A regular meeting of the East Bridgewater School Committee was held on Thursday, October 10, 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, Vice-Chairperson Jennifer Kitchenham, Secretary Elizabeth Hayes, Heather Graham, Superintendent of Schools John Moretti, and Recording Clerk Joanne Benner. Keith Boyle was absent.

Also in attendance were: Principals Vieira, Williams, and Gentile, Facilities Manage Brian Kiely, and community members.

Chairperson George McCabe opened the meeting at 7:32 with The Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- The Committee received news that 48 students are the recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship award, allowing them free in state tuition. Chairperson McCabe stated that this is a wonderful accomplishment for the students of East Bridgewater.
- Two letters of interest have been received to fill the vacant seat on the School Committee.
- A letter was received from Donna Kennedy, daughter of Patricia Kennedy, with the intent to make a donation in her name. The donation was gratefully accepted and it will be used towards an item that will be determined later.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Secretary Elizabeth Hayes reports that The Dedication Committee will be meeting on October 15, 2013, to continue plans for the Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony being held on November 27, 2103.
- There will be a roast of Chairman George McCabe on October 19, 2013 at T.J. Smith’s to raise funds for the Anne Hynes Memorial Scholarship with the proceeds going to benefit graduates from East Bridgewater.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- Action is required on the minutes from the School Committee meeting on September 26, 2013. Minutes presented.

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NEW BUSINESS

• 2013 MCAS Results
  • Superintendent Moretti, with the assistance of the principals, reviewed the District's 2013 MCAS results. Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 show improvement across the board with ELA and Mathematics scores increasing in both the proficient and advanced levels. Grade 7 had a slight dip indicating there is work to be done at this grade level.
  • A longitudinal cohort study of the class of 2014 and 2015, having been tracked since grade 3, allows us to see that the numbers continue to improve with the proficient and advanced categories increasing while the needs improvement category decreases.
  • Superintendent Moretti feels that the District should be proud of the accomplishments and forward movement made on MCAS testing. This is as a result of the administrators working with and supporting the teachers in conjunction with the student's home support.
  • Principals Williams, Gentile, and Vieira expressed their commitment to the students of East Bridgewater coupled with determining areas that need improvement and offering additional support to ensure success.

• District-Determined Measures Vertical Team – Two teams are being put into place for the District-Determined Measures (DDMs) as a result of the Commonwealth’s new educator evaluation system. A group of volunteers have been assembled for data review and common assessment. This group will be meeting with Dr. Sambucetti, a leading expert on DDMs.
• An analysis of FY14 staffing levels in the District was presented as a precursor to the budget process. Superintendent Moretti pointed out that all of teacher aides are one-on-one with Special Education Students and that this is the first district he has worked in where kindergarten does not have assistants.

• Mr. William Silva, STEM Department Chair, requested approval to take a group of approximately 18 students to Costa Rica over April vacation. Superintendent Moretti feels this is a wonderful opportunity and strongly recommends approval.
  Motion: Kitchenham/Hayes               Vote: unanimous

Motion to adjourn at 8:39
  Kitchenham/Hayes               Vote: unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,

Joanne M. Benner
Recording Clerk