A regular meeting of the East Bridgewater School Committee was held on Thursday, April 17, 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 Kitchenham/Boyle. At 7:38 PM the Committee returned to open session. Members present were: Keith Boyle, Heather Graham, Jennifer Kitchenham, George McCabe, Gordon McKinnon, Ellen Pennington, Superintendent of Schools John Moretti, and Recording Clerk Joanne Benner. This is a reorganization meeting with the Superintendent serving as chair.

Also in attendance were: Principal Andrew Gentile, Facilities Manager Brian Kiely, IT Director Rob King, teacher Kathryn Nickandos, Drama Director Mickie Laslie, and community members.

Superintendent John Moretti opened the meeting at 7:42 PM with new member Ellen Pennington leading The Pledge of Allegiance.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION 2014-2015- The Superintendent serves as Chair.

Election of Officers

- Chairman-Mr. McCabe was nominated by Mr. McKinnon seconded by Mrs. Kitchenham.
  Boyle-yes
  Graham-abstained
  Kitchenham-yes
  McKinnon-yes
  Pennington-yes

- Vice Chairman-Mrs. Kitchenham was nominated by Mr. McKinnon seconded by Mr. McCabe.
  Boyle-yes
  Graham-yes
  McCabe-yes
  McKinnon-yes
  Pennington-yes

- Secretary-Mrs. Pennington was nominated by Mrs. Kitchenham seconded by Mr. McKinnon.
  Boyle-yes
  Graham-yes
  McCabe-yes
  Kitchenham-yes
  McKinnon-yes

- Treasurer is served by the Superintendent
CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A thank you note was received from former School Committee member Elizabeth Hayes for the gift given to her by the Committee.


REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mrs. Kitchenham shared that there will be a School Committee meeting on April 25th at 4:00 PM to discuss budget issues and it will be open to the public. Additionally, there will be a public hearing on April 28th at 7:00 PM regarding the FY15 School Department Budget. These meetings will be held in the library. Mr. McKinnon will be the co-chair of the Budget Committee and Mrs. Kitchenham welcomes him and appreciates his financial background.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- Action is required on the minutes from the School Committee meeting held on March 20, 2014. Minutes presented.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Boyle  Vote: 4 in favor, Graham/Pennington abstained

- Action is required on accounts payable warrant 40V dated 4/2/14. Warrant presented.
  Motion: Graham/McCabe  Vote: 5 in favor, Pennington abstained

- Action is required on accounts payable warrant 42V dated 4/16/14. Warrant presented.
  Motion: Graham/McCabe  Vote: 5 in favor, Pennington abstained

  Motion: Boyle/McKinnon  Vote: 4 in favor, McCabe/Pennington abstained

- Action is required on payroll warrant 42P dated 4/16/14. Warrant presented.
  Motion: Boyle/Graham  Vote: 4 in favor, McCabe/Pennington abstained

- Action is required on the proposed 2014-2015 School Calendar.
  Motion: Kitchenham/McKinnon  Vote: 6 in favor

- Superintendent Search Committee- Mrs. Kitchenham is serving as the Chair for the Superintendent search process. A paper screening committee will be established, with community members on board; 7-10 candidates will be selected to continue to the next round. A preliminary screening committee will then interview candidates, do background checks, and

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choose 3-4 candidates that the School Committee will interview for the position. These committees will be established after April vacation and will be made of a cross section of community members.

Motion: Kitchenham/Graham  Vote: 6 in favor

FY 15 Regular Education Transportation- Superintendent Moretti requested the administrators conduct an audit for both the AM and PM buses to determine if all 14 buses are full. In most cases the buses seat 45 to 50 students and appear to be ½ full in the morning for pick up as well as ½ full in the afternoon for drop off. The new RFP is reducing the number of buses from 14 to 11. Each bus costs the town $68,000.00 with the total being $950,000.00 of which the town appropriates $800,000.00; the remainder is supplemented with fees. There will be a cost savings by reducing the number of buses used. Additionally, Mr. Moretti was appalled that the routes did not arrive in time to be vetted by the schools. The RFP includes that the routes must be received by August 1st so that corrections, if needed, can be made. They will then be posted on the District website in the second week of August.

NEW BUSINESS

• Action is required on a request from the Drama Club to take an out-of-state field trip to Florida.
  Motion: Graham/Kitchenham  Vote: 6 in favor

• Action is required on the READS Collaborative Agreement.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Graham  Vote: 6 in favor

• Action is required on the revision of report cards for grades 5 and 6 at the Gordon W. Mitchell Middle School.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Boyle  Vote: 6 in favor

• Action is required on the appointment of Dr. Dunn as the school physician.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Graham  Vote: 6 in favor

• Action is required on the approval of Kathryn Nickandros to present her daughter Alexa her diploma, Nancy Smith to present her daughter Kayla her diploma, and Jen LeMoine to present her nephew Gary Hart his diploma.
  Motion: Graham/Boyle  Vote: 6 in favor

• FY15 Budget-There is two School Committee meetings scheduled to discuss the budget; the first is April 25th at 4:00 PM and the second is the budget forum on April 28th at 7:00 PM. Both meetings are being held in the library. It is necessary for the School Committee to vote on the warrant articles at the meeting on the 28th as they need to be submitted to Mr. Samia, Town Manager, on May 2nd. The budget will continue to be a work process with the amount being a placeholder. At this time the budget figure is $18,162,000.00.
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