Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the East Bridgewater School Committee
on Thursday, October 24, 2013

A regular meeting of the East Bridgewater School Committee was held on Thursday, October 24, 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 Elizabeth Hayes and seconded by Jennifer Kitchenham. At 7:00 PM the Committee returned to open session. Members present were: Chairperson George McCabe, Vice-Chairperson Jennifer Kitchenham, Secretary Elizabeth Hayes, Keith Boyle, Heather Graham, Superintendent of Schools John Moretti, and Recording Clerk Joanne Benner.

Also in attendance were: Board of Selectman Brian Connors, Martin Crowley, and Dave Sheedy, School Committee Candidates Paul Forrest, Valerie Mason, Gordon McKinnon, and Jonathan White, Principal Williams, Samantha Tracy from WATD, and community members.

Chairperson George McCabe opened the meeting at 7:05 with The Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- None

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- The Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Committee continues to work on the details for the event being held on November 27, 2013, at 4:00 PM at the Jr/Sr High School.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- Action is required on the minutes from the School Committee meeting held on October 10, 2013. Minutes presented.
  Motion:  Kitchenham/Hayes  
  Vote:  4 yes, 1 abstention Boyle

- Action is required on accounts payable warrant 18V dated 10/30/13. Warrant presented.
  Motion:  Hayes/Kitchenham  
  Vote: unanimous in favor

- Action is required on payroll warrants16P dated 10/16/13, and 18P dated 10/30/13. Warrants presented.
  Motion:  Hayes/Boyle 16P  
  Vote: 4 yes, 1 abstention, McCabe
  Hayes/Boyle 18P  
  Vote: 4 yes, 1 abstention, McCabe

EAST BRIDGEWATER SCHOOL COMMUNITY MISSION STATEMENT
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A third reading took place regarding the District Wide Rental Fees. Action is required to implement the new fee structure.
Motion: Kitchenham/Hayes  Vote: unanimous in favor

The third reading of the new School Committee meeting schedule was completed. Action is required to adopt the schedule.
Motion: Kitchenham/Hayes  Vote: unanimous in favor

Action is required for Ratification of the Administrative Assistants Contract. A request to table this action item was made by Superintendent Moretti; request accepted.

Time was scheduled to interview four candidates to fill the vacated School Committee position. The candidates were: Paul Forrest, Valerie Mason, Gordon McKinnon, and Jonathan White. The candidates were asked questions by the School Committee and the Board of Selectman; each candidate was then given an opportunity to respond. Upon completion a roll call vote was taken and Mr. Gordon McKinnon was chosen to fill the vacant seat. The roll call was as follows:

Heather Graham-Valerie Mason
Keith Boyle-Gordon McKinnon
Jennifer Kitchenham-Gordon McKinnon
Elizabeth Hayes-Gordon McKinnon
George McCabe-Gordon McKinnon
Martin Crowley-Gordon McKinnon
Brian Connors-Gordon McKinnon
David Sheedy-Gordon McKinnon

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent of Schools John Moretti met with Principal Vieira, Assistant Principal Bitinas, and Director of Guidance Clifford to review the Program of Studies. Collaboratively it was determined that additional courses should be offered in English, Mathematics, Science, Foreign Language, and Horticulture.
Motion: Kitchenham/Hayes  Vote: unanimous in favor

The October 1, 2013, report was read with the good news being shared that the student population has increased by 48. The Jr/Sr High School has seen the largest growth with 29 additional students added to the population. This trending is an important byproduct of the new building according to Superintendent Moretti. The report is significant for the district as the student enrollment helps to determine the amount of state funding it receives.

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• School Committee Chairperson George C. McCabe, Jr., on behalf of the Committee, has written a letter to Commissioner Chester requesting a six month extension waiver for Superintendent John Moretti. This extension would be for the period of July 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014.

• A Request for Proposal has been submitted by Superintendent Moretti for vending machine service at the three schools. Superintendent Moretti explained that the items in the machines will follow state guidelines and that they will only be turned on after school hours. He also shared that this can be a wonderful source of revenue for the District.

Motion: Kitchenham/Graham  Vote: unanimous in favor

• Action is required for the courses submitted to the EBEA Staff Council on behalf of the teachers.

Motion: Kitchenham/Boyle  Vote: unanimous in favor

Motion to adjourn at 8:47: Kitchenham/Boyle  Vote: unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted by,

Joanne M. Benner
Recording Clerk