

MEDFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Monday, December 5 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
Chris McGrory - Student Representative
Francine Kelly, Secretary

Jeffrey Marsden, Superintendent

Executive Session: Yes

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Ms. Sullivan welcoming everyone, reading over the agenda.

Public Input: NONE

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the School Committee minutes for November 21, 2016; Ms. O'Shea Brook noted a correction needed in the minutes pointing out where the change should be amended. Mr. Morrison made a motion to approve the amended minutes; first by Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke, second by Ms. Sullivan. **The vote was unanimous.**

New Business:

- High School Student Advisory Council (III) (SP 4) - Ayer Campbell 9th grade representative and Lily Bannister 10th grade representative, updated the School Committee on all the ongoing fundraisers in their school. They reviewed what types of fundraisers they will be having and how they will be advertising and spreading the word for these events. Tom Cadman 12th grade representative spoke for the Junior and Senior Class. Tom spoke of the success of the pep rally the day before Thanksgiving, student preparations for college applications, reminded and briefed everyone on the Christmas Dance coming up along with the Spaghetti with Santa event.
- Research and Development (I) (SP1) - Superintendent Marsden introduced Kim Cave, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, thanked everyone for having some of the staff come to present some of the wonderful R&D projects that were done over the summer. Diane Horvath and Kerrie Krahn reviewed their project, Social Thinking Goes School Wide, with a presentation that was designed to integrate a social thinking curriculum school wide across all grades and content areas. Julie Colantoni, Marie Pendergast and Lesley Scier reviewed their project, Grade 1 Guided Math Development, that they created and organized existing math materials to support the enVisions Program. Randie Groden, Bethany Robertson and Kerry Cowell reviewed their summer R&D project, Bring the K-5

Library Program into the 21st Century, being the objective to align the library with curriculum programming and objectives to bringing a new space and technology for students to learn in a non structured area. There was a brief discussion of how library spaces have changed and becoming more user friendly. Orla Berry spoke for Phil Brown's R&D project, Curriculum Development of New Engineering Elective. Ms. Berry talked about the new Engineering elective course and how it will bring a range of specialized and subject specific resources. Ms. Berry spoke of the structure kits and robotic sets that will be used and assembled for relevant projects selected for the course. Gwynne Sawtelle and Frank Mandosa spoke of their summer R&D project, Making Connections to Early American Literature through Project Based Learning. This project was developed to bring life into early American Literature by designing a project through which students would develop their understanding of the literal past by making tangible connections with the present. There was a brief discussion on problem solving and the critical thinking piece of this project and how it was incorporated into the classroom curriculum. Superintendent Marsden and members of the School Committee thanked everyone who came to present their summer R&D projects with Superintendent Marsden pointing out that the projects presented tonight were just a small snapshot of all the great R&D projects that were done over the summer by many of our teachers. Mr. Morrison noted that this is an important presentation to inform the district and highlighting why R&D money is such an important part of our school budget.

- “Medfield 2021” - Strategic Plan Vote (I-V) (SP 1-5) - Superintendent Marsden reviewed the meeting with Tim Bonfatti and Anna Mae O’Shea Brooke highlighting some of the comments, changes, and additions made to the Strategic Plan. Superintendent Marsden presented a slide show outlining where all the changes were made including the addition of a Budget Statement on page 5 which was read by Mr. Bonfatti to the audience. Ms. O’Shea Brooke thanked everyone who took the time to read and make comments on some of the important changes that were made to the Strategic Plan saying that with their helpful suggestions, some very important points were made to help with some of the changes that Superintendent Marsden outlined. Mr. Morrison again thanked the subcommittee for all their time and hard work that was spent in putting this document together. Ms. Chris Potts asked for a brief clarification on the Special Ed timelines. Mr. Morrison made a motion to adopt and approve the “Medfield 2021” - Strategic Plan; first by Ms. O’Shea Brooke, second by Ms. Sullivan. **The vote was unanimous.**

Old Business:

- FY18 Budget (II (SP-1)) - Superintendent Marsden updated the School Committee on the various meetings that have taken place with principals and Department Heads noting that there should be a draft ready for the meeting on December 19th. Superintendent Marsden wanted it noted that the numbers are high that normally submitted but feel that this is a good start to what is needed for the next school year.
- Donations (II) - Superintendent Marsden asked the School Committee for a vote to approve the following donation:
 - Direct Energy Rebate - \$12,819.02
 - Donation of \$179.85 to Wheelock School from the PTO for games purchased at

Park

Street Books.

Mr. LaFrancesca gave a short explanation of the Direct Energy Rebate. Ms. Sullivan made a Motion to approve the donations; first by Mr. Morrison, second by Ms. DeSisto. **The vote was unanimous.**

Superintendent's Report to the Committee:

- MCAS/PARCC Results Presentation (I) (SP 3) - Tabled for December 19, 2016 meeting
- Director of Student Services Search (I) (SP-4) - Superintendent Marsden reviewed the process, time-table, and procedure for the hiring of a the new Director of Student Services. with the hopes of advertisement starting shortly having a good pool of candidates by the end of January with the interviewing process starting after February vacation.
- District Recognition (III) (SP-3) - Superintendent Marsden spoke of Digital Learning Day that is now underway saying that there were 30-40 teachers interested in presenting. He reminded everyone of the Spaghetti with Santa event at the high school being held on December 9th and commended all those that volunteered and participated in another successful Angel Run fundraising event.

Future Agenda Items:

Ms. Sullivan reviewed the Future Agenda Items and asked Chris McGrory, Student Representative for any additional input. Chris reviewed the many fundraisers that are now underway and some that will be held after the winter break. Chris commented on the Angel Run fundraising event saying it was a great time with a huge turnout.

Adjournment:

Mr. Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Ms. Sullivan. **The vote was unanimous.**

Meeting adjourned: 9:07 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 19, 2016

Minutes approved by the School Committee: December 19, 2016

Respectfully Submitted:
Francine Kelly, Secretary

EXHIBITS AND DOCUMENTS:

- Agenda and Narrative for Monday, December 19, 2016
- Minutes for December 5, 2016
- Research and Development Presentation document
- Medfield 2021 Powerpoint Presentation changes
- Donation letters

- Direct Energy receipt
- PTO letter for Wheelock School