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OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WORKSHOP SESSION

OF

June 24, 2013

SUBMITTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF:

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

“AN OPEN MEETING ADVANTAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF METHUEN”

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This meeting of the Methuen School Committee was held in the Searles Building, Great Hall, and was posted for 6:30 PM.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Stephen Zanni
Ms. Barbara Grondine, Secretary
Ms. Mary Jean Fawcett
Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm
Ms. Deborah Quinn
Mr. Robert Vogler

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Evan Chaisson, Vice Chairperson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Judith Scannell, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Brandi Kwong, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Martha Sirois, Public Recorder

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

1. Mayor Zanni called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of members in attendance, and listed above.

Other Business:

1. Approval of Minutes for 5/13/13-5/28/13-6/10/13-6/18/13

Motion: Ms. Barbara Grondine moved to adopt all the Recorded Transcripts for 5/13/13-5/28/13-6/10/13-6/18/13 as presented and waived the readings.

Deborah Quinn seconded the motion to approve as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0-0 unanimously voted Mr. Vogler voted present because he was not on the committee for the May Meetings.

2. Revised S.C. Policy #JICFB Bullying Prevention & Intervention Plan-Second Reading

Motion: Mr. Robert Vogler moved to approve the revise of the “Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan” Policy #J1CFB to remove the title “assistant principal” and replace it with “associate principal”.

Ms. Deborah Quinn seconded the motion to approve the change.

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0-0 unanimously voted

3. Revise Policy S.C. Policy #ADA 2013-2014 District Goals-First Reading

Motion: Mr. Robert Vogler moved to approve the revise of the District Goals Policy #ADA to change the title to 2013-2014 so they may be in the handbook correctly.

Deborah Quinn seconded the motion to approve.

Discussion:

Mayor-He had the following questions:

What is the list of interventions in #1?

What will the implimentation be of new classroom curriculum in #2?

What high expectations will be in #3?

Explanation of parent communication and how it will be done in #5

Superintendent- Our September roll-out action plans addresses every bullet. We will have the District Plan in August. We will have the individual school plans in September.

Vote: 6-0-0 unanimously voted

4. 2013-2014 Grammar School Parent-Student Handbook-Approval

Motion: Mr. Vogler moved to approve the 2013-2014 Parent-Student Handbook.

Ms. Quinn seconded the motion to approve.

Discussion:

Superintendent-Dr. Kwong handed out additions/corrections to the handbook (see attached).

Ms. Hajjar-Kumm-She was involved with the new reportcards and she met with Dr. Kwong this morning and Dr. Kwong is spot-on in creating the new reportcards. She is happy to see that we are celebrating excellence as well as helping student that may be behind.

Mayor-We need to look at the homework time. It only increases 10 minutes every year that does not seem like enough time. The bullying piece is also important.

Vote: 6-0-0 unanimously voted

5. 2013-2014 High School Parent-Student Handbook-Approval

Mr. Vogler moved to approve the 2013-2014 High School Parent-Student Handbook.

Ms. Quinn seconded the motion to approve.

Discussion:

Mayor-Do we have lacrosse at the high school? It is not on the list in the handbook.

Superintendent-She will check with the Athlectic Director.

Mayor-The students are required to take 3 credits of history. Is US History one of the 3 requirements?

Dr. Kwong- Yes

Mayor- When a student gets a parking pass do they need to show their driver's license?

Superintendent- She will check into that.

Mayor-Do all buses have monitors?

Superintendent-Yes

Mayor- Certain bus infractions that are serious should be off perminently not just a suspension period. Do we have a computer policy for teachers?

Superintendent-Yes.

Mr. Vogler-Do we have an Ipad policy?

Superintendent-Yes.

Mr. Vogler- If an Ipad is lost or stolen do we have the capability to shut it off so no one will be able to use it.

Superintendent-Yes

Vote: 6-0-0 unanimously voted

6. Ameresco-Discussion

Mr. Vogler made a motion for the School Committee to send a letter to the City Council letting them know the School Committee fully supports the Ameresco Project.

Ms. Quinn seconded the motion to approve.

Discussion:

Ms. Hajjar Kumm: It is a winning project for the community. We have to have a capitol plan. If no Ameresco then what would be the plan? She expects that the City Council will embrace the proposal.

Mr. Vogler: He would like the Superintendent to send a letter to each councilor with a list of the details of how the Ameresco Project will help the schools.

Ms. Fawcett: At the joint meeting with the City Council and the School Committee it was said that this is a no brainer. What are the issues getting in the way of them not wanting to do this?

Superintendent: Do you want me to send a letter? They already have a packet from me.

Ms. Hajjar-Kumm: Yes, it would help.

Other Business:

Mayor: Both of the elementary Final Assemblys that he attended were wonderful.

Quinn: She was very impressed by the way the students presented themselves. It was wonderful. It was a pleasure to be at the CGS.

Ms. Grondine: The Tenney and Timony were great. One was during the day and one was in the evening and both were well attended.

Ms. Fawcett: The Timony was very nice.

Ms. Hajjar-Kumm: The Marsh was very nice. She liked that the teachers gave out the student awards.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS/LITIGATIONS: Yes

***ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss at this Workshop Session, Mayor Zanni entertained a motion to conclude the Workshop Session for the evening at 6:51PM.

MOTION: Ms. Grondine moved to adjourn the Workshop at 6:51PM.
Ms. Hajjar-Kumm seconded.

VOTE: 6-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Sirois, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools