

AUBURN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES from Wednesday, May 2, 2018
School Committee Room, 7:00 p.m.

In attendance:

George Scobie
Wayne Page
Gail Holloway
Jessie Harrington
Dottie Kauffman

Maryellen Brunelle
Cecelia Wirzbicki

Visitors: Senator Michael Moore
Representative Paul Frost

Call to Order and Pledge:

At 7:02 p.m., the Chairman called the meeting to order and asked if anyone else was recording the meeting; there being none, he asked that everyone join him in the Pledge to the Flag.

Senator Michael Moore and Representative Paul Frost

Representative Frost and Senator Moore were in attendance to provide an update on the House and Senate budgets. Representative Frost thanked the School Committee for their advocacy and hard work. The Committee thanked both for their patriotism and support of the School Department, noting that they were both teammates of ours and very accessible. Representative Frost noted that the House had passed their FY 2019 budget with Senator Moore noting that the Senate will release their budget on May 9th with debate taking place during the last week of May.

Special Recognitions:

AHS Art Students

Dr. Brunelle congratulated several high school art students for being chosen to exhibit at the Mass Congressional Art Competition: Brigid Campbell; Kennedy Chalue; Rebecca Chamberland; Marissa Gallant; Lindsay Gauthier; Obiamaka Igwenagu; Kamryn Kobel; Sophia Mazzone; and Ariann White.

She also congratulated Lindsay Gauthier who was accepted into this year's Art All-State competition.

Beth Johnson: In Memoriam

Dr. Brunelle noted that very sadly, Beth Johnson had recently lost her battle with pancreatic cancer. Beth was a lifelong educator and retired school principal at Mary D. Stone School in Auburn. Post retirement, Beth worked tirelessly as a Realtor for Emerson Realtors in Auburn. Dr. Brunelle asked that everyone join her in a moment of silence in Beth's memory.

Citizens' Comments: None

Student Representatives' Report: Isabella Lourie and Ryan Garabedian

Dr. Brunelle shared that Mrs. Christine Robbins had been named as an Ambassador to a new Math and Science/Technology/Engineering (STE) Ambassadors team in conjunction with the STEM Education Center at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Christine will be working with Dr. Lauzé to bring STEM professional development to the District.

Massachusetts Top School Districts 2018

Dr. Brunelle shared that we were recently notified that Auburn made the listing of top school districts in 2018, coming in at #90 out of 340, this being a result of the work the staff and team does on a daily basis.

AHS and AMS High Honors and Honor Roll for 2nd Trimester

Dr. Brunelle shared a copy of the letter of congratulations she and Dr. Lauzé had recently sent to all Auburn High and Middle School students who made the Trimester II honor roll.

MASC Logo Contest

Dr. Brunelle notified the Committee that Mr. Bill Wright's Graphic Arts class at AHS had entered a contest to produce a logo for the MASC/MASS Joint Conference program in November. She shared a copy of the logos entered and wished the students good luck.

Hanover Scholarship Awards

Noting that this is now the season for scholarship announcements. Dr. Brunelle shared that May Huynh and Brenda Ta, AHS Class of 2018 students had been awarded a scholarship from Hanover Insurance. The ceremony will take place at the Hanover Insurance Head Office on Wednesday, May 16th at which Dr. Brunelle will be in attendance along with Dr. Lauzé and Mrs. Handfield. She offered kudos to May and Brenda.

R.H. White Donation to Pakachoag

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$300 to Pakachoag School from RH White; Mr. Page seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Obsolete Equipment

Mr. Bouvier had provided a listing of outdated equipment which he sought the Committee's approval to deem obsolete. Mrs. Holloway made a motion to do so; Mrs. Kauffman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

SWCEC Quarterly Report

Dr. Brunelle provided a copy of the SWCEC Quarterly Report for the period of January through March, noting that the collaborative was in a strong financial position which was kudos to the Director and staff. Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to accept the report; Mr. Page seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Administrative Assistants' Day: April 25th; School Nutrition Staff Week: April 30th to May 4th; Teacher Appreciation Week: May 7th to 11th; and School Nurse Day: May 9th

Dr. Brunelle noted that the “We the People” team had arrived safely home on May 1st; the Chris Herren presentations had taken place on April 30th and May 1st; a half day of professional development had taken place on May 1st; the Rocket Festival would take place at AMS on Friday, May 4th and the Festival of Arts, STEM and Wellness was scheduled for Thursday, May 10th.

Business/Financial:

Year to Date Budget Report

Mrs. Wirzbicki provided a year to date budget report. There were no questions.

Transfers

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to approve the transfers between the Series as presented by the Business Manager; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

FY 17 End of Year Report – Audit Report

Mrs. Wirzbicki provided the FY 2017 End of Year Report Audit Report noting that we were in compliance with all audit requirements.

Puerto Rican Students

Mrs. Wirzbicki noted that three Puerto Rican students had been placed in Auburn and for the period of October 2nd to March 1st, the District received \$2,257 from DESE for housing displaced students.

Job Descriptions:

Assistant Principal

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to approve the updated job description for Assistant Principal; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Policies:

IHBG, Home Schooling w/tracking

IHBG-R, Notice of Intent to Pursue Home Schooling w/tracking

IHCA, Summer School w/tracking

IIAE, Reconsideration of Instructional Resources – no changes

IJLA, Library Resources – no changes

IJOC, School Volunteers w/tracking

IL, Evaluation of Instructional Programs – no changes

IMB, Teaching about Controversial Issues/Speakers w tracking

IMD, School Ceremonies and Observances w tracking

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to approve the above-named policies; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Wayne Page

As this was the last School Committee meeting he would be in attendance at as a member of the School Committee, having decided to campaign for the Board of Selectmen instead, Mr. Page was recognized and thanked by the Superintendent and all members for his 12 years of service to the Auburn Public