A regular meeting of the East Bridgewater School Committee was held on Thursday, May 29, 2014, at 6:30 PM at the Anne Kenneally Hynes Library in the East Bridgewater Jr/Sr High School. A motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Graham/Boyle. In attendance were Chair George McCabe, Co-Chair Jennifer Kitchenham, Secretary Ellen Pennington, Keith Boyle, Heather Graham, Gordon McKinnon, Superintendent of Schools John Moretti, and Recording Clerk Joanne Benner.

Also in attendance were: Principles Mr. Gentile and Mrs. Williams, Facilities Manager Mr. Kiely, Head Custodian Mr. Ortenzi, Mrs. Fernandes, Mr. Ponte, and community members.

Mr. McCabe opened the meeting at 7:36PM with The Pledge of Allegiance.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

- Board of Health member Peter Spagone, Jr. was a welcomed guest at the School Committee meeting. Mr. Spagone shared that he is in discussion with Compass Medical Group requesting they partner with the Board of Health and the School District. Having this organization in our community could provide resources that would help reduce our costs.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- An invitation was received to attend the D.A.R.E ceremonies on 5/30/14 at 9:00 AM.
- Mr. Paul Simeone, from Consulting Engineers, sent Mr. Moretti a letter after attending his granddaughters POPS concert. He said, “You and your staff deserve much credit and praise for producing a program of such quality.” Additionally, Mr. Simeone was impressed with the new Jr/Sr High School facility.

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS**

- Action is required on the minutes from the School Committee meeting held on May 8, 2014. Minutes presented.
  Motion: Graham/Kitchenham  Vote: 5 in favor, McCabe abstained

  Motion: Boyle/McKinnon  Vote: 6 in favor

  Motion: Graham/Boyle  Vote: 5 in favor, McCabe abstained

- Action is required on FY15 Budget Information. Discussion: Based on communication with the Finance Committee, the Board of Selectman, and Mr. Samia, the number they are prepared to support is $17,048,893. Superintendent Moretti will need to reduce $931,000 from the previous budget summary to get to this figure. Mr. McCabe would like to request an amendment to the motion be made to include that a committee be formed to create a priority list of what cuts would

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be returned and the order in which they will be returned. Mr. Moretti suggested this amendment could create a conflict with current negotiations with the EBEA.
Motion: McCabe/Kitchenham    Vote: 1 in favor, 5 opposed

Action is required on the FY15 Budget of $17,048,893.
Motion: Kitchenham/McKinnon    Vote: 6 in favor

• Superintendent Search Update- To date there are 18 applicants for the position of Superintendent of Schools. At the June 19th meeting Mr. Moretti will request the School Committee select and appoint a Screening Committee. Committee members are welcome to come into the Central Office to review the applications. Copies are not being made to reduce paper consumption.

NEW BUSINESS

• Action is required on the recommended changes to the Gordon W. Mitchell Middle School handbook.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Graham    Vote: 6 in favor

• Action is required on the recommended changes to Central Elementary School handbook.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Graham    Vote: 6 in favor

• Mr. Moretti is pleased to announce over $4000.00 in donations have been made to the PCC Program. Five students were given $829.00 each to defray the tuition. The Committee thanks the donors for their generosity.

• Superintendent Moretti is happy to announce that Mrs. Deborah Vaughn will be the new Director of Food Services as of July 1st. She previously held this position and is looking forward to returning to it.

• Superintendent Moretti is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Mary Lee as the Special Education Transportation Coordinator.

• Action is required on the Memorandum of Understanding for the 2014/2015 East Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Schedule.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Boyle    Vote: 6 in favor

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM: Kitchenham/Graham    Vote: 6 in favor

Respectfully submitted by,

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