A regular meeting of the East Bridgewater School Committee was held on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at 7:00 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/McKinnon. At 7:30 PM the Committee returned to open session. Members present were: Co-Chair Jennifer Kitchenham, Secretary Ellen Pennington, Keith Boyle, Heather Graham Gordon McKinnon, Superintendent of Schools John Moretti, and Recording Clerk Joanne Benner. Chair George McCabe was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Principals Mr. Gentile, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Vieira, Assistant Principal Mrs. Byrne, Facilities Manager Mr. Kiely, and community members.

Mrs. Kitchenham opened the meeting at 7:34 PM with The Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Budget Subcommittee-Mrs. Kitchenham and Superintendent Moretti have met with Finance Committee member Mr. Kelly, Board of Selectman member Mr. Sheedy and Town Manager Mr. Samia to discuss the budget along with possible solutions to upcoming challenges. On May 20th at 7:00 PM there will be a meeting with the Finance Committee, Board of Selectman, and School Committee to discuss the school budget.
- Mr. McKinnon has been added to the teacher negotiations team.
- Mr. McCabe and Mr. McKinnon will be attending the Senior Awards Night.
- Graduation is on June 1, 2014 at 2:00 PM and Mr. McCabe and Mr. McKinnon will be in attendance handing out diplomas.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- Action is required on the minutes from the School Committee meeting held on April 17, 2014. Minutes presented.
  Motion: Graham/Boyle Vote: 5 in favor

- Action is required on the minutes from the School Committee meeting held on April 25, 2014. Minutes presented.
  Motion: Boyle/Graham Vote: 5 in favor

- Action is required on the minutes from the Public Hearing on the FY15 budget held on April 28, 2014. Minutes presented.
  Motion: Boyle/McKinnon Vote: 5 in favor

EAST BRIDGEWATER SCHOOL COMMUNITY MISSION STATEMENT
The East Bridgewater Public Schools provides a comprehensive curriculum that prepares students to be critical thinkers, problem solvers, and effective communicators ready to assume their positions as responsible productive citizens.
- Action is required on accounts payable warrant 46V dated 5/14/14. Warrant presented.  
  Motion: Boyle/Graham  
  Vote: 5 in favor

  Motion: Boyle/McKinnon  
  Vote: 5 in favor

- Action is required on payroll warrant 46P dated 5/14/14. Warrant presented.  
  Motion: Boyle/McKinnon  
  Vote: 5 in favor

- FY15 Budget- Superintendent Moretti notified the Committee that as requested he has returned the cut guidance positions to the budget. By doing this he needed to look at $135,000.00 in other reductions so he went through operations to see if any could be made there. He is pleased to say that the Capital Improvements Committee has approved the following requests: the Middle School gymnasium floor, removal of storage tanks at the Central and Middle Schools, technology funding and funding for Middle School maintenance. Additionally, $215,000.00 in text books has been approved bringing the total to $665,000.00 appropriated for school repairs and purchases. Mr. Moretti would like to encourage parents and community members to be aware of and attend a meeting on May 20, 2014 with the Board of Selectman, the Finance Committee, and the School Committee to discuss the FY15 budget.

- Superintendent Search- An advertisement for the new Superintendent has been placed in the Providence Journal, Boston Globe, Education Weekly, and Massachusetts Association of School Committees. To date there are eleven applicants after four days. Mr. Moretti personally knows two of them and has a high degree of respect for them. If you are interested in being on the paper review or interview committee please email him.

- Transportation Bid-Superintendent Moretti said the regular transportation contract with Lucini Bus Lines ends on June 30, 2014. The only bid received was from Lucini Bus and he is disappointed because the quote is equal to what is being paid now even after he has reduced the number of buses required by 3. Mr. Moretti has spoken to his peers and was told the average amount they pay per bus is between $47,000.00 and $67,000.00; Lucini Bus Lines bid is $81,000.00 per unit with the total bid being $924,000.00. The Superintendent is asking the Committee to reject this bid. A motion to reject the bid was made by Mrs. Graham.  
  Motion: Graham/McKinnon  
  Vote: 5 in favor

NEW BUSINESS

- Action is required on the recommended changes to the East Bridgewater Junior/Senior handbooks.  
  Motion: Boyle/McKinnon  
  Vote: 5 in favor

- Action is required for an out of state field trip to the Roger Williams Zoo in Rhode Island for grade 2 students.  
  Motion: McKinnon/Graham  
  Vote: 5 in favor

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• Action is required for the late arrival and early dismissal for seniors.
  Motion: Graham/Boyle    Vote: 5 in favor

• Action is required for the Physical Education waiver for juniors and seniors.
  Motion: Graham/Boyle    Vote: 5 in favor

• Action is required on the proposed FY15 School Committee meeting dates calendar.
  Motion: Graham/Boyle    Vote: 5 in favor

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM: Graham/McKinnon    Vote: 5 in favor

Respectfully submitted by,

Joanne M. Benner
Recording Clerk