

AUBURN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES from Wednesday, September 5, 2018
School Committee Room, 6:30 p.m.

In attendance:

George Scobie...arrived at 6:49 p.m.

Jessie Harrington

Gail Holloway

Dottie Kauffman

Meghan McCrillis

Maryellen Brunelle

Kathy Lauzé

Gregg Desto

Susan Lopez

Beth Chamberland

Jennifer Stanick

New Staff:

Maureen Elliott

Nicholas Champeau

Laurenia Avonti

Jillien Anderson

Tim Powers

Megan Speidel

Nicole Allain

Erin Kane

Stephanie Sala

Teresa Spritze

Visitor:

Adele Miller

Call to Order and Pledge:

At 6:30 p.m., Mrs. Harrington called the meeting to order and asked if anyone else was recording the meeting; there being none, she asked that everyone join in the Pledge to the Flag.

Special Recognitions:

Introduction of New Teachers

Dr. Brunelle introduced the new district-wide IT Technician and gave the names of the new AHS teachers. She then invited the principals present to introduce their new teachers, all listed above.

Citizens' Comments: None

Student Representatives' Report: Ryan Garabedian and Ali Schoenfeldt

The new Student Representative to the School Committee, Ali Schoenfeldt, introduced herself, noting that she is a junior at AHS, active in band, Rockets to Rockets, and the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she helps at McCoy's Karate. She noted that orientation for freshmen had gone very well.

Ryan Garabedian returns as our Senior Class representative. He listed the AP classes he will be taking this school year and reported that school pictures were scheduled for the following day and the Top Cop Game versus Dennis-Yarmouth would be held on Friday, September 14th, in remembrance of both

Officer Ron Tarentino of Auburn Police Department and Officer Sean Gannon of Dennis-Yarmouth Police Department, both killed in the line of duty.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of June 20th and 30th Meeting

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to approve the minutes of June 20th and June 30th; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Superintendent's Report:

AHS: National Banner School

Dr. Brunelle informed the School Committee that we were recently notified by the Special Olympics organization of Massachusetts that AHS has been chosen as one of the top 10 National Banner schools in the state, joining a group of 131 schools from across the country who meet or exceed the 10 standards of excellence set forth by educators and Special Olympic Officials. These schools have all gone above and beyond in the areas of Unified Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership and Whole School Engagement.

In addition, on August 30th at a special presentation at AHS, we were notified by Patti Doherty, Director of Schools and Youth Engagement for Special Olympics, MA that we had been named the top school in MA for achieving the National Standards of a Unified Champion School, one of only 30 such schools nationwide. This means that we are now under consideration by ESPN to be one of the 5 schools recognized in the First Class of ESPN Honor Roll Schools. That notification is expected on September 6th.

Dr. Brunelle spoke of what a tremendous honor this is since we have a fairly young program in our District but it speaks to our commitment to all students. She thanked Special Educator, Ali DeLuca for getting the ball rolling two years ago, along with all others who contributed in countless ways, big and small.

Top Cop Game

Following on Ryan's comments and in recognition of both Officer Ron Tarentino of Auburn Police Department and Officer Sean Gannon of Dennis-Yarmouth Police Department, who were killed in the line of duty, Dr. Brunelle shared with the Committee that a second Top Cop Game is scheduled to be held between Auburn and Dennis-Yarmouth High Schools on Friday, September 14th. The proceeds from this game will go to the Gannon family.

Warrant Articles for Special Town Meeting

Dr. Brunelle notified the members that the Fall Special Town Meeting has been set for October 23rd with the warrant being open from August 27th through September 11th. She noted that she, Mr. Fahey and Mrs. Wirzbicki had recently met to review the CIP balances and we do not have a need to repurpose any money at this time. Typically, we request the McKinney Vento (Homeless) Transportation Reimbursement but this year those funds were released in FY 2018 so we cannot get access to them. They will go to the General Fund. The value was \$2,079. Moving forward, we will have a warrant article request for this at the Annual Town Meeting in the spring.

MTRS Census Data Audit

Dr. Brunelle shared that we were notified by the MTRS in early August that they would be undertaking a census data audit of Auburn Public Schools, this done randomly in districts each year. Mrs. Liz Lynch, Business Assistant, has received a request from MTRS and is in the process of gathering the necessary data.

French River Education Center

Dr. Brunelle reported that the French River Education Center has a new Executive Director this year, Mr. Ricci Hall, and included in the packet is a program directory outlining the benefits to members of the French River Education Center (FREC). For us, some of the highlights include them covering the cost of the One Call notification system we have in place and Teach Point, the education evaluation software, these two items alone amounting to over \$150,000 in donations to member districts. For our annual \$3,000 membership, our District benefits greatly. Dr. Brunelle thanked the Committee for the ongoing support of our membership in FREC.

Multi Hazard Plans

As she does annually, Dr. Brunelle notified the Committee that she and the two Chiefs, Police and Fire, signed the updated multi-hazard plans and the MERPS, which have to be submitted every other year to DESE, were submitted on line on time.

Appointment of Board Member to SWCEC

Mrs. Holloway made a motion to nominate Dr. Brunelle as the District's representative on the SWCEC Board; Mrs. Kauffman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Appointment of Board Member to AVC

Mrs. McCrillis made a motion to nominate Dr. Brunelle as the District's representative on the AVC Board; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Appointment of Civil Rights Coordinator

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Lauzé as the Civil Rights Coordinator for the 2018-2019 school year; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved, with the Committee's thanks.

Unfinished Business:

Class Size Update

Dr. Brunelle provided a class size update stating that she will continue to monitor and share another one again at the next meeting since there are likely still some fluctuations.

Withdrawals and New Registration Numbers by School

Dr. Brunelle shared the number of withdrawals and new registrations at each school over the summer, noting that AMS had the biggest net gain. She noted that while other districts' enrollments are dipping, Auburn's is on the rise, a testament to the School District as a whole.

Update Regarding Satellite/Galaxy/Asteroids Registrations

Dr. Brunelle provided an update in Satellite/Galaxy/Asteroids registrations from the end of last year compared with the start of this new school year, noting that they are still growing in popularity and well attended.

New Business:

MASC/MASS Joint Conference Delegate

After some discussion, Mrs. McCrillis volunteered to be nominated as the Committee's delegate at the MASC/MASS Joint Conference in November. Mrs. Harrington made a motion to nominate her; Mrs. Kauffman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Upcoming Events

Dr. Brunelle reported that the school year is in full swing with curriculum evenings and many sporting events.

Teaching and Learning:

New Teacher Orientation

Dr. Lauzé notified that members that our annual new teacher breakfast had been held on August 21st with all new teachers welcomed to the District with their assigned mentors being in attendance. They received a tour of the schools via a yellow school bus! In addition, all teachers who achieved Professional Status were recognized. Mr. King and her Food Service staff provided a delicious breakfast. It was a wonderful morning filled with energy and excitement.

Opening Days Agenda

Dr. Lauzé shared that the highlight of the opening days and kick off to the new school year was having the amazing opportunity to hear Travis Roy speak. His message really emphasizes that there are times in our life when we choose our challenges and other times when the challenges simply choose us and what we do in the face of those challenges that defines who we are and more importantly who we can and will become. Dr. Lauzé shared that the staff were spellbound and deeply moved, some were even brought to tears with many others reaching out to thank her for having him come to Auburn. She noted that it was a truly inspiring way to begin the year.

Dr. Lauzé reported that the following day was filled with professional development and team building and she shared a copy of the agenda for the members to review.

Summer Professional Development Update

Dr. Lauzé reported that over the summer we had many dedicated staff members working on curriculum work as well as attending other professional development. Curriculum work focused on science, social studies and new or revised AP courses. Other work included Restorative Justice, AP training, CPR/AED and ANV trainers' re-certification.

Summer School and Summer Camps

Noting that enrollment was amazing throughout, Dr. Lauzé shared that APS offered 5 different summer programs during the summer: the PreK-12 extended year program for eligible students on IEPs (50 students serviced); the Title 1 remedial program for grades 1-8 (130 students serviced); the Kindergarten readiness program (45 attendees); STEM Camp for grades 6-8 (30 participants); and

Camp Invention for students in grades K-4 (75 students). Dr. Lauzé noted that surveys completed by parents and teachers stressed the many positive benefits of these programs.

Policies:

JFABD, Homeless Students, updated by DESE, for review and approval

Mrs. Harrington made a motion to approve policy JFABD on update by DESE; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

JFABE, Education Opportunities for Military Children on 1st Reading

JFABF, Education Opportunities for Children in Foster Care on 1st Reading

Mrs. Harrington made a motion to approve the above-named policies on 1st Reading; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

IHBG, Home Schooling and IHBG-R, Intent to Pursue a Program of Home Education

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to approve policy IHBG, Home School and IHBG-R, Intent to Pursue a Program of Home Education on amendment; Mrs. Harrington seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to discuss, at 7:08 p.m., Mr. Scobie asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Kauffman made that motion; Mrs. McCrillis seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Ailaine Zautner
Recording Secretary

Referenced Documents:

- Minutes of June 20th and 30th
- MTRS Census Data Audit Notification
- French River Education Center Course Listing
- Opening Days Agenda
- Policies: JFABD, JFABE, JFABF, and IHBG and IHBG-R