A regular meeting of the East Bridgewater School Committee was held on Thursday, February 27, 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/McKinnon. At 7:30 PM the Committee returned to open session. Members present were: Chairperson George McCabe, Vice-Chairperson Jennifer Kitchenham, Keith Boyle, Heather Graham, Gordon McKinnon, Superintendent of Schools John Moretti and Recording Clerk Joanne Benner.

Also in attendance were: Principals Andrew Gentile, Gina Williams and Paul Vieira, Assistant Principals Kelly Bitinas and Deb Duprey, Business Manager Patricia Lugo, Pupil Personnel Director Marie Grable, Athletic Director Tom Kenney, EBEA President Kathi Nickandros, Facilities Manager Brian Kiely, Director of Technology Rob King, Food Service Director James Fluevog, foreign language teacher Nick Davis, Bill Lucini from Lucini Bus Lines, and Community Members.

Chairperson George McCabe opened the meeting at 7:35 PM with The Pledge of Allegiance.

**STUDENT ADVISORY REPORT** - Nick Blauner, representative for the Student Advisory, reported that winter sports have ended with both girls and boys basketball along with ice hockey making it into the tournament; this is the first time these teams have made it at the same time. Spring sport sign ups have begun, March Madness is set to start in a few weeks, and ELA MCAS for 10th graders will be underway soon.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED** - None at this time

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES** - Chairperson McCabe informed the Committee that Co-chair Jennifer Kitchenham will be the Superintendent Search Chair in lieu of Secretary Hayes. Secretary Hayes will be leaving the Committee in April.

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS**

- Action is required on the minutes from the School Committee meeting held on January 30, 2014. Minutes presented.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Boyle 
  Vote: 5 in favor

- Action is required on accounts payable warrant 34V dated 2/19/14. Warrant presented.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Graham 
  Vote: 5 in favor

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• Action is required on accounts payable warrant 36V dated 3/05/14. Warrant presented.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Boyle  Vote: 5 in favor

• Action is required on payroll warrant 32P dated 2/5/14. Warrant presented.
  Motion: Graham/Boyle  Vote: 4 in favor, McCabe abstained

• Action is required on payroll warrant 34P dated 2/19/14. Warrant presented.
  Motion: Boyle/Graham  Vote: 4 in favor, McCabe abstained

• Action is required on payroll warrant 36P dated 3/05/14. Warrant presented.
  Motion: Boyle/McKinnon  Vote: 4 in favor, McCabe abstained

• Action is required on the adoption of a club lacrosse program.
  Motion: Graham/Boyle  Vote: 4 in favor, McCabe abstained

• English Language Arts Vertical Team - Principal Gentile reported that over the past few months
curriculum mapping and alignment have been done based on the Common Core standards.
Doing this creates a global view of the content and skills being taught in the classroom. This
benefits teachers, students, and their families allowing them perspective on what is happening
over the course of the school year as opposed to the daily classroom view. Mapping provides the
ability to refine the curriculum, gives perspective on the relationship between standards, content
and assessments, while allowing educators to share their work electronically. Principal Williams
said the next steps will be to fix a few gaps and to create a systemic agenda across all grades.
The advantages gained directly impacts students ensuring a viable curriculum while providing an
opportunity to look at their achievements.

• District Determined Measures (DDMs) Vertical Team - The DDMs team is led by Assistant
Principals Kelly Bitinas and Deborah Duprey; additional representatives from each school are on
the team. The Team has been meeting since October and is working on teacher evaluations and
the classroom walk through process. Also, the team is piloting five areas in grades K-8 in ELA,
Math, and Social Studies to measure the growth of student knowledge over time in a subject
matter. This will assist teachers in creating measures of data showing students growth in their
content area.

NEW BUSINESS

• Proposed 2014-2015 Junior/Senior High School Schedule - Principal Vieira proposes that the
same schedule be implemented in grades 7-12. More electives, foreign language and health
classes should be offered to students in grades 7&8. Additional options should be an activity
block, band and chorus as a class, dual enrollment/work study options, and privileges for high
achieving students in upper grades. Principal Vieira recommends a split rotating 7 day schedule
with 6 classes per day. This schedule will change teacher’s duties and contact time with the

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students and will need to come before the EBEA. EBEA President Kathi Nickandros said they are ready to negotiate and are committed to finding a schedule that will work for all.

- Approval of an out of country trip to Paris, France during the April break in 2015.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Boyle  Vote: 5 in favor

- I.E.P. Coordinator job description, action required.
  Motion: Kitchenham/McKinnon  Vote: 5 in favor

- A 3 year vending contract with Pepsi Beverages Company, action required.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Boyle  Vote: 5 in favor

- **Special Education Transportation** - Superintendent Moretti said that it is required by contract to notify Lucini Bus Lines whether the District intends to continue using their services for SPED transportation; he recommends terminating them as of June 30, 2014. Mr. Moretti recommends internalizing SPED transportation indicating that we would be able to provide better service while gaining financially. Vehicles would come under a lease purchase agreement for three years and at the end of this time we would purchase them for $1.00. He has projected potentially saving $250,000.00 and in year four $350,000.00.

- **Food Service Program** – The food service program will lapse on June 30, 2014 and Superintendent Moretti recommends terminating services with Chartwell’s. Per their contract they require a 60 day notification of termination. Mr. Moretti has reviewed the figures and feels that by internalizing the program there will be a net profit of approximately $145,000 in FY15. The director of the food service program would answer to, and have their annual review done by the Superintendent of Schools.

- Courses submitted by the EBEA Staff Council
  Motion: Kitchenham/Boyle  Vote: 5 in favor

- East Bridgewater Varsity Cheerleaders have qualified to compete in the US Spirit Nationals in Orlando, Florida, March 28-29, 2014. The School Committee is not prepared to approve this at this time; they were notified of this trip during this meeting. The cheerleaders can still attend without the Committee’s approval.

  Motion to adjourn at: 9:45 Kitchenham/Boyle  Vote: 5 in favor

Respectfully submitted by,

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