

Quincy, MASSACHUSETTS – September 30, 2015

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Regular Meeting of the Quincy School Committee

A regular meeting of the Quincy School Committee was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at the Coddington Building. Present were Mr. Paul Bregoli, Mr. Noel DiBona, Ms. Barbara Isola, Mayor Thomas Koch, Mrs. Anne Mahoney, Mr. David McCarthy, and Mrs. Kathryn Hubley, Vice Chair.

Regular Meeting

Vice-Chair Presiding

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The Superintendent called the roll and all members were present. Also present were: Dr. Richard DeCristofaro, Secretary; Ms. Laura Owens, Clerk; Mrs. Rita Bailey, Ms. Christine Barrett, Mr. Michael Draicchio, Mrs. Mary Fredrickson, Mrs. Renee Malvesti, Deputy Superintendent Kevin Mulvey, Mr. James Mullaney, Mrs. Maura Papile, Ms. Madeline Roy, Mr. Keith Segalla, Mr. Stephen Sylvia, Ms. Judy Todd, Mrs. Ruth Witmer; and Student Representatives to School Committee Sarah Clancy (Quincy High School) and Molly Donohue and Nassim Touill (North Quincy High School).

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There was a moment of silence in memory of retired teachers Susan Reilly and Gail Paton, Della Chiesa student Victoria Scheurch, Quincy High School graduate Jason Savage, and parent Paul Andrade.

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Mr. Bregoli made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for September 16, 2015. On a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Regular Meeting
Minutes Approved
9/16/15

Ms. Isola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bregoli, to approve the Special Meeting minutes for September 29, 2015. On a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Special Meeting
Minutes Approved
9/29/15

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As no one wished to speak at Open Forum, School Committee moved to the next item on the agenda.

Open Forum

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Dr. DeCristofaro opened the Superintendent's Report by introducing Senior Director of Student Support Services Maura Papile. The Rural Masonic Lodge is being recognized for their many contributions to the Quincy Public Schools: sustainable programs, such as Rachel's Challenge, holiday assistance, and the PBIS program. For Health and Wellness, two new AEDs were purchased, one for Snug Harbor and the other for Lincoln Hancock, both the kits and wall cabinets. For PBIS, Mrs. Papile introduced Principals Christine Barrett, Stephen Sylvia, Renee Malvesti, and Ruth Witmer who shared video presentations and details of the PBIS implementation at their elementary and middle schools. Through the generosity of the Rural Masonic Lodge, elementary and middle school teams have had multiple days of training provided by the May Institute.

Mrs. Papile presented the Rural Masonic Lodge with a certificate on behalf of the Quincy School Committee and Quincy Public Schools. Dr. DeCristofaro said that with the support of the Rural Lodge of Masons, our phenomenal principals and teachers have swiftly implemented this PBIS system. He also thanked Mrs. Papile for the organization of this PBIS Initiative.

After a brief recess, Dr. DeCristofaro discussed upcoming Quincy School~Community Partnership events, including the Health Symposium, Teacher Mini-Grant Ceremony, and Professional Educator Status Reception.

Quincy Public School's preliminary enrollment is 9,339 students; average class size for elementary students is 20 for Kindergarten and Grades 4-5; 19 for Grades 1-3. At the middle school level, 87% of class sections are 23 students or fewer. For the two high schools, 76% of class sections are 23 students or fewer. A few sections are in the 29-30 range and the schools are working to remedy that. A full report will be shared at the October 14, 2015 School Committee meeting.

The Sterling Building Committee met on Monday, September 28 to share the Preliminary Schematic Design in advance of the October 1 submission to the MSBA. On October 13, a meeting will be held with Sterling Middle School staff to review this preliminary design. On October 28, the design will be presented to the MSBA Facilities Subcommittee, followed by the full MSBA Board Meeting on November 18. Presentations to School Committee and City Council will be scheduled.

The Full-Day Kindergarten grant which was cut from the state budget last spring has been funded for \$250,000. Mayor Koch made a motion to place this into the Budget & Finance Subcommittee for discussion. Mayor Koch suggested one-time needs could be addressed. Mr. Bregoli seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Dr. DeCristofaro noted that the Special School Committee Meeting held on September 29, 2015 emphasizes School Committee's connection to the District Improvement Plan, attention to the items currently in Subcommittee in the many

meetings to come this year. Dr. DeCristofaro thanked School Committee for their thoughtful review of goals and initiatives.

Sterling Middle School’s 5K Fun Run/Walk had over 100 participants on Saturday, September 26. Over 40 parent volunteers organized the event and a family fun day to follow, led by Physical Education teacher Kyria DiPietro.

Dr. DeCristofaro noted that Director of Safety & Security Michael Draicchio was at all weekend events from Friday night’s high school football game, to the Sterling event, and the President’s City 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, which drew 450 participants and raised \$20,000 to support Quincy Public Schools Health & Wellness initiatives.

Upcoming Parent Academies were announced: two Elementary Report Cards/Aspen Overviews on November 17 at Central and December 1 at Atlantic, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Open House for parents to drop in.

Dr. DeCristofaro noted that the Beechwood Knoll Fall Festival has been rescheduled to Saturday, November 7, due to weather forecast for October 3.

Program Newsletters for Special Education, Elementary and Middle School Curriculum and Home-School Connections for the Beechwood Knoll Elementary School was shared with the School Committee.

Dr. DeCristofaro noted that new middle school athletics opportunities include a competitive swimming team, a tennis program, and a wrestling program to begin in January. The Inspire Quincy video highlighted the Medal of Honor speakers at North Quincy High School, Health Screenings, Junior Gardeners at Squantum, Sterling Middle School 5K Fun Run/Walk, Community Service, Middle School Tennis program, Middle School competitive swimming, City of Presidents 5K Walk/Run, Community Service update.

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Mrs. Hubley asked each School Committee member to review the items that were reviewed and added to each Subcommittee. For the *Budget and Finance Subcommittee*, their goal and purpose will remain as presented.

New Business

Special School
Committee Meeting

For the *Facilities and Security Subcommittee*, Mr. McCarthy removed the Sterling Building Plans item, now that the project is underway and a Sterling Building Committee established and meeting regularly. Mr. McCarthy also removed the Saville Avenue houses item as those are now being used for City of Quincy offices. Mr. McCarthy also asked for an update on the Presidents City Inn from the owner’s Attorney Edward Fleming. At an upcoming Facilities meeting, Mr. McCarthy would like to review school security upgrades completed over the last year. Mr. Draicchio has done a superb job with keeping up with Quincy Public Schools security needs.

For the *Health, Transportation and Safety*, Mr. DiBona removed School Meal Charges (addressed during last year’s Coordinated Program Review); Science Lab Safety procedures; and Food Services Technology (installations complete). The intersection at North Quincy High School item will remain until all construction complete; for Solar Panels, Mr. DiBona asked for an update from Public Buildings. Mr. DiBona asked to retain the remaining items and to add Peer Mentoring for Grade 9 students, a new initiative this year.

For the *Policy Subcommittee*, Mr. Bregoli requested information on how many current seniors will take four years of Mathematics and how many of last year’s graduates took four years of Mathematics. Mr. Bregoli removed the New Educator Evaluation, High School Community Service, and Residency items. Mr. Bregoli requested that the Attendance Officers present mid-year and end of year updates on Residency issues pursued. The remaining items will be retained. Mr. Bregoli suggested surveying parents about beginning school before Labor Day in the next year with a September 9 start date, 2021.

Mrs. Mahoney presented for *Special Education* and requested to remove the program assessment item, as this is part of the PIP review. The item related to substitute information will be reviewed at the May 25 meeting, once the year of Special Education IEPs in the Aspen module is completed.

Ms. Isola reported that the *Teaching and Learning Subcommittee* agreed to revise the second and third goals and these will be shared at a Teaching & Learning Subcommittee meeting. Ms. Isola removed the New Educator Evaluation item from the items in Subcommittee and asked to rename the second item “Advanced Program Pathways.”

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Mr. McCarthy made a motion to approve the out of state travel of Quincy High School to University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire on October 21, 2015. Ms. Isola seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Out of State Travel

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Mrs. Mahoney asked for an update on the fine levied to the City of Quincy for the equalization pipe under Faxon Park and the response to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Additional Business

Upcoming meetings were announced: Regular Meetings on October 14 and 28, 2015; Subcommittee Meetings for Teaching & Learning on Monday, October 5 and Tuesday, October 27; Health, Transportation, and Safety on Wednesday, October 7; and Special Education on October 21. Mr. McCarthy noted that he would be out of town on October 19 through 21 and requested to reschedule the Budget & Finance

Communications

and Facilities & Security Subcommittees scheduled for October 20.

Mrs. Hubley announced that the Wollaston School Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, October 10 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Mr. Bregoli announced that the Faxon Field Track dedication will be held on Saturday, October 10 at 10:00 am.

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Mr. Bregoli made a motion to adjourn for the evening at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Isola and on a voice vote, the ayes have it. Adjournment