

**CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**School Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES –December 11, 2017**

School Committee Present:

James O'Brien  
Andrew Cardarelli  
Stephanie Clougherty  
Gina Marie Hanlon-Cavicchi Andrew Soliwoda

Also Present:

Scott Knief, Superintendent  
Brad Brothers, Chief Operations and Finance Officer  
Meredith Cargill, Director Curriculum, Instruction and Technology

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James O'Brien opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. Comments from General Public:** None

**II. Comments from EAPC:** Tom Pinto, EAPC President, thanked the administration for a productive work load meeting. He extended wishes for a wonderful holidays to everyone.

**III. Updates from Student Council:** None.

**Updates from Captains Council:** Andrew Bumpus and Tyler Halunen provided the following information. Through the Annual Girls Powder Puff Games, Captains Council raised \$875 for the Liz Sorrell Scholarship fund. On Friday, 12/15, the annual Jingle Bell Run will take place. Students donate unwrapped gifts for ages 1-16 with all donations given to area charities. In February, the "Be and 11" leadership program will take place working with grade 7 students on promoting becoming a better student leader and taking part in many of the extra-curricular offerings at the school.

**IV. Approval of Minutes:**

Andrew Soliwoda made a motion to approve regular session minutes of November 13, 2017. Andy Cardarelli second the motion. Approved 4-0. Gina Hanlon-Cavicchi abstained.

A motion to approve, but not release, Executive Session minutes of November 13, 2017 was made by Andrew Soliwoda. Motion seconded by Andy Cardarelli. Gina Hanlon-Cavicchi abstained. Approved 4-0.

**V. Communications:**

- A. Letter to Ellen DeGeneres -** The Pathways Program at Middle School sent a letter to Ellen asking for one of their students, Alex Wawrzyniak (grade 6) to be invited and recognized on her television show. Alex has memorized all information on the US Presidents and can offer information based on any date provided. He is also now memorizing the vice presidents. He will be invited to January School Committee meeting.

## **VI. Reports from Superintendent**

- A. Update Accelerated Repairs at Middle High School:** The project is coming to a close. J.J. Cardosi, general contractor, has demobilized from site. A few remaining items, closer arms on doors are being completed. The final window installations are being tested for warranty against any leaking. Daily work on building is completed.
- B. Monthly School Building Report:** Scott Knief and Ruby Maestas spoke about the technology and furniture and equipment projected purchases for the new school. Classroom renderings from grades 2 and 4 were shown to give examples of room set-ups. The teachers have had an active choice in these pending purchases. Mr. Knief commended Mrs. Maestas for her leadership role in this area. While making furniture choices, all ADA rules were considered. For technology, grades K-2 will have i-pads plus 1 chrome book cart per grade. In Grades 3-5, there will be a chrome book cart per classroom. For sound, three classrooms at each grade level will have a sound system. The building will be tested for acoustics in the spring. During this process, furniture and equipment was set up in mock-classrooms for teachers to view and make suggestions.
- C. Middle High School Field Project:** The Superintendent showed the conceptual drawing of the new MHS field project. Committee met on 12/4/17. Discussions on grass vs. turf have started and have been a split decision. The grass surface including all track, bathrooms, concession stands, bleachers, etc. will cost \$4.2 million and turf surface would be \$4.9 million. On Dec. 6, the geotechnical work started at the site. The committee meets again on 12/18 at 7pm. Any members of the public who wish to attend could share their thoughts with the committee. Also there will be a public hearing after the first of the year to continue with this process and discussion.

## **VII. Recommendations from Superintendent**

- A. Budget Transfers:** Brad Brothers explained the rationale for several line item budget transfers in the current fiscal year budget. Andrew Soliwoda made a motion to approve the transfers as requested. Stephanie Clougherty second the motion. Approved unanimously 5-0.

**VIII. Reports from School Committee:** Stephanie Clougherty reminded the public the holiday concerts are coming up and encouraged the community to attend. High School 12/12; Elementary School 12/14 and Middle School 12/19/17. All members offered their message of Happy Holidays – wishing everyone a relaxing holiday, enjoying family and being safe.

**IX. Executive Session:** James O'Brien asked for a motion to adjourn regular session and to enter into executive session not to return to open regular session to conduct strategy in preparation for negotiation/collective bargaining with union personnel. Andrew Soliwoda made the motion, Andy Cardarelli second the motion. All in favor 5-0, by roll call.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Annmarie Metrano