Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the East Bridgewater School Committee
on Thursday, December 12, 2013

A regular meeting of the East Bridgewater School Committee was held on Thursday, December 12, 2013, 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/Hayes with 5 in favor. Committee member Keith Boyle was late in arriving to Executive Session. At 7:30 PM the Committee returned to open session. Members present were: Chairperson George McCabe, Vice-Chairperson Jennifer Kitchenham, Secretary Elizabeth Hayes, Keith Boyle, Heather Graham, Gordon McKinnon, Superintendent of Schools John Moretti, and Recording Clerk Joanne Benner.

Also in attendance were: Student Advisory Council Representative Nicholas Blauner, Director of Pupil Personnel Marie Grable, Officer Mark Harvey, Central School Principal Gina Williams, and members of the community.

Chairperson George McCabe opened the meeting at 7:34 PM with The Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Student Council Representative Nicholas Blauner reported that winter sports are underway, progress reports have been handed out, and that the recently held blood drive was a great success. Volunteers donated 80 pints of blood and the Council is considering holding another drive in the spring. The school that collects the most pints will be awarded a scholarship from the Red Cross and the Student Council would like it to be the East Bridgewater Jr/Sr High School.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - none at this time

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

- Mrs. Hayes shared that the Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony was well attended and very nicely done. Beautiful speeches were made by those being recognized and a lovely convocation was done by Father Wally. Additionally Mrs. Hayes thanked the individuals that worked behind the scenes making it the success it was.

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PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- Action is required on the minutes from the School Committee meeting held on November 12, 2013. Minutes presented.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Boyle  Vote: 6 in favor

- Action is required on the minutes from the joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen on November 26, 2013.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Boyle  Vote: 6 in favor

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- NEASC Accreditation- Principal Vieira received a letter from NEASC stating that the Committee voted unanimously to remove the school from probation for the Standards for Accreditation on Curriculum and Community Recourses for Learning. Additionally the Committee commended the new state of the art building that meets the needs to achieve a 21st century learning experience.

- Action is required to ratify the Teaching Assistant Contract.
  Motion: Hayes/Graham  Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstention McCabe

NEW BUSINESS

- Central School Principal Gina Williams presented her state of the school report. The Central School hosted a PTO craft night with approximately 160 students attending. Letters are being written to the North Pole, gingerbread houses are being assembled and the students are looking forward to the Holiday Concert. A vertical team has begun work on PK-2 phonics. There will be a good deal of work ahead with the end product being increased vocabulary with improved spelling and writing skills. These improvements will help students across the board in all subject matters. Over 400 items were donated for the local food pantries and the school is in its second year of making bagged lunches that are donated to a shelter to help those in need.

- Director of Pupil Personnel Marie Grable presented her state of the Special Education Department report. SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Group) is a committee that helps parents and families of children with disabilities. On February 6th our SEPAC will host a workshop

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“Let's Get Organized”. This workshop will help the parents to organize and manage paperwork and information; this training is at no cost to the district. It is time for the Mid-Cycle Review required by law and implemented by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The review is scheduled on January 8th. The district has three Substantially Separate Programs that allow for students with disabilities to remain in district.

- The districts School Resource Officer Mark Harvey reported that the Memorandum of Understanding between East Bridgewater Schools and the East Bridgewater Police Department has a slight change in that bullying has been added under the Reportable Acts heading.

- Action is required to accept the Memorandum of Understanding with the Police Department.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Hayes   Vote: 6 in favor

- Action is required to accept the appointment of the volunteer coaches.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Hayes   Vote: 6 in favor

- Action is required to approve the by-laws for the Anne Kenneally Hynes Scholarship.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Hayes   Vote: 6 in favor

- Superintendent John Moretti informed the community that the FY15 school budget has been prepared. This budget is a work in progress and between now and town meeting there will be much discussion. Copies have been sent to the Finance Committee, The Board of Selectman, and Town Administrator George Samia. Mr. Moretti met with the administration and School Business Manager Patricia Lugo to prepare the budget. The community will be invited and public discussions will begin on January 9th with more to follow.

- Action is required on the proposed Capital Improvement projects.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Boyle   Vote: 6 in favor

Motion to adjourn made at 8:46 PM: Kitchenham/Graham   Vote: 6 yes in favor

Respectfully submitted by,

Joanne M. Benner
Recording Clerk

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