Carver Public Schools

School Committee Meeting

## Monday, April 4, 2016

### Minutes

*Committee Members Present:*

Gina Hanlon-Cavicchi

Paula Kibbe

James O’Brien

Andrew Soliwoda

Barry Struski

*Administrative Leadership Team:*

Present: Scott Knief, Superintendent of Schools

Meredith Cargill, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology

Peter Gray, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance

Gina Hanlon-Cavicchi opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

Introduction and Presentation- Pre/Post Vocational Program postponed May meeting.

**I Comments from the General Public**: Paul Johnson spoke to the Committee about the Annual Carver Sportsmen’s Club Scholarship Breakfast. This year’s event will be on Saturday, May 21st 7a.m.-11 a.m. and he asked for School Committee support to increase community participation. He recognized great 8 businesses that have support the scholarship: Richard LaCava, CPA, Rep. Susan Gifford, Carver Jewelers, Major Impact, Landscaping in Plympton, Eagle Gas, Harju Brothers Cranberries. Advertising is done in local newspapers and WATD. Carversportman.com for ticket information and to donate.

**II Comments from the EAPC:** Donna Ramsay, President reported on a term situation/home rule petition Bill #1921 was approved in October 2015. It needs to move out of committee and go to the house. Points of the petition - for the next 10 years guarantees the retirees rate stays at 25/75. After 2025 it would change to 50/50. It was passed at Carver town meeting last year. The legislative process needs to move forward by July 31st.

Donna thanked the School Committee for their professionalism, time and true hearts to do the best they can for the students of Carver. Also congratulated the committee’s decision to hire a new superintendent, all the efforts for the new school, and during collective bargaining last year, the school committee showed the utmost respect to the staff and the process. A new committee formed called the *Workload* *Committee* (educators, administrators and school committee) is a chance to stop, reflect and see what needs to be done a group through open communication and collaboration.

**III Update by Student Advisory Council & Captain’s Council:** None.

**IV Approval of Minutes**:

Regular Meeting Minutes – Feb. 11, 2016. Paula Kibbe made a motion to approve, Andrew Soliwoda second. All in favor. Barry Struski and James O’Brien abstained.

Joint Session with Selectmen – February 25, 2016. James O’Brien made a motion to accept the minutes, Andrew Soliwoda second. All in favor. Barry Struski abstained.

Regular Meeting Minutes - March 14, 2016. James O’Brien made a motion to accept the minutes, Andrew Soliwoda second. All in favor. Barry Struski and Gina Hanlon-Cavicchi abstained.

**V** **Communications**

**A**. **READS Collaborative – Quarterly Report Overview**

**B. READS – Annual Report and Budget** will be presented on 6/16/16. Any school committee members who are interested in attending need to RSVP to Central Office by 5/1/16.

**VI**   **Reports from the Superintendent:**

**A. Personnel Updates**

New Hires: Lisa Dishaw – Transfer from CES Main Office to Central Office, Administrative Assistant Special Education Department

***Instructional Leadership Standard I***

***Instructional Leadership Goal 1****:* Provide standards based curriculum and instruction to increase learning, student growth, and achievement as measured by selected state and local assessments.

1. **Next Generation MCAS 2.0 – Overview** – Scott Knief

Process of transitioning from PARCC and MCAS exams to MCAS 2.0 was presented. Highlighted in particular is the timeline and types of exams. The value of state’s accountability system is for administrators and teachers: curriculum improvements, for parents and teachers: monitor student progress, ESE school and district accountability, competency determination for high school graduation and educator evaluations. By the end of this month, the vendor who is selected for the exam will be announced. The new exam will be given in spring 2017.This is a state based test.

**B. Opioid Addiction Prevention Bill (H**. **#4056**) - Scott Knief presented information regarding this bill that was signed into law in March 2016. “An Act relative to substance use, treatment, education and prevention” School mandates: (1) adopt an addiction/substance abuse policy (2) Every district is required to verbal conduct an assessment in two grades (secondary level) regarding concerns about substance abuse. Parents may opt out. The screen tool is SBIRT (Screening, Brief, Intervention and Referral to Treatment). Parents need to be informed about this screen and can opt out. In the spring, the school nurse, adjustment and guidance counselors will attend training. It will need to be fully implemented by 2018-19 school year. (3) An addiction or substance abuse piece will need to be presented during information supplied at Athletics meetings on concussion education. To start this implementation will be the development of our policy to be in compliance with this new law.

***Management and Operations Standard II***

***Management and Operations Goal 2****:* Maintain current staff and programs while addressing the needs of the school buildings and implementing legal mandates utilizing available resources as measured by current staffing levels and programs, ongoing monitoring of building conditions, and compliance with legal mandates.

1. **Health Care and Benefits Moving to Town Side of Budget.** At joint meeting with selectmen on March 31, 2016, the Board of Selectmen voted not to separate out health care and benefits and voted to approve the School Committee budget of $22,267,318 as approved and recommended by School Committee. Paula Kibbee said the joint meeting was interactive and collaborative. Andrew Soliwoda suggested moving forward the joint meetings should be televised.

**B. Financial Update - Peter Gray:** DESE requires each month the presentation of informational items and expenditures as to the functionality and where they reside in a schools budget. The plan going forward is to bring the School Committee monthly financial updates that will include a general overview of current expenditures. Additionally, any budget transfers between DESE codes require school committee approval. An overview of transfers within DESE code line items for informational purposes will be provided. For this month, budget adjustments for school committee approval were requested to debit insurance vehicles and insurance prop/liability of $24,000.00 to correctly report where money has been spent. Barry Struski made a motion to move the insurance money. James O’Brien second the motion. All in favor. Approved. Also for informational purposes only, a debit of $6496 from Advisor Stipends for MS staff changed to a credit to Advisor Stipend for HS staff.

**C. Carver Elementary Building Committee Updates –** As part of the MSBA process, we agreed to what is called NE-CHPS certification. (The Northeast Collaborative for High Performing Schools). This a national program to improve student performance by building the best possible schools, including being energy efficient and schools that operate efficiently as designed. By agreeing to meet the NE-CHPS requirement, we increased our MSBA reimbursement by 2%. Points are earned by meeting specified criteria. We are required to earn 110 points.

Matt LaRue and HMFH will be coming on Monday April 4 and Tuesday April 5 to meet with all staff and administration at the Elementary School to discuss furniture needs for the new school.

Next School Building meeting Wednesday, April 7th All are welcome!

**D. Facilities Update –** No updates for district buildings. However, the Statement of Interest for MHS roof/window repairs is moving forward. On April 13, 2016, MSBA representatives will meet with Scott Knief, Peter Gray, Dave Siedentopf and Mike Milanoski to verify our request/situation. At that time, MSBA staff will hear about any programmatic challenges caused by failing building systems, as well as the District’s plan to gain support and appropriate funding. At the meeting/tour, clarifications on timelines will be asked.

**E. Student Activities Policy Revision:**

This is a second reading of this policy revision based on student activities audit.

Motion to accept MA general law Chapter 71, Section 47 as stated by Barry Struski. Second by James O/Brien. All in favor. Motion by Barry Struski accept revised student activities policy. James O’Brien second. All in favor.

***Family and Community Engagement Standard III***

**Family and Community Goal 3**: Inspire family, community, and schools to partner in support of academic excellence, personal, social, and emotional growth, and school pride as measured by Student achievement data, community attendance at school events, and number of discipline incidences.

**A. Update on Mobilizing the Community** – On March 28th, Middleboro, Plymouth and Carver sponsored a presentation “Drug Story Theatre.” The audience was parents, students and community members. Drug Story Theatre was comprised of six students who were all struggling with drug abuse. As part of their recovery, this performance highlighted some of the reasons of their addiction it also incorporated parent perspective. Sponsored by Plymouth County DA’s Office. A repeat performance will take place next year.

April 5th, If Only is being held at Memorial Hall in Plymouth --sponsored by Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation. Powerful presentation of teens falling into the world of substance abuse. The presentation will also be available on line.

**VII Recommendations from Superintendent**

**A. Re-Appointment of John Bandzul to Old Colony Regional Vocational School Committee.** Mr. Bandzul was re-appointed by the Board of Selectmen. He was unable to attend this meeting. Barry Struski made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Bandzul to the Old Colony School Committee. Paula Kibbe second. All in favor.Mr. Bandzul will be attend May meeting to provide OCV updates.

**B. Field Trips:**

1. New York City- Grade 10, June 11-12, 2016

2. Quebec City Carnival – French Classes – Feb 3-5, 2017

3. Madrid, Spain and Paris France, Grs. 9-12-April 13-20, 2017

Barry struski motion to approve all 3 field trips. James O’Brien second. All in favor.

**VIII Reports from the School Committee:**

Scott Knief thanked Barry Struski for his 3 terms, totaling 9 years on the School Committee. Barry has decided not to re-run for this position. He has been a positive member through his many years. Congratulations and well wishes from all committee members.

James O’Brien wanted to reiterate the positive vibe at the joint meeting with Selectboard and school committee. Andrew Soliwoda thanked Steve Davies for the presentation in the planetarium.

Barry Struski parting words… thanked people of Carver for their votes over the years. Also thanked all the School Committee members he has worked with as well as administrators, teachers and staff. Recommends moving forward with continued cooperation with the town administration and the community. It has been his pleasure and privilege to be a part of the School Committee to work for the children of our town.

Barry Struski made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. James O’Brien second. All in favor.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **MAY 9, 2016** 7:00 p.m.