

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

1. Call to order: 6:02 P M.

Present: Danielle LaPointe, Janet Corbosiero, Dawn Fronte, Larry Murphy, Felicia Nurmsen
Steve Haddad-Superintendent, Richard Ikonen-Business Manager

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Citizen Questions and/or Comments: None
4. Correspondence and Announcements: None
5. Student Representative: Alyssa LaBrack reported
6. Student Recognition: Pre-School-November-Leela Guitare and December-Vincenzo Fantasia;
Memorial School-November- Victoria Smith, Kindergarten and December-Jaden Shamane, grade
2; Toy Town Elementary- November -Janelle Dansin, 4th grade; December-Abbigail Mackenzie,
5th grade; Murdock Middle School-November-Daniel Fuller, grade 7; December-Jonathon (Jack)
Polcari, 8th grade; Murdock High School-students will be recognized in January, 2017; Murdock
Academy-November-Savannah Smith, 12th grade; December Jacob Sargent; 9th grade.

6:37 PM J. Corbosiero moved for a 5-minute recess. Second by D. Fronte. Approved 5-0-0.
6:43 PM Reconvened.

Blue Devil Cool Award: Tom Paine, Guidance Counselor at Memorial School, was recognized
for his work with and the connections he has made between students, parents and staff. He
thanked Mrs. Atter for her guidance. He is most proud of the fact that so many students are
buying into the program and their pride in themselves.

J. Corbosiero moved to take (agenda item) 8. a. before (agenda item) 6. Second by D. Fronte.
Approved 5-0-0.

9. New Business:

- a. SISEP Update-Directors and Principals-Josh Romano and Jessica Vezina explained the
initiatives accomplished and in progress with the District Implementation Team using
implementation science, noting the district is in the last year of a 5-year grant. They
reviewed the stages of implementation in each school and explained how they use the
report data. The school committee will receive the report and results. Although not
officially practiced in the high school, J. Romano noted the administration and faculty
have been working with the core ideas of the system for many years; he explained the
more official system that is now used. They reviewed the impact on student outcomes
and the upcoming work planned after the grant expires, in order to sustain the system
internally. J. Romano described pros and cons of the program. J. Vezina noted the
Middle School has seen a great reduction in undesired behavior, adding that pride and

accountability has increased and follows the students into the community. She will provide data and a report that details the academic progress of students using these curriculum assessments and instruction practices. She will also report on the new model of MCAS 2.0. F. Nurmsen requested data showing the correlation of the assessments to performance.

7. Superintendent Report:

S. Haddad thanked everyone for their efforts during the review; the administration team is anxiously awaiting the results. The Robinson-Broadhurst grant is complete and ready to send in after some feedback. There will be a 2-hour delay tomorrow due to the extreme cold temperatures; notification will go out tonight. He noted the buses have been picking up walkers when space allows.

Business Office Report: R. Ikonen distributed and reviewed the End of Year report; it will be sent in tomorrow for the auditors to go through. He noted the district was \$50,000 over NSS. The old bills that were not approved for payment at the special town meeting will be presented again at the annual town meeting. He is working on the FY'18 budget, pending the finalization of a secretary contract. He requested the administrations' needs and wants' in order to finish preparing the budget. He hopes to have a better definitive projection of where the district stands, not just what MUNIS says, and expects the budget to have some 'challenges'. The reclassifications will be presented at the next meeting; he will send them electronically for committee members to review. J. Corbosiero stated that she wants to see anything she has to sign at least 2 days prior to allow sufficient review time.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

b. School Committee Goals:

L. Murphy explained his reasoning for the creation of the committee goals and presented 11 possible goals. He suggested the committee focus on 3-5 for the first year; they would reflect the Superintendents' and the building Principals' goals. Committee members can adjust the proposed list. The goals referenced the six standards the recent district review encompassed and most are not time sensitive. The action plan will specify a timeline. D. LaPointe stated it is crucial for the committee to have a 'progress' report ready to present at the Annual Town Meeting. The committee will discuss the goals in a Saturday workshop and in ad hoc committees.

7:43 PM S. Haddad stepped out of the room to contact the bus company about the 2-hour delay tomorrow morning.

7:45 PM S. Haddad returned.

After discussion, the committee prioritized the goals and agreed to continue the discussion at a workshop on Saturday, January 7, 2017, from 9 am to 12 pm in the Central Office. It is open to the public.

10. Citizens Questions and Comments: None

11. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meetings Not Yet Approved or Released:

- a. Thursday, November 10, 2016-Regular Meeting-J. Corbosiero moved to approve.
Second by F. Nurmsen. Approved 5-0-0.

12. Questions and Comments by Members:

J. Corbosiero stated the 1st grade concert was absolutely spectacular. The Chorus concert is on December 20th and the Band concert is on the 21st at the high school. J. Corbosiero stated that she wants a consistent method or policy regarding adding a committee member, noting 'it looks terrible the way we do it now'. The policy sub-committee will take it under advisement. J. Corbosiero reviewed the Door Decorating competition at TTE; D. LaPointe will tally the committee members voting results for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The substance abuse task force met; it will meet again in January to work on community outreach, using the Gardner program as a model.

13. Other: None

14. Future Agenda Items:

- a. District Accountability Report

15.. Executive Session:

8:16 PM J. Corbosiero moved to go into executive session for Purpose #3-To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if a meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares, and to return to open session for the sole purpose of adjourning. Second by D. Fronte.
L. Murphy-Aye; J. Corbosiero-Aye; D. Fronte,-Aye; F. Nurmsen-Aye; D. LaPointe-Aye.
Approved 5-0-0

16. Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted: _____
Barrie E. Martins, School Committee Recording Secretary