

Quincy, MASSACHUSETTS – December 7, 2016

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Regular Meeting of the Quincy School Committee

A regular meeting of the Quincy School Committee was held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the Coddington Building. The Superintendent called the roll and present were Mr. James DeAmicis, Mrs. Kathryn Hubley, Ms. Barbara Isola, Mrs. Emily Lebo, Mrs. Anne Mahoney, and Mr. Paul Bregoli, Vice Chair.

Regular Meeting

Vice-Chair Presiding

Also present were: Dr. Richard DeCristofaro, Secretary; Ms. Laura Owens, Clerk; Mr. Michael Connor, Mr. Michael Draicchio, Dr. John Franceschini, Ms. Beth Hallett, Mr. James Hennessy, Mr. Michael Joyce, Mr. Patrick Lane, Ms. Margaret MacNeil, Ms. Maureen MacNeil, Mrs. Renee Malvesti, Ms. Courtney Mitchell, Mr. James Mullaney, Deputy Superintendent Kevin Mulvey, Dr. Maryanne Palmer, Mrs. Maura Papile, Mrs. Erin Perkins, Ms. Madeline Roy, Mr. Keith Segalla, Mr. Robert Shaw, Mr. Steve Sylvia, Mr. Lawrence Taglieri; Quincy Education Association President Allison Cox; Quincy Parent Advisory Council to Special Education Vice President Cassandra Beck; and Quincy High School Student Representative Owen Doherty.

Mayor Koch was absent.

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There was a moment of silence for men and women serving their country overseas and in memory of the anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

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Mrs. Hubley made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeAmicis, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for November 9, 2016. On a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Regular Meeting Minutes Approved 11.9.16

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

Open Forum

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Dr. DeCristofaro opened the Superintendent's Report with recognition of the Fall Athletics MIAA Tournament Team captains from Quincy High School Girls Volleyball and Boys Soccer and North Quincy High School Girls Volleyball.

Superintendent's Report

Patriot League All-Stars include: Isabelle Flaherty, Remy Aucoin, Julia Klincewicz, Sharon Yang (NQHS Volleyball); Shannan Kennedy, Stephen Cobble (NQHS Soccer); Thomas Maranian (NQHS Golf); James Cannon, Devin Hiltunen (NQHS Cross-Country); Ryan Manning, Thomas Koch (NQHS Football); Danielle Parry, Jessie Lei, Shannon Foley (QHS Volleyball); Brianne Dane, Tristan McCormick, Connor Porter, Kevin O'Shea, Paolo Soares (QHS Soccer); Abby Murphy (QHS Cross-Country); Gustavo DeSouza (QHS Football).

American Education Week Essay/Poster/Video Contest finalists for 2016 were also recognized for their response to the writing prompt Great Public Schools: Our Rights and Responsibility.

Grades K-2: Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Noonan, and Ms. Wu's Grade 2 classes, Parker Elementary School (1st place); Ms. Lander's Kindergarten Class, Wollaston Elementary School (2nd place); Ms. Alcott and Ms. Kelly's Kindergarten classes, Snug Harbor (3rd Place)

Grades 3-5: Angelica Anousis, Grade 5, Squantum Elementary School (1st place); Alex Galligan-Kuntupis, Nicholas Cerone, Preston Cavin, Grade 5, Atherton Hough Elementary School (2nd place); Lola Affleck, Grade 4, Montclair Elementary School (3rd place)

Grades 6-8: Athena Perry, Grade 7, Sterling Middle School (1st place); Supriti Karki, Grade 8, Sterling Middle School (2nd place); Sierra Rodrigues, Grade 8, Atlantic Middle School (3rd place)

Grades 9-10: Sara McDonald, Grade 10, Quincy High School (1st place); Samuel Hwang, Grade 10, North Quincy High School (2nd place); Joanna Setow, Grade 9, North Quincy High School (3rd place).

Ms. Isola thanked the students, teachers, and principals for attending tonight, one of School Committee's favorite meetings of the year. Dr. DeCristofaro thanked the Curriculum Department, Mrs. Erin Perkins, Ms. Beth Hallett, and Ms. Madeline Roy for organizing the contest and the parents for supporting their students' academic achievements. Mr. Bregoli thanked the staff and principals for supporting the students as they do.

After a brief recess, the Superintendent resumed his report reviewing that Quincy School~ Community Partner Granite City Electric once again sponsored the 'Tis the Season event was held on December 1, featuring the Quincy Symphony Orchestra, high school band members and select chorus, and a performance by the Quincy Public Schools instrumental music teachers. Over 800 guests attended, including 250 elementary students, staff, and principals sponsored by various partners. Thanks to Keith Segalla, Janice Erler, and the Quincy High School Culinary staff and students for organizing the evening. Upcoming events include A Matter of the Heart CPR training in the first week of February.

Food Services Director Sara Dufour applied for a \$17,000 grant for upgraded equipment for Parker and Atlantic and was awarded the funding through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The Holiday Concert season is underway and an updated schedule was shared with School Committee, along with the latest Aspen publication, #21. Dr. Decristofaro noted that in honor of Computer Science Education Week, students across Quincy Public Schools participated in the Hour of Code, learning the basics of programming and coding.

Dr. DeCristofaro reviewed that the Water Analysis of lead and copper levels in fixtures at all twenty Quincy Public Schools building is completed, thanks to the leadership of Mayor Koch, consultant Suzanne Condon, Paul Hines, Don Martin and Gary Cunniff from Public Buildings and Kevin Segalla, Quincy Public Schools Custodial Coordinator. Water coolers have been provided to school buildings to ensure appropriate access to drinking water and plans are underway to repair or replace fixtures that tested above action level. The response plan information is posted on the Quincy Public Schools website www.quincypublicschools.com.

At a recent Middle School Robotics event, 80 Quincy Public Schools students from all five middle schools competed against 26 teams from 15 cities. Atlantic Middle School qualified to compete at the Eastern Regional Championship on December 17 at Newton North High School.

Dr. DeCristofaro and City Solicitor James Timmins met with the MSBA Board of Directors OPM Review Board on December 5, to confirm the selection of PCA 360 as the OPM for the construction phase of the new Sterling Middle School project. Project architect Ai3 has continued to work on construction drawings and a Sterling Building Committee meeting will be scheduled in the new year.

The Quincy Parent Advisory Council to Special Education will be hosting two upcoming events: Gingerbread House Decorating event on December 16 at 6:00 pm at Quincy High School and Broad Meadows students to the Enchanted Village on December 21.

The first Parent Academy of the new year will be a two-part event held on January 12 and 26, the Homework Treaty for parents of students in Grades 3-8. Dr. DeCristofaro noted that many schools are scheduling site-based Parent Academies in conjunction with PTO meetings, often addressing topics suggested by parents.

Dr. DeCristofaro and Director of Curriculum Madeline Roy will present on Quincy Public Schools preparations for MCAS 2.0 at the Citywide Parent Council meeting on December 12 at Broad Meadows Middle School at 7:00 pm and

again at the QEA Building Representative Council meeting on December 14 at Quincy High School. Elementary and middle school design teams have met to develop school-based plans, additional updates will be provided in the winter Teaching & Learning Subcommittee meetings.

Dr. DeCristofaro concluded his report by congratulating North Quincy High School for once again qualifying to appear on WGBH's *High School Quiz Show*, taping will begin in late January.

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Mr. Bregoli opened the discussion on proposed revisions to Policy Book Sections 1 and 2. As there were no concerns, Section 1 will be voted on at the January 11 meeting. Mr. Bregoli moved Section 2 back to Policy Subcommittee for further review.

Old Business
School Committee
Policy Book, Revisions
to Section 1 & 2

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Ms. Isola presented Superintendent DeCristofaro's Summative Evaluation for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. At the October 19 School Committee Meeting, Superintendent DeCristofaro presented his self-evaluation of his progress towards the Superintendent's Annual Plan Goals. School Committee then completed individual evaluations of Superintendent DeCristofaro and the Summative Evaluation presented last night is the composite of individual School Committee members evaluations. Dr. DeCristofaro was evaluated on five specific goals relating to Professional Practice (*Met*), Student Learning (*Some Progress*), and District Improvement (*Met*) and also was evaluated on four standards of performance: Instructional Leadership (*Proficient*), Management & Operations (*Proficient*), Family & Community Engagement (*Proficient*), and Professional Culture (*Proficient*). School Committee gave Dr. DeCristofaro an overall rating of *Proficient*, defined by DESE as the rigorous expected level of performance.

Old Business
Superintendent's
Evaluation

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At the November 9 School Committee Meeting, Dr. DeCristofaro presented School Committee with his proposed goals for 2016-2017 for their consideration. Mr. Bregoli asked for discussion on the proposed goals and Mrs. Lebo spoke in support of the Student Learning Goal of moving the Quincy Public Schools to a Level 2 district and expanding collaboration with the Citywide Parent Council.

Old Business
Superintendent's Goals
for 2016-2017

Mrs. Lebo made a motion to approve the Superintendent's Goals for 2016-2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeAmicis and on a roll call vote, the ayes have it, 6-0. Mayor Koch was absent.

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Director of Business James Mullaney and Executive Director Keith Segalla presented on the recent appropriation by City Council of \$1.8 million under Mayor Koch’s Capital Improvement Plan. \$1.3 million is allocated for technology: new classroom computers, computer laboratories, interactive whiteboards and short-throw projectors, and mobile laptop carts. Purchasing is underway and computer installation will begin during the winter break and continue throughout January. In addition, new telephone systems will be installed in all school buildings except Quincy High School and Central Middle Schools and fiber optic cables to nine remaining schools.

New Business
 Capital Improvement
 Plan Funding

Mr. James Mullaney said that \$500,000 was also allocated for transportation upgrades, 2 large buses, 7 mini-buses, and 1 wheelchair minibus. All have been delivered and we are waiting for titles so the vehicles can be registered. Mr. Bregoli asked if these buses have compartments underneath for athletic equipment and Mr. Mullaney confirmed that we have purchased the largest available.

Mrs. Hubley asked about the schedule for fiber optic cable installation, Mr. Mullaney said the bids are being prepared for publication, this is a longer process and further schedule updates will be provided at a later meeting.

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Mr Bregoli made a motion to move the 2017-2018 School Year Calendar to the Policy Subcommittee. Mrs. Hubley seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

New Business
 School Year Calendar
 2017-18 (Refer to
 Policy Subcommittee)

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Mr Bregoli made a motion to move the 2017-2018 School Committee Calendar to the Policy Subcommittee. Mrs. Hubley seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

New Business
 School Committee
 Meeting Calendar
 2017-18 (Refer to
 Policy Subcommittee)

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Mrs. Hubley made a motion to move Water Testing Results & Repairs to the Facilities & Security Subcommittee. Mr. DeAmicis seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

New Business
 Water Testing Results
 & Repairs (Refer to
 Facilities & Security
 Subcommittee)

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Mrs. Hubley made a motion to approve the June 8-9, 2017 Out of State travel of Point Webster Middle School Grade 8 to New York City, New York. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeAmicis and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

New Business
 Out of State Travel
 (Overnight)

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Mr. DeAmicis made a motion to approve the June 7-9, 2017 Overnight travel of Broad Meadows Middle School Grade 8 to Camp Wing, Duxbury, Massachusetts. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubley and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

New Business
Overnight Travel
(In-State)

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Mrs. Mahoney noted that North Quincy High School was hosting an event with staff from the University of Massachusetts Boston campus speaking to Special Education parents and students about transitioning to college. Mrs. Mahoney suggested that Quincy High School also look into scheduling a similar event for families.

Additional Business

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Upcoming meetings were announced: School Committee on January 11 and 25, 2017 and February 8, 2017, all at the Coddington Building at 6:30 pm.

Communications

Upcoming Subcommittee meetings were announced: Special Education on January 4, 2017 at 6:00 pm; Quarterly Budget & Finance Subcommittee on January 18, 2017 at 5:00 pm, followed by Facilities & Security at 5:30 pm. Teaching & Learning will meet on January 30, 2017 at 5:00 pm. Policy will meet on February 6, 2017 at 5:00 pm, followed by Health, Transportation & Safety at 6:00 pm.

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Mr. Bregoli noted that all School Committee and Subcommittee meeting minutes are posted online at www.quincypublicschools.com.

Reports of
Subcommittees

Ms. Isola reported on the November 15 and November 16, 2016 Teaching & Learning Subcommittee meetings. School Improvement Plans for all eleven elementary schools were presented.

Teaching & Learning

Ms. Isola made a motion to approve the Atherton Hough, Beechwood Knoll, Bernazzani, Lincoln Hancock, Clifford Marshall, Merrymount, Montclair, Parker, Snug Harbor, Squantum, and Wollaston Elementary School Improvement Plans. Mrs. Lebo seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

As there were no corrections, the minutes for both the November 15 and November 16, 2016 Teaching & Learning Subcommittee meetings were approved as presented.

Mrs. Lebo reviewed the November 14, 2016 Budget & Finance Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Mullaney presented the Quarterly Budget Review and the FY2017 staffing reconciliation. At this time, there is a potential deficit due to additional staffing needs which may be offset by savings in the utility line.

Budget & Finance

As there were no corrections, the minutes for the November 14, 2016 Budget & Finance Subcommittee meetings were approved as presented.

Mr. Bregoli reviewed the November 14, 2016 Policy Subcommittee meeting; Sections 1 and 2 revisions were discussed and approved and moved out to the full School Committee.

Policy

As there were no corrections, the minutes for the November 14, 2016 Policy Subcommittee meetings were approved as presented.

Mrs. Hubley reviewed the November 14, 2016 Facilities & Security Subcommittee. Director of Safety & Security Michael Draicchio presented the Safety & Security Program Improvement Plan.

Facilities & Security

Mrs. Hubley made a motion to approve the Safety & Security Program Improvement Plan. Mr. DeAmicis seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

As there were no corrections, the minutes for the November 14, 2016 Facilities & Security Subcommittee meetings were approved as presented.

Mrs. Mahoney noted that additional signage for parking is scheduling to be installed at various schools and requested an update on which schools and when the installation will be completed.

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Executive Session on the Superintendent’s Contract was deferred to the January 11, 2017 School Committee meeting at Mayor Koch’s request, as he was unable to be present tonight due to illness.

Executive Session

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Mrs. Hubley made a motion to adjourn for the evening at 7:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeAmicis and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Adjournment