

Carver Public Schools
School Committee Meeting
MINUTES – September 11, 2017

School Committee Present:

Andrew Cardarelli
Stephanie Clougherty
Gina Marie Hanlon-Cavicchi
James O'Brien
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 the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in observance of the September 11th Terrorist Attacks and asked the community to keep families and first responders in their thoughts and prayers.

New Teacher Introductions: Ruby Maestas, Elementary School Principal introduced Stephanie King (special education) and Joyce Macrina (grade 3) as the new teachers in the elementary building. Janelle Holley introduced: Christine Chambers (foreign language) and Brian Witkowski (science) as new teachers. Additional new teachers unable to attend are: Caitlyn Bryan (science); Sara Charbonneau (adjustment counselor); Lindsay Gonsalves (special ed) and Jennifer Wilson (physical education).

- I **Comments from the General Public:** Joanne Puskar, Carver resident and parent of Old Colony student, spoke to the Committee about her interest in being considered as an applicant for the Old Colony Vocational Regional Technical High School – School Committee opening. She had contacted the Town Hall to inquire about the process and was instructed by the Board of Selectmen to check in with the School Committee. In the interim, the BOS had met and approved another applicant Timothy Blanchard. She asked the School Committee to consider a review of the process so she could have an opportunity to interview for the position. The situation will be discussed with the Board of Selectmen to decide on the plan of action.

- II **Comments from the EAPC:** Tammy Johnson, EAPC Vice President, stated the Union is looking forward to upcoming negotiations. She did comment about the concern by some parents, students and teachers regarding the new Student Activities fee and how it would impact students participation.

III Update by Student Advisory Representative: Jenna Sweeney reported the Student Council is excited to work with their returning advisor, Mr. Tresca and a new co-advisor Mr. Antell. Student Council volunteered their services for the annual Old Home Day and sponsored a free car wash. Upcoming events are Crusader Fest and the first home football game.

IV Approval of Minutes: Andrew Soliwoda made a motion to accept the regular minutes as written: August 21, 2017 regular session and put a hold on August 21, 2017 executive session minutes. Stephanie Clougherty second the motion. Andrew Cardarelli abstained. All in favor.

V Communications:

A. Annual MASS/MASC meetings will be held on the Cape from Nov. 1-4. The Superintendent will attend these sessions. School Committee members available to attend should contact his office to register.

B. Request to Open Negotiations: A letter was received from the Educational Association of Plymouth and Carver (EAPC) to request the opening of negotiations to renew their contract which currently ends August 31, 2018. The teachers unit will be started first followed by the Paraprofessional Unit. Dates will be scheduled soon.

VI Reports from the Superintendent

Instructional Leadership Standard I

A. Personnel:

Hires: Marissa Elgart and Caroline Todd, Title I Math Paraprofessionals

B. Superintendents 2017-2018 Goals: Scott Knief presented his four goals:

1. Professional Practice Goal - In order to develop skills in strategy development, data analysis, and instructional leadership; I will complete the second year of the New Superintendent Induction Program as measured by continued develop and implementation of the Educational BluePrint by May of 2018.
2. District Improvement Goal - In order to ensure that meaningful progress is made on critical district and school goals, I will work with principals and other district leaders through the educator evaluation process.
3. District Improvement Goal: In order to ensure an effective transition into the new Elementary School, I will work with School Building Committee, project team and school administration to ensure timely completion of the building project and the development of procedures and processes for transitioning students and staff into the new building as measured by a successful opening of school in August of 2018.

4. Student Learning Goal: In order to develop student's self-awareness and self-management skills to improve academic outcomes, I will work with the Administrative Leadership team in supporting the implementation of programs to assist students social emotional learning skills as measured by programmatic evaluations and teacher professional development opportunities in social-emotional learning.

Andrew Soliwoda made a motion to approve the Superintendent's goals, Andrew Cardarelli second the motion. All in favor

- C. Naming New School Building:** The results from the survey sent out to the community through Jupiter grades, twitter, school website and school building facebook page for the naming of the new school building were shared by the Superintendent. The results of 533 for Carver Elementary School; 410 for Governor John Carver School; and 50 for Erwin K. Washburn School, A few other names suggested were Elizabeth Sorrell, Benjamin Shurlett and Ellis Atwood. Scott Knief and Andy Cardarelli gave some historical background on the alternate suggested names. The Superintendent asked Jenna Sweeney to complete the student survey for feedback. Andrew Soliwoda made a motion to recommend Carver Elementary School as first choice and Governor John Carver School as second choice. Stephanie Clougherty second he motion. All in favor. The final vote will be taken by the School Building Committee
- D. Updates Accelerated Repairs – Middle High School:** The project is almost complete, final windows in the metal panel openings are scheduled to be delivered on 9/11/17. The roof will be completed within the week and signage will be hung soon. Windows and doors are being installed after school hours for less interruption in the school day.
- E. Monthly School Building Report:** Construction on the new building continues to move along effectively. Techers had the opportunity to tour the school during the first week of school. IT purchases and furniture and equipment budgets are being finalized. A mock classroom with furniture has been set up in EKW campus for teachers to see, try-out and give feedback on proposed furniture and equipment. Each classroom in grades 3-5 will have a chromebook cart. Every classroom in the building will have interactive LCD projectors with sound and a document camera and teachers will have laptops.
- F. Carver Cares Vigil:** Carver Cares will be hosting a candlelight vigin on Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle High School football field. The Vigil will include a few speakers of family members who have lost someone to addition and a video presentation to honor people who have lost the battle with substance abuse.
- G. A Tribute to Liz Sorrell:** A remembrance ceremony will be held Thursday, September 28 for 4-5:30 at the Middle High School Library sponsored by her daughters. The community is welcome to attend.

VII Recommendations from Superintendent

A. Field Trips: Andrew Soliwoda made a motion to approve the following field trips. Stephanie Clougherty second the motion. Approved – all in favor.

Grade 11 trip to Salem, MA and Salem, NH on October 27, 2017;

Grade 7 trip to Trinity Repertory Theatre, Providence, RI on December 15, 2017 and Grade 7 trip to Six Flags, Agawam, MA on October 20, 2017.

VIII Reports from the School Committee: *Stephanie* Clougherty reported she successfully completed a sky dive with *Heidrea for Heroes* and raised \$1155.00. This is a non-profit organization to provide important support services to our military men and women upon their return to civilian life. Andy Cardarelli reminded the community the 2nd Annual *Fill It Up Food Drive* will take place at Farmers Market, Shurtleff Park on October 15th from noon to 4 p.m. Collected donations will benefit the nonprofit “Shane Gives Thanks Food Pantry” Accepted donations are in date, unopened, nonperishable food.

VIII 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, Andrew Cararelli second the motion. All in favor 5-0, by role call.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Annmarie Metrano