

Quincy, MASSACHUSETTS – June 13, 2018

Regular Meeting of the Quincy School Committee

A regular meeting of the Quincy School Committee was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at the Coddington Building at 6:30 p.m. Superintendent DeCristofaro called the roll and present were School Committee Chair Mayor Thomas Koch, Mr. Anthony Andronico, Mr. Paul Bregoli, Mr. James DeAmicis, Mr. Douglas Gutro, Mrs. Kathryn Hubley, and Mrs. Emily Lebo, Vice Chair.

Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Presiding

Also present were: Dr. Richard DeCristofaro, Secretary; Ms. Laura Owens, Clerk; Mr. Michael Draicchio, Dr. Beth Hallett, Mr. Paul Hines, Air Force Major Gregg Jones (ret.), Ms. Rebecca McInnis, Mr. James Mullaney, Deputy Superintendent Kevin Mulvey, Mrs. Diane O’Keeffe, Ms. Maura Papile, Ms. Erin Perkins, Ms. Madeline Roy, Mr. Keith Segalla, Mr. Robert Shaw; Quincy Education Association President Allison Cox; and former Quincy Mayor James Sheets.

There was a moment of silence for retired Quincy Public Schools teachers Dick Harris, Ted Karalekis, and Janet Hassler and custodian Fred Regan, all of whom passed away recently.

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Mr. DeAmicis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andronico to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for May 16, 2018 as presented. On a voice vote, the have it.

Regular Meeting Minutes Approved 5.16.2018

Mrs. Hubley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andronico to approve the FY2019 Budget Public Hearing minutes for May 30, 2018 as presented. On a vote, the ayes have it.

FY2019 Budget Public Hearing Minutes Approved 5.30.2018

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Mr. Hank Dondero spoke as a concerned parent and grandparent and asked for further exploration of the ALICE protocol.

Open Forum

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Mrs. Lebo recognized former Mayor James Sheets who was in attendance with several of his Quincy College Government students.

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Dr. DeCristofaro opened the Superintendent's Report by introducing North Quincy High School AFJROTC instructor Major Jones, who noted that the program has received an exemplary rating from the Air Force on their recent review. He introduced three top Junior students who have completed a large number of Community Service hours: Annie Ly (260 hours), David Whitson (230 hours), Yi Lin (370 hours), and also recent graduate Cory Chiu (630 hours).

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Hubley recognized Major Jones and Sgt. DeLorenzo for their management of the program. Mayor Koch added his thanks, these cadets represent the whole program, very present across the city at many events. Mr. Gutro noted that he has worked with the AFJROTC on many projects, very visible contributions to the community.

Dr. DeCristofaro introduced Track & Field Coach Geoff Hennessy, graduate of North Quincy High School for his many contributions to the Track & Field program in Quincy Public Schools through coaching and mentoring student athletes. Coach Hennessy was recently inducted into the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Mayor Koch thanked Coach Hennessy for his advocacy for the new track at Faxon Field, very involved in the planning. The value of keeping students involved and engaged cannot be measured, has done so much for the youth of the city.

Mr. Gutro said that Coach Hennessy has generously dedicated his time and efforts to the students of Quincy, the induction is a remarkable achievement and recognition of 40 years. Coach Hennessy is known statewide and his achievements are meaningful to the students.

Coach Hennessy thanked his staff, the award was due to the efforts of all the athletes coached over the years.

Mrs. Lebo echoed the importance of the Faxon Field Track to the city, this is the center of so much student activity.

Dr. DeCristofaro recognized retiring Beechwood Knoll Elementary School Principal Diane O'Keeffe. After working in a private school, Mrs. O'Keeffe joined Quincy Public Schools in 1998 as a teacher, then became a teaching Assistant Principal, and has been Principal at Beechwood Knoll since 2003.

Mrs. Lebo said that Mrs. O'Keeffe's retirement party this afternoon was a testament to her impact, many retired teachers and administrators were there, as well as current staff.

Mr. Gutro thanked Mrs. O'Keeffe for her service to the Beechwood Knoll community, she oversaw many projects that enhanced the school such as the outdoor classroom and playground rededication. The school is always a welcoming place for parents and students, she has touched many lives.

Mayor Koch thanked Mrs. O’Keeffe, for having been a teacher and principal through some of the most challenging times in education. Mrs. O’Keeffe’s leadership provided a positive example for the staff.

Mrs. O’Keeffe talked about her connection to Dr. DeCristofaro, a mentor to all principals and Mayor Koch who has created a community that is unique and amazing, great place to live and work. Thanked the Beechwood Knoll staff, they have so much love for their students and families.

After a brief recess, Dr. DeCristofaro presented Inspire Quincy, a review of recent Quincy Public Schools events including the Marshall Elementary ACES event, the Special Education Track & Field event, the Student Athlete Summit, the Elementary & Middle School Robotics Challenge, the Community Service Learning Celebration, Point Webster Clean Energy Day, the Girl Rising event, the All-City Elementary Band, and the Middle School Chorus Festival.

The high school graduations were held this past Monday and Tuesday, perfect weather for the 685 graduates and their families to celebrate their accomplishments.

The annual Flag Day celebration was held at Lincoln Hancock earlier today. The City’s celebration will be held on Saturday, June 16.

200 Junior Athletes from Quincy & North Quincy High School attended the Athletic Leadership Summit at Granite Links on June 1; 65 Grade 5 Student Council members attended the Leadership Summit on June 4, and 300 middle school students participated in the chorus festival on May 24. The Girl Rising Community Celebration was attended by 150 students on May 30 at Quincy High School and the LEAP Program Luncheon was held on June 11, thanks to NQHS staff and Sarah Anderson for another successful year for our students.

The Elementary & Middle School Robotics Challenge was held on May 19, over 300 students mentored by high school Robotics team members. Nine outstanding graduating FIRST Robotics seniors were recognized: Andrew Tham (NQHS/Suffolk University), Dash Chin (QHS/Northeastern University); Emily Nguyen (QHS/UMass Amherst), Justin Li (QHS/Boston University), Klei Hamzallari (QHS/UMass Amherst), Howard Zheng (QHS/WPI), Erika Sato (QHS/Penn State University), Timothy Nguyen (QHS/UMass Amherst), and Rachel Shen (MIT).

Clean Energy Day at Point Webster was a collaboration with Quincy High School Environmental Science students, Shelly Dein from Public Buildings, a grant from Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, Holly Hill Farm, and Boston Solar.

Summer Scene booklet and Summer Professional Development opportunities were shared with School Committee, along with the School Community Partnership Spring newsletter.

Mr. Gutro made a motion to approve the FY2019 Quincy Public Schools Budget as presented. Mrs. Hubley seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the ayes have it, 7-0.

Old Business
FY2019 QPS Budget
(Vote)

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Mr. Bregoli reviewed that at the Policy Subcommittee meeting on May 30, 2018, the discussion about a name for the school being built to replace the Sterling Middle School will be on the agenda.

New Middle School
Name (Discussion)

Dr. DeCristofaro noted that he will be meeting with the PTO Executive Boards from Lincoln Hancock and Sterling, the Junior Building Committee, and the Sterling Design Team of educators. Dr. DeCristofaro will share this feedback with the School Committee at the next scheduled regular meeting or the Organizational Meeting, whichever School Committee chooses.

Mr. Andronico thanked the Superintendent for his response to the request for information, looking forward to hearing the feedback.

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Executive Director of Career & Technical Education Keith Segalla presented the annual update on the Career & Technical Advisory Boards, along with Quincy High School Career & Technical Education Department Chair Rebecca McInnis, and Lynn Courtney from the South Shore Workforce Development Board. Ms. Courtney outlined the responsibilities of the Advisory Boards, which are governed under Chapter 74 of the Massachusetts General Laws. As required by law, program advisory team meetings were held at both North Quincy High School and Quincy High School in the fall to establish program goals, including reviewing curriculum and equipment, safety protocols, and providing opportunities for job shadowing, co-operative and apprenticeship opportunities. Perkins Grant funding this year was \$110,000 for equipment and safety training. A Massachusetts Life Sciences grant for \$132,000 was recently received to update technology.

New Business
CTE Advisory Board
Presentation

Mrs. Lebo thanked the community supporters, these allow the programs to thrive and flourish. The careful planning allows for every dollar of the grants to be fully utilized.

Dr. DeCristofaro thanked the presenters, the Advisory Boards provide valuable support from the community.

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Commissioner of Public Buildings Paul Hines presented on the projects planned for Summer 2018 in and around Quincy Public Schools buildings. At Beechwood Knoll, there have been multiple MSBA projects completed to date, with the roof,

New Business
Public Buildings
Update

boilers, and handicap-accessible upgrades. This summer, the windows and doors will be replaced. At North Quincy High School, along with the roof replacement project, the rest rooms in the gymnasium/cafeteria will be completely renovated. There are 10 sections of the roof that will be completed and the school will now have completely new roofing.

For the Capital Improvement Plan, the North Quincy High School chillers will be replaced in Fall 2018. The design is completed and the project is ready to go out for bid. Underground storage tanks have been removed at North Quincy High School and surveys are underway at all schools to be sure there are none remaining.

Elevator upgrades will be completed at North Quincy High School, Broad Meadows, Lincoln Hancock, and Coddington building. Paving will be completed at multiple locations with the assistance of Woodward & Curran, who have done a complete survey of the school building paving needs. Bernazzani, Beechwood Knoll, Merrymount, Snug Harbor, Parker, and Wollaston will have paving around the school entrances and parking lots.

Commissioning of the retro control systems is completed at Quincy High School. Point Webster, Lincoln Hancock, and Clifford Marshall will be scheduled next.

Removal of asbestos at schools is being done on a prioritized basis, beginning with removal of floor tiles at Parker and Wollaston and installation of hardwood floors. Bleachers for NQHS have been ordered and electrical upgrades will also be completed. The NQHS Auditorium renovation will be facilitated by an alumni donation, with new carpeting, seats, finishes, and lighting planned.

Construction for Point Webster Pre-Kindergarten classrooms, Food Services offices moving to NQHS, and the NQHS Athletic Director moving within the building will be completed. Plumbing upgrades will be completed at Snug Harbor and Broad Meadows and North Quincy High School will have some classroom renovations. At Clifford Marshall, the built in cafeteria tables have been removed and the voids repaired.

Broad Meadows stage curtains will be replaced, plumbing upgrades will allow for replacing first floor ceilings and lighting. The exterior of the building will be repaved and the landscaping in the back of the building to be restored.

At the new middle school, the roof and exterior walls are complete, the project is on schedule and budget. There are 80 to 85 tradespeople working daily, and the pace will increase as soon as school is out on June 25. The relations with the neighbors have been relatively smooth, no negative impact on traffic.

Mr. Bregoli complimented Mr. Hines's responsiveness and professionalism, his work is appreciated.

Mrs. Hubley asked for clarification on the asbestos removal projects, both Parker and Wollaston will be completed over the summer.

Mr. Gutro asked about Capital Improvement Plan projects and whether funding has shifted from the priorities originally presented to the City Council in order to address safety issues or other improvements. Mr. Hines said that there have been changes, some have been covered through the Public Building Department budget, such as the Wollaston gymnasium roof, sprinkler systems at Bernazzani and Della Chiesa ECC. One example is that funding was diverted from the Capital Improvement Plan to address the crisis at Broad Meadows this past winter. At some point, there may be an additional request for funding.

Mr. Gutro requested update on the Clifford Marshall upgrades to the HVAC system. Mr. Hines clarified that this is not a public health/safety issue, there is condensation leaks that causes staining on ceiling tiles. The glycol addition to the HVAC system will be completed, along with a few other schools.

Mr. Gutro asked for clarification on paving school parking lots. Mr. Hines said the initial \$600,000 will cover the cost of the survey of all school sites and the first round of paving. Mr. Hines noted that neither Point Webster Middle School nor Parker Elementary School were invited into the Accelerated Repair Program this year, there is much more competition for these grants than in the early years of the program and the facility component age requirements have been expanded.

Sanitary pipe issues were addressed at Wollaston through the rebuilding of new facilities and at Beechwood Knoll where one section has been replaced and another is due to be replaced.

Mrs. Lebo asked for a list of projects to serve as a reference. Mrs. Lebo asked about Furnace Brook Parkway paving near Bernazzani. A meeting with the Department of Conservation & Recreation and city staff is scheduled on June 28.

Mr. Gutro asked about the process for approving construction for classrooms. Mayor Koch clarified that this is not a School Committee decision, the Superintendent works directly with Public Buildings.

Mayor Koch said that the Maintenance department integration has really worked well for all of the City's Public Buildings. Favorable budget years have allowed for expansion and additional positions. Mayor Koch thanked the legislative delegation and the MSBA for their generosity over the years with funding to support our building projects. Mayor Koch noted that the 5-year Capital Plan is a rolling plan and priorities will shift and be reconciled regularly.

Dr. DeCristofaro thanked Mr. Hines and also former Mayor Sheets for all of his efforts when he was Mayor. Mayor Sheets said a great educational system is so

important to a city, the dedicated staff. Dr. DeCristofaro reiterated Mr. Bregoli’s compliments about the Public Building department’s responsiveness.

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Mr. Gutro made a motion to approve the FY2018 Budget Transfers as presented. Mrs. Hubley seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the ayes have it, 7-0.

New Business

FY2018 Budget Transfers

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Mayor Koch thanked Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and the Leadership Team, the hardest working in the state. This week’s graduation is the culmination of the work of our dedicated teachers and support staff.

New Business

Mayor Koch’s Technology Funding

Mayor Koch is appropriating \$150,000 for additional technology purchases. Dr. DeCristofaro and Mr. Segalla will work with middle school principals to prioritize purchases to improve the student to device ratio.

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Mayor Koch made a motion to approve the In-State Travel (Overnight) of North Quincy High School AFJROTC to Camp Edwards in Bourne, Massachusetts September 26-30, 2018. Mrs. Hubley seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

New Business

In-State Travel (Overnight)

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Mr. Bregoli met with Mr. Martin about Bishop Field and the other full-size baseball fields and made notes about issues to be addressed as soon as possible.

Additional Business

Mr. Gutro thanked Mr. Bregoli. Mr. Gutro noted that Stormwater education resources are available and will share with Dr. DeCristofaro.

Mayor Koch left the meeting at 8:25 pm.

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PorchFest Quincy will be held on Saturday, June 23 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Communications

Dr. DeCristofaro thanked School Committee for all of their work this year.

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Mrs. Lebo noted that all Regular and Subcommittee Meeting minutes are posted on the Quincy Public Schools website www.quincypublicschools.com.

Reports of Subcommittees

Mrs. Hubley reported on the May 21, 2018 Budget & Finance Subcommittee Meeting, where the proposed FY2019 QPS Budget was presented, including an overview of grant funding and the revolving accounts.

Budget & Finance Subcommittee

As there were no corrections, the minutes to the May 21, 2018 Budget & Finance Subcommittee meeting were approved as presented.

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Mr. Andronico reported on the May 21, 2018 Special Education Subcommittee Meeting, where an update on Special Education Pathways was presented, along with an overview of the CARES Pre-Kindergarten program.

Special Education Subcommittee

As there were no corrections, the minutes to the May 21, 2018 Special Education Subcommittee meeting were approved as presented.

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Mr. Bregoli reported on the May 30, 2018 Policy Subcommittee Meeting, where a discussion of the name for the new middle school being built to replace the Sterling Middle took place, along with the review of a proposal for online access to the School Committee Policy Book.

Policy Subcommittee

As there were no corrections, the minutes to the May 30, 2018 Policy Subcommittee meeting were approved as presented.

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Mr. Gutro reported on the May 30, 2018 Athletics & Wellness Subcommittee Meeting, where an update on Spring Athletics was presented, along with an overview of potential league change process for North Quincy High School and a draft of a coach evaluation form.

Athletics & Wellness Subcommittee

As there were no corrections, the minutes to the May 30, 2018 Athletics & Wellness Subcommittee meeting were approved as presented.

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There was no Executive Session.

Executive Session

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Mrs. Hubley made a motion to adjourn for the evening at 8:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bregoli and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Adjournment