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School Committee Chair

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School Committee Meeting

January 16, 2025 – 6:00 pm
2nd Floor - Town Hall Auditorium

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Attendance:

K. Kast, D. Iannacone, Mike Barbaro, E. Marinelli, Marc Gosselin, Interim Superintendent, Liz Latoria, Business Manager

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Audio Disclosure:
4. Public Comment: None
5. Student Report: None
6. Consent Agenda:

- a. Budget Transfers – vote

L. Latoria explains what each transfer are and why they are needed.

M. Barbaro motions to approve budget transfers as presented. Second by D. Iannacone. Vote is unanimous.

7. Superintendent Report:

- a. Superintendent's Update: Dr. Gosselin, Interim Superintendent:
Midterm week for the high school:

MMS and MHS has implemented EHall pass, which is a software system. Whenever a student would need to leave the classroom, they will be given an electronic hall pass.
Hosting a Hygiene Supply Drive. Sponsored by Mrs. Frye's leadership class at MHS. This is an annual project, where they collect hygiene supplies for students who are in foster care. Looking for individual, travel sized hygiene products. Drop off are located throughout town and the MHS.

Spring coach open positions.

Attended the NHS & NHJS ceremony on 1/7.

TTE started after school enrichments program, with multiple different programs for the students to choose from. 80 kids participating in the programs.

MEM – DESE will be doing instructional rounds.

Discusses the PowerSchool data breach.

Had budget hearings with the principals and department leaders.

Been accepted in the MSBA accelerated repair program.

Discussed the process for graduation requirements due to MCAS requirement is no longer needed.

- b. Budget Update: Liz Latoria, Business Manager

Explain and discuss the report for the school's general fund expenses.

Gives update on the IVAQ Grant.

8. Old Business:

- a. MSBA Next Steps: Explains and discusses the next steps for planning the project.
- b. Tri-Board Meeting Agenda:

- i. MSBA Requirements and Next Steps
- ii. Town Meeting Scheduling for MSBA:
- iii. Draft Town School Budget Discussion

K. Kast sent a proposed budget and ask the members if they had anything to add to the draft. Possibility to have the tri-board meeting in February.

9. New Business:

- a. Proposed Changes to Administration Structure

D. Iannacone motions to table this until next meeting, Second by M. Barbaro.

L. Latoria urges the committee not to delay this tonight. If they do, we will have to wait 2-3 weeks before it can take place. Believes that the committee and the public would be interested in hearing about the money savings this could bring and the people involved in the position changes are anxious to hear about what's going to happen.

Resident/Parent: This topic is the reason why I came and would like to hear what this is about.

M. Barbaro: Reconsidered to vote on it tonight.

D. Iannacone: withdraws is motion.

K. Kast: would like a motion to take a five-minute recess.

M. Barbaro motions for a five-minute recess. Second by D. Iannacone. Vote is unanimous.

M. Gosselin: Discusses the proposed position changes. Choice between replacing the Director of Curriculum or maximize the skills and talents of current staff. Explains the changes in positions that would need to be made and the savings that these changes would bring versus what it would cost to replace the position. Explains the job description of each position.

E. Marinelli: Everyone holds the correct licensures to move into those positions? presenting this to the school committee the district does not have to post the positions?

M. Gosselin: Yes, they hold the correct licensures

L. Latoria: due to the position being non union we are not obligated to post the position.

D. Iannacone: Brings concerns about bringing this change to the teacher's union. All have a discussion about the salaries, and savings that this change will bring.

Music teacher position discussion

D. Iannacone motions to accept the plan. Second by M. Barbaro.

K. Kast: Stated that the flow chart needed to be changed due to the responsibilities of the Assistant Superintendent.

Vote is unanimous.

M. Gosselin: Asks the committee to entertain a motion to accept the nomination of Charlotte King, the current Director of Pupil Service for the role of Assistant Superintendent.

Moved by M. Barbaro. Second by D. Iannacone. Vote is unanimous.

M. Gosselin: Asks the committee to accept the nomination of Kelsey Garcia, the current Assistant Director of Pupil Services for the role of Director of Pupil Services.

Moved by M. Barbaro. Second by D. Iannacone. Vote is unanimous.

10. Subcommittee Reports:

D. Iannacone: Report from the Winchendon Hill Partnership Breakfast Meeting. Held on Tuesday 1/14/25. Reviews what was discussed at this meeting.

M. Barbaro: Capital meeting. Stated last week. Also brings up additional programs from the report that D. Iannacone has had reviewed.

K. Kast: no subcommittee report.

K. Kast: gives information from the town clerk for the annual town elections.

11. Future Agenda Items:

a. Program of Studies

b. Competency Determination

D. Iannacone: Would like to add the weekend backpack program.

M. Barbaro: wants to add Superintendent contract

12. Closing Member Comments:

E. Marinelli — Appreciates work that M. Gosselin is doing. Congratulates C. King and K. Garcia on their position's changes.

M. Barbaro — Congratulates C. King and K. Garcia as well.

D. Iannacone - none

K. Kast — Congratulates C. King and K. Garcia.

13. Executive Session

14. Adjournment:

M. Barbaro motions to adjourn. Second by D. Iannacone. Vote is unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted:


Darcie Morin, Payroll & HR Generalist

Documents Attached: None