A regular meeting of the East Bridgewater School Committee was held on Thursday, September 26, 2013, at 7:30 PM at the Anne Kenneally Hynes Library in the East Bridgewater Jr/Sr High School. Members present were: Chairperson George McCabe, Secretary Elizabeth Hayes, Keith Boyle, Heather Graham, Superintendent of Schools John Moretti, and Recording Clerk Joanne Benner. Vice-Chairperson Jennifer Kitchenham was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Principal’s Vieira, Williams and Gentile, PPS Director Marie Grable, Facilities Manager Brian Kiely, and community members.

Chairperson George McCabe opened the meeting at 7:38 with The Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- Nick Blauner, liaison for the Student Advisory Council, informed the School Committee that the year is off to a great start. The freshman dinner hosted 90 students while introducing them to the various clubs, sports, and activities available. Several other activities will be scheduled to build school spirit and collegiality. The students are very happy with the new building and feel the transition of grades 7 & 8 has gone smoothly.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Correspondence has been received from the EBEA to start negotiations pertaining to the new evaluation process.
- MASS/MASC will be holding a joint conference November 6-9, 2013. If a committee member would like to attend they should speak with the Superintendent’s Secretary.
- A certificate of Temporary Occupancy has been issued for the bleachers, outdoor track, and synthetic turf field.
- Chairperson McCabe added the Selectman will be holding a joint meeting on 10/24/13 and the Committee is looking for letters from interested parties to fill the vacated School Committee position; letters should be received no later than 10/17/13.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Secretary Elizabeth Hayes has reported that the Dedication Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting date has been changed to 4:00 PM on 11/27/13. This will allow state officials, community members, alumni and former faculty members a better opportunity to attend.
- On 10/19/13 there will an evening of fun along with a roast of George McCabe at T.J. Smith’s. The proceeds from this event will go into the Anne Kenneally Hynes scholarship.
- The stadium is not able to handle groups larger than 840 people so Homecoming will be held the day of the Thanksgiving football game.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- Action is required on the minutes from the School Committee meeting on September 12, 2013. Minutes presented.
  Motion: Hayes/Boyle Vote to approve: unanimous

  Motion: Hayes/Boyle, AP warrant Vote: unanimous
  Hayes/Graham, Payroll Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstention-McCabe

- 2013/2014 School Committee Meeting Schedule
  The School Committee has accepted this as the first reading on the revised meeting schedule. After two more readings the Committee will vote on adopting the meeting schedule of every 3rd Thursday.

- Action is required on the Ratification of Custodial Addendum.
  Motion: Hayes/Graham Vote: unanimous

- Action is required on the Ratification of Assistant Principals contract.
  Motion: Hayes/Boyle Vote: unanimous

- Action is required on the Ratification of Department Chairs contract.
  Motion: Hayes/Graham Vote: unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

- State of the Schools Address
  - Mrs. Williams, Central School Principal states that the new configuration of the district

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has allowed for additional room for programs and services in grades PK-2.

- Mr. Gentile, GWMMS Principal has shared that things are very busy at the Middle School. The staff and students are adjusting to the new configuration. He feels that the schools have grown closer as a result of the changes.

- Mr. Vieira, Principal Jr/Sr High School began by thanking the Superintendent, faculty and staff for helping to make the school opening a smooth one. The school has almost reached enrollment capacity; however, there remains room for growth should the need arise.

- Superintendent Moretti is proud of the staff and congratulates all three schools for the tremendous efforts put forth to make the configuration a success.

- Mrs. Grable, Director of Pupil Personnel Services is happy to inform the Committee that the out of district enrollment is down as a result of the in district programs that has been implemented. Additionally, four students have paid tuition to attend programs in district.

- Action is required to accept the Job Description for the Extended Day and Family Life Coordinator.
  Motion: Hayes/Boyle Vote: unanimous

- Action is required to accept the North River Collaborative Agreement.
  Motion: Hayes/Boyle Vote: unanimous

- Action is required to accept a donation of $50.00 in the memory of Lois Carnes.
  Motion: Hayes/Graham Vote: unanimous

- 2013/2014 Professional Development Plan

  There will be five in house professional development days as set by the district calendar.

- Class Size Report Information

  Classroom sizes are acceptable in the Central School and need to be addressed in grades 3-6. In the high school there are classes with over 30 students; classroom sizes will need to be evaluated there as well. When the revised Program of Studies is in place and students select courses the staffing will be re-evaluated.

- School Committee Rental Fees (1st reading-discussion)

  Brian Kiely met with Superintendent Moretti and School Business Administrator Ms. Lugo after doing a survey to determine local rental fees. A fair and equitable fee structure has been

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suggested keeping in mind the type of group that will be renting. Additionally the Superintendent has the authority to negotiate rates.

- Skylur J. Spagone Memorial Fund Walk for Children

  The walk will be held on 10/14/13 with the proceeds going to build an age appropriate playground at the Central School.

- Superintendent Moretti says the district has received the MCAS results and everyone in the community will be very happy.

  Motion to adjourn at 8:52

  Motion: Hayes/Graham  Vote: unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,

Joanne M. Benner
Recording Clerk