, 2015; and November 16, 2015 meetings.
- C. Facilities & Security: Mr. McCarthy to report on the November 16, 2015 meeting.

IX. Executive Session: None

X. Adjournment:

SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BUDGET & FINANCE

Hubley/Bregoli/DiBona/Isola/Koch/Mahoney/McCarthy

(1) Additional Funding Appropriation: Referred to Subcommittee at the September 30, 2015 School Committee meeting. With the reinstatement of the Full-Day Kindergarten Grant from DESE for Kindergarten Aides, there is an additional \$250,000 available for one-time FY2016 expenses.

FACILITIES AND SECURITY

McCarthy/Bregoli/Hubley

(1) 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. Current construction plans were reviewed at the March 18, 2014 Subcommittee Meeting and updates provided during the 2014-2015 school year.

(2) North Quincy High School Campus Expansion/Teele Field Project Referred at the January 22, 2014 School Committee Meeting. A presentation on the proposed enhancements will be scheduled.

(3) Faxon Field Equalization Pipe Referred at the October 14, 2015 School Committee meeting. Requesting information on the communications between the City of Quincy and Mass. DEP.

HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY

DiBona/Bregoli/McCarthy

(1) Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Referred to Subcommittee at the September 24, 2012 Special School Committee Meeting. Student Support Services working with elementary and middle schools to implement this initiative.

(2) Traffic Concerns at North Quincy High School Referred to Subcommittee at the March 5, 2014 School Committee Meeting. Concerns about East Squantum Street crosswalk/parking lot entrance.

(3) Solar Array Installation on School Roofs Referred from the Facilities & Security Subcommittee on September 10, 2014. Monitoring of the ongoing projects and the educational opportunities.

(4) Learn to Swim Referred at the September 10, 2014 Special School Committee Meeting. Monitoring the ongoing partnership between QPS and the South Shore YMCA.

(5) Farm to School Referred at the September 10, 2014 Special School Committee Meeting. Monitoring the Planning Grant rollout, a collaboration of QPS and the Planning Department.

(6) CPR Certification Referred from the Policy Subcommittee at the September 10, 2014 Special School Committee meeting.

(7) Before School Exercise Programs Referred at the September 10, 2014 Special School Committee meeting. Monitoring the implementation of these programs across QPS.

(8) Peer Mentoring for Grade 9 Students Referred at the September 29, 2015 Special School Committee meeting. Monitoring the implementation of this program at both high schools.

POLICY

Bregoli/Isola/Hubley

(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) 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.

(3) Review of High School Academic and Extracurricular Programs Referred at the November 13, 2013 School Committee Meeting. A comparison of the offerings at both schools to be analyzed to ensure equitable and parallel opportunities for all students at both facilities.

(4) Open Enrollment Referred at the October 8, 2014 School Committee meeting for review and discussion to focus on the timeline for placement decisions and communication to parents.

- (5) Middle School Grading System Referred at the December 10, 2014 School Committee meeting for review and discussion.
- (6) 2016-2017 School Year Calendar Referred at the April 8, 2015 School Committee meeting.
- (7) Weather Cancellation Schoolwork Referred at the April 8, 2015 School Committee meeting and shared with the Teaching and Learning Subcommittee. Exploring options for creating Policy for schoolwork during extended periods of weather-related school cancellations.
- (8) Concussion Policy Referred at the May 6, 2015 School Committee meeting; as required by law, the policy must be reviewed and amended or reaffirmed every two years.
- (9) Voter Registration at the High Schools Referred at the September 16, 2015 School Committee meeting for discussion of implementation with the City Clerk's Office.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mahoney/DiBona/McCarthy

- (1) Student Information for Substitute Teachers Originally referred at the January 17, 2007 School Committee Meeting. Aspen Student Information System Special Education module reports will be utilized to share information with substitute teachers beginning in 2015-2016 school year.

RULES, POST AUDIT & OVERSIGHT

Hubleby/Isola/Mahoney

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Isola/Hubleby/Mahoney

- (1) Advanced Program Pathways Referred at the May 20, 2015 School Committee Meeting to review opportunities to challenge above-level students at all grades.
- (2) Enrollment Data/Class Size: Referred at the October 14, 2015 School Committee meeting for further review and discussion.
- (3) Resolution on Student Assessment: Referred at the October 28, 2015 School Committee meeting for review and discussion.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

STERLING BUILDING COMMITTEE

DiBona/McCarthy

STERLING/POINT WEBSTER GRADE 5

McCarthy/Bregoli/DiBona/Hubleby/Isola/Koch/Mahoney

Created at the September 10, 2014 Special School Committee meeting to review issues related to Grade 5 being located in middle school buildings.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MAPS

Isola/Bregoli/DiBona/Hubleby/Koch/Mahoney/McCarthy

Created at the September 10, 2014 Special School Committee meeting to review issues related to school district maps.