

Carver Public Schools
School Committee Meeting
MINUTES – JUNE 11, 2018

School Committee Present:

James O'Brien
Andrew Soliwoda
Andrew Cardarelli
Stephanie Clougherty

Absent: Gina Marie Hanlon-Cavicchi

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.

Recognition: The Committee recognized Annmarie Metrano, Recording Secretary to the Committee and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. She is retiring on June 30, 2018 after 25 years with the district.

- I. **Comments from General Public:** None
- II. **Comments from EAPC:** Tammy Johnson asked the School Committee for their continued support of the Fair Share Amendment.
- III. **Updates from Student Council:** Jenna Sweeney reported summer activities are being planned: Old Home Day, Firefighters Clambake and two car washes for fund raisers. Brenna Lagerquist and Jenna are attending the national student council event in Minnesota along with 68 Massachusetts delegates. Student Council is looking into a "test drive a Ford" promotion as a fundraiser.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Andrew Soliwoda to approve regular meeting minutes of May 14, 2018. Andrew Cardarelli second the motion. Approved 4-0.

Andrew Soliwoda made a motion to approve executive session minutes of May 14, 2018 not to be released. Andrew Cardarelli second the motion. Approved 4-0.

V. Reports from Superintendent

- A. **Personnel Updates:** The following new hires were announced. Lynn Galluzzo, MHS Administrative Assistant, Brooke Bishop and Kayla Souza, MHS Paraprofessionals.
Resignations: MHS Paraprofessionals Lindsey Rezendes and Tracy Eldredge.

B. Custodial Bargaining Agreement: Scott Knief announced several productive meetings were held with the custodial negotiation team and have ended in a ratification of a memorandum of agreement extending their contract through June 30, 2021. Andrew Soliwoda made a motion to ratify the MOU reached between the Custodians and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO, Council 9, Local 1700). Andrew Cardarelli second the motion. Approved 4-0. Walter Cole was present from the Custodial unit to sign the MOU with James O'Brien, School Committee Chair.

C. Educational Blueprint: Scott Knief gave an overview of the Educational Blueprint which was approved by Committee last year. He stated Cultivating Empowered Learning and Responsible Citizenship is built on four objectives of Supporting Safe Schools, Engaging the Community, Enhancing Teaching and Learning and Leveraging Leadership, Policy and Funding.

D. School Improvement Plans

Elementary School: Ruby Maestas, CES Principal, presented achievements over this school year that either met the goal or are continued programs toward the Educational Blueprint. Mrs. Maestas subsequently spoke about the plans for the 2018-2019 school year to continue following the Educational Blueprint.

Middle High School: Janelle Holley, MHS Principal, presented achievements over this school year that either met the goal or are continued programs toward the Educational Blueprint. Mrs. Holley subsequently spoke about the plans for the 2018-2019 school year to continue following the Educational Blueprint.

E. Monthly Building Update: Monthly report from PMA was shared as well as time lapse videos on the Elementary School construction. Brad Brothers reported the boxes will be moved to new building on 6/29/18. Removal of equipment from existing CES is planned from June 25th-29th. The building is anticipated to be demolished the second week of July but once the official date is decided, it will be posted for the community. The Fond Farewell event on June 9th was a great success with a diverse outpouring of the community. The Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting for new school will be August 29th at 5pm.

F. Field Updates: Brad Brothers, Michael Schultz and David Siedentopf collaborated on a presentation regarding the track and field project, and an outline of the plan for the maintenance of the current fields and a schedule to re-seed our current fields on a rotation basis for restoration. Also addressed were capital improvements since 2006, the current facility and building use per season by both the school and town programs, updated on Carver Athletic Complex (10/4/18 anticipated completion date), annual funds required for standard maintenance, turf maintenance and user generated requests.

G. District End of Year FY 17: Financial report from Powers and Sullivan who performed the procedures and audit specified by DESE to review the schools district's end of the year financial report. There were no instances of noncompliance with agreed-upon procedures and did not have any specific recommendation on how the district can improve its financial management. Mr. Knief commended Mr. Brothers for all his work in obtaining a successful year-end report. Mr. Brothers thanked his staff and the town departments for their assistance.

H. Class of 2018 Future Plans: An overview of the graduates of the Class of 2018 was presented by the Superintendent. Included were what school the students were accepted to, plan on attending and the percentages of students attending a 4 year college (70%), 2 year colleges (21%), joining the military(2%), trade (1%) or joining the work force(6%).

VI. Recommendations from Superintendent:

A. Recreation Committee Re-appointment: Mary Ross and Karl Miller have expressed their desire to remain as appointed members of the Carver Recreation Committee. Andrew Soliwoda made a motion to re-appointment Mary Ross and Karl Miller for a one year term (7/1/18 to 6/30/19). Stephanie Clougherty second the motion. Approved 4-0.

VIII. Reports from the School Committee:

A. Superintendent's Contract Renewal: James O'Brien stated the Committee was pleased to offer the Superintendent a new contracting, replacing the existing contract offering a five year renewal. The salary compensation is 1%, 0%, 1%, 0% and 1% over the 5 years. Andrew Soliwoda made a motion to ratify the five (5) year contract for Scott E. Knief, Superintendent of Schools through June 30, 2023. Andrew Cardarelli second the motion. Approved 4-0. Mr. Knief thanked the committee for their support and confidence in him and stated it is with pride that he serves the committee, the students and faculty and the community of Carver.

B. School Committee Comments: Stephanie Clougherty announced the grade 5 and 6 girls softball team won their tournament against Halifax this evening. James O'Brien complimented the students on all the musical spring concerts. Andrew Cardarelli wished everyone a happy summer!

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 session for the purpose of conducting strategy in preparation for negotiations and collective bargaining with union personnel. Andrew Soliwoda made the motion, and Stephanie Clougherty second the motion. Unanimously approved 4-0, by roll call.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Annmarie Metrano