

SCITUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by
Mr. Michael Hayes, Chairperson
at 6:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at Scituate High School.

**On a motion by Mr. Hayes,
Seconded by Ms. Bowen,**

**It was voted: To go into Executive Session as set forth
In Section 23B , Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts
General Laws to discuss matters pertaining to contract
negotiations at 6:30 p.m.**

The roll call was:

School Committee Members Present:

Mr. Michael Hayes,	yes
Ms. Brenda Bowen,	yes
Mr. William Johnston,	yes
Mr. Richard Hebert,	yes

**On a motion by Mr. Strobino,
Seconded by Mr. Johnston,**

It was voted: to return to the regular meeting at 6:50 p.m.

The roll call was:

School Committee Members Present:

Mr. Michael Hayes,	yes
Ms. Brenda Bowen,	yes
Mr. William Johnston,	yes
Mr. Richard Hebert,	yes

**The meeting was called to order by
Mr. Michael Hayes, Chairperson, at
7:00 pm in the Library at Scituate High School.**

School Committee Members Present:

Mr. Michael Hayes,
Ms. Brenda Bowen,
Mr. William Johnston,
Mr. Richard Hebert

Administrators Present:

Dr. Susan E. Martin, Superintendent
Dr. James Kelleher, Asst. Superintendent

**On a motion by Ms. Bowen,
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

1. Approval of Minutes

It was voted: To approve the October 3, 2011 Minutes.

The vote was 4-0.

Ms. Kristen Conway inquired about the total cost of the Scituate High School auditorium renovation. Mr. Hayes explained the process of capital / infrastructure project expenses versus operating budget expenses.

Comments and Statement from the Public

Ms. Julianna Dunn, Co-Chair of Scituate PAC commended CORSE for their dedication to the children of Scituate.

2. Special Matters

Dr. Susan E. Martin, Superintendent introduced Ms. Tracy Johnston, CORSE Chairwoman. She updated the Committee on both the private and public funding that supports CORSE. She also explained that they currently have 8 programs running at full capacity. She briefly addressed new social thinking concepts that CORSE introduced to the Scituate Public Schools. These programs included: Tracy Stole training, a one week teen social skills summer program; the expansion of the peer mentor program to 5th and 6th graders and Gates students; supporting the RAP program at Gates (Respect All People) and the collaboration with SHORE for the Scituate North Pole Express on December 3rd.

a. CORSE After School Programming Update

Ms. Johnston showed a slideshow outlining the CORSE programs over the past year.

Dr. Susan Martin, Superintendent introduced Dr. Jim Kelleher, Assistant Superintendent to review the 2011 MCAS Results. Dr. Kelleher introduced Dr. John Eckstrom, Math Department Chairperson, Mr. Ryan Lynch, English Department Chairperson, Ms. Deb Dakin, Science Department Chairperson, all present for the discussion and review of their specific MCAS results.

b. MCAS Results

Dr. Kelleher outlined the scores via a powerpoint presentation by outlining achievement, growth and ranking. He also presented a composite growth index and accountability data to support the presentation.

Each Department Chairperson addressed and analyzed the department scores.

Mr. Hebert commended the district for their MCAS gains..
Mr. Johnston inquired about the 8th Grade science MCAS dip. Ms. Dakin stated that the dip is consistent across the state for that particular grade. Mr. Johnston also inquired asked about interim benchmarking for younger grades especially grade 3. Dr Kelleher agreed that interim testing should be done. He also will continue to review the current assessment program.

Dr James Kelleher, Assistant Superintendent presented a summary of the 4th year Accountability Plan. Dr. Kelleher outlined four goals and the achievement of those goals through objectives and sub-objectives.

c.Summary of the Accountability Plan

Dr. James Kelleher, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Gary Meyerson outlined enrollment projections and ideal school capacity. Mr. Johnston asked if the School Department was best utilizing their buildings based upon the building capacity sizes. Ms. Bowen inquired about class size. This is the first step toward future ongoing school capacity discussions. The Principals agreed to review the projections and update the School Committee at a future meeting.

d.Enrollment/School Capacity Presentation

Dr. Susan Martin, Superintendent introduced Ms.Donna Nuzzo-Mueller, Principal, Scituate High School and Ms. Amanda Bird, Scituate High School teacher and chaperone/coordinator of the field trip to Costa Rica during February vacation 2012.

e. Out of Country Field Trip Costa Rica

**On a motion by Ms. Bowen,
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

It was voted: To approve the field trip to Costa Rica as referenced.

The vote was 4-0.

Dr. Susan Martin, Superintendent introduced Ms. Donna Nuzzo Mueller, Principal, Scituate High School and Ms. Samantha Arena, Teacher, Scituate High School. Ms. Arena explained that the Scituate High School Model UN students have an opportunity to visit Brown University in November And New York in March for Model UN.

f. Out of State Field Trips Model UN – Providence and New York City

**On a motion by Ms. Bowen,
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

It was voted: To approve both Model UN field trips in November 2011 and March 2012.

The vote was 4-0.

Dr. Susan Martin, Superintendent asked the School Committee to finalize their 2011-2012 Goals

g. Finalize School Committee Goals

**On a motion by Ms. Bowen,
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

It was voted: To approve the School Committee 2011-2012 Goals

The vote was 4-0.

Dr. Susan E. Martin, Superintendent introduced Mr. Zach Brazao, Scituate High School School Committee Student Representative. Mr. Brazao reported that Scituate High School boys soccer and girls field hockey were doing great. He also noted that Scituate High School will hold a College and Career day, PSAT's for all sophomores and juniors and spirit week which will conclude with the homecoming game and dance this upcoming weekend.

3. Routine Matters

a. Student Report

The following monetary gift was acknowledged:

b. Acceptance of Gifts

- (i) Mr. and Mrs. Eric Penanhoat monetary gift to Hatherly

**On a motion by Ms. Bowen,
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

It was voted: To approve the gift with great appreciation.

The vote was 4-0.

There were no comments or statements from the public. **Comments and Statement from the Public**

4. Superintendent's Reports

Dr. Susan Martin, Superintendent reminded the Committee that Special Town Meeting will be held on October 25, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Scituate High School Large Gym.

5. Superintendent's Correspondence

Dr. Susan Martin, Superintendent read the following letters of correspondence:

Letter from Ms. Mari-An Fitzmaurice thanking the custodians for preparing the school for opening.

Letter from Mrs. Mari-An Fitzmaurice, Principal, Hatherly School thanking parents for preparing the exterior of the school prior to opening.

Letter from Mrs. Mari-An Fitzmaurice, Principal, Hatherly School for recognizing Mr. Richard Long, Technology Director for continually assisting with computer maintenance.

Letter from Ms. Mary Ohrenberger, Principal, Cushing Elementary thanking Mr. Trust for donating the book Lonely Dandelion, A Nantucket Story to the Cushing library.

Letter from Ms. Donna Nuzzo-Mueller, Principal, Scituate High School recognizing Mr. Ross Maki for his induction into The National Business Honor Society.

No additional business addressed.

6. Other Business

No sub-committee reports.

7. Sub-Committee Reports

Personnel issues were reviewed.

8. Personnel

**On a motion by Ms. Bowen,
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

It was voted: To approve the Personnel changes as noted.

The vote was 4-0.

9. Future Agenda Items

It was requested that the following items be addressed at a future School Committee meeting: Technology Plan, METCO Program Update, Social Media Draft, Budget Year End Report, After School YMCA Update, Gates Social Media, Auditorium Seating as well as School Improvement Plan, Ideal Class size and the Gates/CPC timeline

**On a motion by Ms. Bowen,
Seconded by Mr. Hebert**

10. Adjournment

It was voted: To adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

The vote was 4 – 0.

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APPROVED:

Ms. Brenda Bowen, Secretary