

AUBURN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES from Wednesday, October 4, 2017
School Committee Room, 7:00 p.m.

In attendance:

George Scobie
Wayne Page
Gail Holloway
Jessie Harrington
Dottie Kauffman

Maryellen Brunelle
Kathy Lauzé

Collin Myers
Ginny Bailey

Nick LaPete

Call to Order and Pledge: Mr. Scobie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked if anyone was recording it; there being none, he asked that everyone join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Special Recognitions:

The following events are true gestures of the sportsmanship, respect and class that exemplify our programs. I am extremely proud of all our student athletes and their coaches.

AHS Boys' Varsity Soccer Team

Dr. Brunelle shared that at a recent game played at Quaboag Regional High School, the Auburn team, as well as two Auburn parents on the sidelines, acted in exemplary fashion coming to the aid of a Quaboag player who suffered what appeared to be a broken arm. The parents, who were both nurses, rushed to the student's aid until the ambulance and paramedics arrived. The team formed a tunnel to cheer the student on his way to the ambulance.

Auburn Fans at Tantasqua

Dr. Brunelle also shared an e-mail received recently by Kristin Mayo regarding the Auburn students cheering on the Auburn Rockets Varsity Football team at their games versus Tantasqua. This friend of Kristin's felt compelled to let her know that as he and his family were sitting at mid-field behind a group of 25-30 Auburn High students who treated each other and everyone around them with tremendous respect and NO drama, usually evident at most sporting events. He hoped that Kristin would pass along the message to the students and faculty as they should be extremely proud of how they represented their school and community.

AMS Cross Country Team

Also, Dr. Brunelle shared that once again the Auburn Middle School Cross Country team would be providing dinner for the Auburn Police Department after their final meet at Lemansky Park on October 12th, this to show their support of our law enforcement. They did this last year around the fifth month anniversary of Officer Tarentino's end of watch. Another great example of respect for the community!

AHS JV Soccer Team

Mr. Brian Davis, Athletic Director, recently received an e-mail from his counter-part in the Uxbridge Public Schools, Mr. Marc Calarese, regarding his JV Girls' Soccer Team's experience when they played versus Auburn on September 29th. He stated that he approached the Girls' JV Coach, Joanna Roberts, to ask if the game could be with 10 players and last for only 30 minutes each half. She was extremely accommodating. When Marc then started with only 9 players, Jo went to 9 players and even offered Auburn's timeouts if Uxbridge players needed a break. He noted that this is the first coach he has ever

come across who understands what JV sports are supposed to be about and he wanted the consideration and sportsmanship displayed by both the coach and the Auburn players to be recognized. He also noted that Auburn's was a far superior team and could easily have won the game by 8 goals; however, they kept it to 4 goals.

Multi-Use School Vehicle

The Business Office has informed me that Mr. Michael Robidoux of Webster Square Motors recently donated the \$135.00 inspection fee for the District-owned multi-use vehicle, which was an extremely nice gesture.

Mr. Page made a motion to approve with gratitude the donation of \$135 from Mr. Robidoux; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Citizens' Comments: None

Student Representatives' Report: Isabella Lourie and Ryan Garabedian

Ryan Garabedian reported that the first Varsity Math competition had taken place that afternoon, October 4th, and that our team took first place. He reported that the first Model UN competition was coming up on October 21st and also the Quiz Bowl would take place on October 18th.

Isabella Lourie reported that the recent Alumni Weekend had been a great success. A "Powder Puff" Game had been held with the Junior class playing versus the Senior class, with the Seniors coming out on top. Curriculum Night was scheduled for October 5th at 6:30 p.m. with a Financial Aid meeting taking place at 5:30 p.m. prior to that. She announced that a Disney Breakfast will take place in the AHS Cafeteria on Saturday, October 28th and also that once again the Class Officers will trick or treat for canned goods on October 31st to donate to Auburn Youth and Family Services.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes:

September 20, 2017

Mrs. Holloway made a motion to approve the minutes from September 20th; Mr. Page seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Report:

AHS Marching Band Presentation

Mr. Myers, Ms. Bailey and Mr. LaPete were in attendance, along with Marching Band participants, Hannah Cherry; Rebecca Engel; Rebecca Fitton; Emily Frost; Zach Hauge; Katelyn Norwood; and Bridget White, to provide an update and presentation on the progress of the AHS Marching Band.

They have been in existence now for five years and have far surpassed what they hoped in terms of growth. Ms. Bailey stated they have an incredible group of students participating.

CIP Review/FY 2023 CIP

Mr. Page made a motion to approve the FY 2023 CIP as presented; Mrs. Kauffman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

AHS: squadlocker

Dr. Brunelle noted for the Committee that AHS will be working with "squadlocker," an online store that will feature Auburn clothing for purchase. AHS will receive 20% of sales and it is with those proceeds that they plan to open a school store within AHS the following year to sell additional school supplies with the Auburn logo.

Congressman McGovern's Youth Congressional Cabinet

Dr. Brunelle shared that Emily Frost and Bill Wright, Jr. will be representing Auburn on Congressman McGovern's Youth Congressional Cabinet giving them an opportunity to actively interact with a Member of Congress, increase their civic engagement, and provide feedback on issues affecting their daily lives. Both are excited to have this opportunity and Dr. Brunelle will invite them to a School Committee meeting before the end of the school year to report on their experiences.

Youth Opioid Prevention Update and Donation

Dr. Brunelle provided information on the upcoming Vigil of Hope planned for October 17th. She also shared that the Chris Herren events are not going to cost as much as was originally quoted. The original quote was for Auburn, NY and not Auburn, MA so Dr. Brunelle was happy to report that the event will now cost \$5,000, with \$1,500 of that amount paying for the student assemble and \$3,500 for the evening event.

Dr. Brunelle noted that another donation had been received, this in the amount of \$250 from Central One Federal Credit Union. Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to accept this donation with gratitude; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. A thank you letter was sent.

October 1st Enrollment Counts by School

Dr. Brunelle provided the October 1st official enrollment counts by school noting that we have a total enrollment of 2,609 up 89 from October 1, 2016.

Before going to Unfinished Business, Mr. Page asked that the Committee observe a moment of silence in memoriam/honor of the Las Vegas victims and first responders.

Unfinished Business:

Working Group for SPED Stabilization

Dr. Brunelle asked for volunteers to serve on the working group for SPED Stabilization. Mr. Scobie, Mr. Page and Mrs. Harrington all expressed an interest. Mr. Page stated he was willing to back off and he then made a motion to nominate Mr. Scobie and Mrs. Harrington to serve in this capacity; Mrs. Kauffman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Upcoming Negotiations

Dr. Brunelle noted that negotiations with three bargaining units would be taking place this school year and asked if any of the members would like to negotiate with Dr. Lauzé, Mrs. Wirzbicki and herself. Mr. Page expressed an interest in negotiating with the School Nurses.

Mrs. Harrington made a motion to nominate Mr. Page to serve on the negotiations with the School Nurses; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

FY 2019 Budgeting Priorities

None were put forward.

Superintendent's Goals for 2017-2018

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to approve the Superintendent's Goals for 2017-2018; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Holloway commented that she was happy that there would be a focus on absenteeism.

Fall Special Town Meeting Reminder

Dr. Brunelle reminded the members of the Fall Special Town Meeting due to take place on Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Page made a motion to set a School Committee meeting for 6:30 p.m. that evening; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

New Business:

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Brunelle noted that preparation work continues for the new Strategic Plan event on Saturday, November 18th. A large pool of potential participants has been identified including all those who participated back in 2013. Personal phone calls will be made to each potential participant with letters to follow seeking their commitment on November 18th. She noted that the Leadership Team was hopeful that all Committee members would participate.

Upcoming Events

Dr. Brunelle provided a listing of upcoming events in the District.

Teaching/Learning:

Professional Development Update

Dr. Lauzé provided an update on the first half day of professional development held on September 26th noting that each principal planned their own agenda for the afternoon. In addition, an ALICE practice session was held at each individual building over the course of the three hours.

The first full day of professional development is scheduled for Friday, October 1st and Dr. Lauzé provided a copy of the agenda for the day.

Best Practices Grant Update

Dr. Lauzé reminded the Committee that the District, along with the Town of Auburn, received a Best Practices Grant. She noted that the intention of being involved with this grant was to create structures that increase the collaboration among the public, private, home-based and Head Start programs to strengthen the capacity of the overall early childhood program for all of Auburn's children in the three to five year age bracket.

Dr. Lauzé reported that we have formed a partnership group with all area preschools (7) and have met twice thus far to share resources and design collaborative projects.

Educator Evaluation Update

Dr. Lauzé provided an update on Educator Evaluation noting that the Leadership Team, along with the Educator Evaluation Committee, has worked hard to find a way to streamline the evaluation tool to make it more meaningful and manageable for everyone. The result is a tool that now focuses on 9 elements as opposed to the original 33:

- Well-Structured Lessons (I-A-4) under the standard Curriculum, Ins & Assessment
- Adjustments to Practice (I-B-2) under the standard Curriculum, Ins & Assessment
- Meeting Diverse Needs (II-A-3) under the Standard Teaching All Students
- Safe Learning Environment (II-B-1) under the Standard Teaching All Students
- High Expectations (II-D-2) under the Standard Teaching All Students
- Curriculum Support (III-B-2) under the Standard Family & Community Engagement
- Two-Way Communication (III-C-1) under the Standard Teaching All Students
- Reflective Practice (IV-A-1) under the standard Professional Culture
- Reliability & Responsibility (IV-F-2) under the standard Professional Culture

Policies:

- ACE, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability
- ADC, Tobacco Products on School Premises Prohibited
- BBA, School Committee Powers and Duties
- BBBA-BBBB, School Committee Qualifications/Oath of Office
- BDD, School Committee – Superintendent Relationship
- BDE, Subcommittees of the School Committee
- BDF, Advisory Committees to the School Committee
- BEDA, Notification of School Committee Meetings
- BEDB, Agenda Format
- BEDH, Public Comment at School Committee Meetings

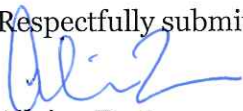
Mrs. Holloway made a motion to approve the above-mentioned policies on review; Mrs. Harrington seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Executive Session:

At 8:10 p.m., Mrs. Holloway made a motion to enter Executive Session per MGL Chapter 30, Section 21(a) (2) to conduct strategies for negotiations with union and non-union personnel; Mrs. Harrington seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken:

Mrs. Harrington – Yes; Mrs. Kauffman – Yes; Mrs. Holloway – Yes; Mr. Page – Yes; Mr. Scobie – Yes.

Respectfully submitted,



Ailaine Zautner
Recording Secretary

Referenced Documents:

- Minutes from September 20th
- FY 2023 CIP
- Youth Congressional Cabinet Letters from Congressman McGovern and to Emily Frost and Bill Wright, Jr.
- Vigil of Hope flyer
- Thank you to Central One for donation
- October 1 Enrollment
- Superintendent's Goals
- Early Literacy Workshops Flyer
- Agenda for October 10 PD
- Policies