

CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Committee Meeting
MINUTES –January 8, 2018

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

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

I. Comments from General Public: None

II. Comments from EAPC: Tammy Johnson, EAPC Vice President, wished the Committee Happy New Year. She shared information about the Giving Tree project that has taken place for over a decade at both campuses. 15 families were sponsored, anonymously, through the generous contributions of faculty and staff for the holiday season. She stated this was a wonderful example of how our teachers go above and beyond for our students and community.

III. Updates from Student Council: The Council continues to work on their Excellence Book for this school year which will be judged on indicators of community service projects, school spirit and other events. Over the past four years, Carver has earned a Gold Council of Excellence title and they are hoping to earn one again. The Student Council secretary, Brenna Lagerquist is running for MASC Secretary at the Annual Spring Conference (March 8-10). On January 11, the full council will attend the Winter SEMASC conference in Wareham. Also, Brenna Lagerquist and Jenna Sweeney have registered to attend the National Association of Student Council conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota June 24-27th. They will have an opportunity to meet student across the nation and learn life and leadership skills.

Updates from Captains Council: None

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Andrew Soliwoda made a motion to approve regular session minutes of December 11, 2017. Andrew Cardarelli second the motion. Approved 5-0.

A motion to approve, but not release, Executive Session minutes of December 11, 2017 was made by Andrew Soliwoda. Motion seconded by Andrew Cardarelli. Approved 5-0.

V. Communications: None

VI. Reports from Superintendent

- A. Budget Presentation, FY 19:** The Superintendent reviewed the Educational Blueprint for our district and further explained how these goals were used in assisting the preparation of the budget. Included in this were ways we need to expand our services in the next 2-5 years to carry out our mission. Brad Brothers presented the proposed preliminary budget according to DOE function codes: 1000: DW Leadership & Administration, 2000: Instructional Services, 3000: Other Services (Athletics, transportation), 4000: Operations (Facilities), 5000: Fixed Charges (Benefits) and 9000: Out of District Programs (Tuitions). This proposal will be updated with fixed numbers over the next 4-6 weeks. The goal would be to vote the final budget at either a second meeting in February or at the March 12th meeting. At this time, the Town has proposed a 2.15% increase in the School Department budget. The School is presenting a budget at 4.21% increase.
- B. Monthly School Building Report:** The Elementary School project is on time and on budget. The technology budget has been finalized at \$960,000 and will go out to bid soon. The furniture budget is close to being finalized and then it will go out to bid as well. Closing Ceremonies for the school and Grand Opening activities are being planned. The Committee for these events has been meeting regularly.
- C. Middle High School Field Project:** The MHS Field Committee continues to meet and be in discussion regarding the project and its related costs. On Jan. 10th, Committee representatives will meet with the Community Preservation Committee to discuss a possible plan of financial support from the CPC. The groups will meet again on January 25th. Depending on the outcomes of the discussions, there may be a need to have an open community meeting.
- D. Upcoming Events:** A list of January and February events and meetings were shared with the Committee. One of the events, a send-off for Renee DeMarsh for the World Marathon Challenge (www.dreamrunforkids.com) was explained by Principal Ruby Maestas. Ms. DeMarsh will run 7 full marathons (26.4 miles per day), in 7 days on 7 continents. The school community has been fully supporting Ms. DeMarsh's dream to participate in this event. Additionally, she has modeled healthy living choices for the students. Fundraising that has been done for this event will, in part, go toward the Elementary School Nature/Running Trail.

VII. Recommendations from Superintendent: None

VIII. Reports from School Committee: Members shared their wishes to the community for a Happy New Year looking forward to lots of amazing things to happen.

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 Andrew Soliwoda made the motion, Stephanie Clougherty second the motion. All in favor 5-0, by roll call.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Annmarie Metrano