

CARVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Committee Meeting
MINUTES of ANNUAL BUDGET PRESENTATION
February 27, 2018

School Committee Present:

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

Also present:

Scott Knief, Superintendent
Brad Brothers, Chief Operations and Finance Officer

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

I. Recognitions:

Partners in Excellence Teacher Award – Erin Young, MHS Math Dept. Chair was congratulated for being awarded a Mass Insight Education and Research Partners in Excellence Award for exemplary work in the AP STEM program. She was one of 29 Massachusetts AP teachers who are being recognized for your outstanding contributions to student success during the 2016-2017 academic year. As an honoree, she will be presented with a plaque and \$750 check at the 6th annual Partners in Excellence Award Celebration, which will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018

ROBOTICS TEAM: Advisors: Dan Ryan & Tony Rota spoke about their teams who have both won awards at the Southeastern Mass VEX qualifying competitions. Both teams advance to their respective New England Regionals on March 3, 2018.

H.S. Design Award – Alex Diogenes, Luke Gregory, Sam Gregory, Anne Lapsley, Emily Orzechowski, and Jared Staples.

M.S. Team Excellence Award – Tyler Carpender, Mike Fox, and Kyle Shott.

HS Drama Club presentation to Shane Gives Thanks

Tom McLean, Director of High School Drama Club gave the background on how they collaborated with the Shane Gives Thanks Food Pantry during their recent presentation of 5 one act plays entitled "No One Leaves Hungry." A small plate menu was prepared by the Carver Culinary Team with food donated from the Food Pantry. The proceeds of the ticket sales totaling \$4000 was presented to Shane and his mother Crystal McColgan. Some of the drama students were in attendance for the presentation: Mikayla Adams, Spencer Andersen, Jackson Cottam, Jess Gallagher, Matt Kennedy, Jady Ruzzano and Frank Santos.

II. Budget Presentation:

Brad Brothers gave a presentation for the proposed FY 19 budget of \$23,259,768. In order to meet the town's number and meet our \$372,100 shortfall, the previously proposed line items of MHS and CES supplies (\$25,000 and \$15,000) and increase in Professional Development (\$20,000) will need to be eliminated and a reduction of \$15,000 in extraordinary maintenance line item will take place. Also, a recommendation by the Superintendent will be to approve School Choice for not only incoming Kindergarten students but also 5 slots at each grade of 6, 7, 8 and 9. This could allow for an increase of \$90,000 to offset the budget. State Aid to Carver from last year and projected for this year indicates we will receive less money.

The School Committee will vote both the FY 19 budget number and the School Choice recommendation at the March 12 meeting.

Communication Update: The Superintendent shared a letter with the Committee that is being sent home to all parents/guardian regarding school safety. Additionally, two resources will be shared with the families to assist with conversations in light of the national news of the school gun shooting: Coping with Tragedy K-5 and Talking to Children About Violence.

Also noted: There are three planned national protests: 3/14/18 – National Student Walk Out at 10 AM for 17 minutes in observance of the 17 deaths in Florida. Carver students will likely participate. Carver Police Department would be present but not a presence. Administration is discussing details about this day. The other two are on weekends so they would not impact the school day. 3/24/18 will be March to Save Our Lives in Boston and 4/20/18 will be local rallies for Courage to Fight Gun Violence. Information will be communicated to parents.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn regular session to move to executive session not to return to open session at 8:34 p.m. The motion was made by Andrew Soliwoda, seconded by Gina Hanlon-Cavicchi. All in favor by roll call.

Respectfully submitted by Annmarie Metrano