

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
EASTON, MA

EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Thursday, January 7, 2016

**Minutes of School Committee Meeting, January 7, 2016**, Simmons Lecture Hall, convened at 6:30p.m. Present: Fred Isleib, Laurie Han, Caroline O'Neill, Sean Mullen, Jackie Weisman, Dr. Keough and Dr. Cabral.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Schedule of Payments:**

Circulated for signatures.

**Program of Studies Presentation:**

Dr. Keough stated that the teachers and department heads put a lot of effort into the work of the Program of Studies and that he appreciates all their hard work. Dr. Keough mentioned that Dr. Cabral has been working closely with Wes Paul, Principal of Oliver Ames High School, and the department heads. Dr. Cabral said she met with Mr. Paul and Susan Mancuso, the Director of Guidance, and every department individually last year. The following departments presented to the committee:

Joanne Coffman, English Department  
Marie Whalen, Family and Consumer Science  
Kristyn Shea, Art Department  
Maria Palma, World Language Department  
Jim Sullivan, Industrial Arts Department  
Mary Romans, Math Department  
Charlene Dalrymple, Music Department  
Britt Sellmayer, Physical Education Department  
Nancy Donahue and Maria Annunziato, Science Department  
Matt Auger, Social Studies Department

A discussion took place along with a question and answer period after each department presented.

**Board Appointment - Easton Community Access Television:**

Chair Isleib announced that recently ECAT created a Board of Directors and the bylaws state the Easton Public School Committee can appoint a School Committee member to be on the board. Dr. Keough added that it is not required and with ECAT's location being in the same building at Central Administration, 50 Oliver Street, that we often use their resources and work

closely with Jason Daniels from ECAT. Ms. O'Neill commended Jason Daniels on the phenomenal work he does with ECAT. Dr. Han said that the appointment doesn't necessarily have to be a School Committee member. Chair Isleib suggested Dr. Keough ask if a teacher from the district would like to be on the board.

**Physical Restraint of Students Policy File #JKAA (First Reading):**

Chair Isleib read the policy. Dr. Han recommended changing "students" from the fourth line in the second paragraph to "the student"; in the fifth paragraph, fourth line adding "when" after "verbal directives or", and change "orally" in the fourth bulleted list to "verbally". The Committee agreed to all changes.

**Superintendent Notes:**

Dr. Keough said we had a great week back from vacation, people were in great spirits. Dr. Keough let the Committee know of a heating situation that came up at the Richardson Olmsted School and has been taken care of by David Twombly along with the DPW. Dr. Keough said that the second edition of the 50 Oliver Newsletter from Central Administration will be out soon.

**Assistant Superintendent Notes:**

Dr. Cabral said they were pleasantly surprised with the amount of feedback from the first edition of the 50 Oliver Newsletter. Dr. Cabral would like to encourage people to note her section about Easton Community University and the offerings. Dr. Cabral mentioned that an email went out to all parents of Easton Public Schools on December 21st about the Easton Community University brochure. Dr. Cabral noted that these offerings are also for any member of the community as well. Dr. Cabral said that feedback, suggestions and comments are welcome.

**School Committee Notes:**

Ms. O'Neill mentioned that the Start Time Sub Committee continues to explore the start times at schools and how start times affect the adolescent brains. Dr. Keough continued that the Start Time Sub Committee did a lot of work on this and are preparing to push this forward and that the next step would be to have a conversation with EEA and to have a presentation for the School Committee. Dr. Keough stated that they would notify parents and offer feedback. Chair Isleib suggested the Start Time Sub Committee present to the School Committee to which Dr. Keough confirmed that the Start Time Sub Committee will present to the Committee during the January 14th School Committee Meeting. Dr. Han suggested having a question and answer period on February 4th, at 5:30-6:30 p.m. before the School Committee Meeting, to address the start time and budget.

Mr. Mullen stated that the FEEE Board met last night and that FEEE will solicit grant applications which will be due April 1st. Mr. Mullen continued that they would fund a major grant up to \$30,000.00. Dr. Keough said that Ed Sharkansky has contacted him for dates of the faculty meetings so that they can speak at the meetings to the staff about the FEEE Grants.

Chair Isleib stated that the School Committee met with the Audit Committee on December 22 and presented the list of ideas that they felt made sense for an operational audit and earlier this

week David Colton, Town Administrator, presented to the Audit Committee. Chair Isleib continued that the Audit Committee will take these ideas and to incorporate them into an RFP and the RFP would be presented to the Board of Selectmen in either April or May.

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Ms. O'Neill, with a 5-0 vote, the committee entered into Executive Session not to return to open session.

**Adjournment:**

The School Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew W. Keough, Ed.D.  
Secretary