

MEDFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Monday, August 22, 2016

High School - Library

7:30 PM

PRESENT: Maryanne Sullivan, Chairperson
Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke, Vice Chairperson
Eileen DeSisto, Finance Secretary
Timothy Bonfatti, Recording Secretary
Christopher Morrison, School Committee Member
Francine Kelly, Secretary

Jeffrey Marsden, Superintendent

Executive Session: NONE

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Ms. Sullivan welcoming everyone, reading over the agenda. Ms. Sullivan stated that "Public Input" will now be at the beginning of each meeting for anyone in the audience that wishes to speak.

Public Input: Ms. Sullivan recognized Ms. Chris Potts. Ms. Potts commented that the April minutes did not reflect an Executive Session that took place before the School Committee Meeting on April 4, 2016. Ms. Sullivan thanked her for her input.

At this time Dr. Marsden addressed the School Committee asking to add to the agenda the introduction the new Resource Officer for the 2016-2017 school year. Chief Meaney addressed the School Committee introducing Police Officer Michelle (Shelly) Manganello. Chief Meaney spoke of Officer Manganello's long history living and growing up in Medfield. Chief Meaney went on to talk about her enjoyment working with the children and community, her training, and background in becoming a police officer and the Resource Officer for the Medfield Schools. Officer Manganello thanked everyone for the opportunity saying she looks forward to working in the schools and closely with the students, administration, and families in Medfield. Officer Manganello hopes that with this new position, she will be a good resource for the school community. Dr. Marsden welcomed Officer Manganello noting that she is a familiar face in our schools already and looks forward to this great relationship. There was some conversation about Officer Manganello's training for this position, her schedule, and where he will be based in the schools. Each School Committee member welcomed Officer Manganello and thanked Chief Meaney.

New Business:

- **Facility Update (II)** - Dr. Marsden informed the School Committee that the high school football field in about 90% complete with the hopes of the track being done

by September 12. He briefed the School Committee on the Wheelock School boiler project saying that to date, they are ahead of schedule and in good shape for the completion of this project targeted for the second week in September. Dr. Marsden briefed the school committee on the Dale Street roof work, cameras that are now in place at Blake Middle School with more details at the September meeting. Dr. Marsden took this time to thank Michael LaFrancesca for overseeing these projects noting what a great job he has done in keeping with the timelines and communication. Mr. Bonfatti wanted it noted that a lot of credit goes out to both Dr. Marsden and Mr. LaFrancesca for keeping things on schedule and overseeing the projects timeframes.

- Staff Changes for 2016-2017 (II) - Dr. Marsden reviewed the list of staff changes highlighting the salary schedule noting that his practice is to hire the best people for teaching positions and with that in mind, and recognizing the quality of good teachers that are looking to work in Medfield, the hiring budget should be reviewed and perhaps increased to meet the qualifications of new teachers. Dr. Marsden also spoke about the Town of Medfield insurance program suggesting that the rates are high compared to surrounding towns making it a difficult selling point for some potential new hires. Dr. Marsden briefed the School Committee on the new person hired for the new Transition Program, Dr. Worthley. Dr. Marsden reviewed his background, what he will be doing and noting that he will be making a presentation to the School Committee in September or October. Dr. Marsden briefed the School Committee on the timelines for a new Student Services Director and the commended Kim Cave on the “New Teacher Program” that is done each year for our new teachers and well presented.

Old Business:

- Donations (II):

Dr. Marsden asked the School Committee to vote to approve the following donations:

- \$ 185.00 for the Medfield Public Schools in memory of Helen Gould, a retired Teacher from the Medfield Public Schools

- \$ 43.07 for the Wheelock School from the Target rewards program

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to approve the donations; first by Mr. Morrison, second Ms. O’Shea Brooke. **The vote was unanimous.**

Superintendent’s Report to the Committee:

- Strategic Plan Update (I-IV) - Dr. Marsden informed the School Committee that there continues to be changes made to the Strategic Plan but feels it is in good shape and a format and draft should be ready for September with the hope for an approval vote in October.

- Turf/Track Project Update (II) - Dr. Marsden informed the School Committee that the project is coming along nicely with the field being completed shortly and the track to be done by mid September.
- Wheelock Boiler Project Update (II) - Dr. Marsden informed the School Committee that this project is in the completion stages, informing the School Committee that he has really enjoyed working with the contractors and has given approval for them to work on other areas of our schools to do some repairs and maintenance work.
- Elementary School Day (1) - Dr. Marsden told the School Committee that the schedules have been completed and the bus routes are out. He noted that interestingly enough, most of the bus route concerns, as of right now, have been from the rising sixth grade parents. No adjustments were made to the middle school or high school routes.
- District Recognition (III) - Dr. Marsden spoke briefly about the summer R&D projects that the teachers are doing noting that there will be a presentation in October.

Future Agenda Items:

Ms. Sullivan reviewed the Future Agenda Items. A conversation ensued around budget concerns for next year and how to get the word out of the potential need for a budget override in light of the population changes occurring in Medfield. There was a conversation on how to structure the message and when to start this process.

Adjournment:

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; first by Mr. Morrison, second by Ms. O'Shea Brooke. **The vote was unanimous.**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:26 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2016

Minutes approved by the School Committee: October 24, 2016

Respectfully Submitted:
Francine Kelly, Secretary

EXHIBITS AND DOCUMENTS:

- Agenda and Narrative for Monday, August 22, 2016
- Donation letters
- 2016-2017 staff Changes/additions