

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MINUTES
Friday, January 22, 2016

Minutes of School Committee Workshop Meeting, January 22, 2016, Upstairs Conference Room, 50 Oliver Street, convened at 8:41 a.m. Present: Laurie Han, Caroline O'Neill, Sean Mullen, Jackie Weisman, Dr. Keough, David Twombly, Marilyn Gordon and Dr. Cabral.

Call Meeting to Order:

Vice Chair Han called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m.

On a motion by Ms. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Mullen, with a 3-0 vote, the Committee approved to move the FY 17 Budget to the first order of business on the agenda.

FY 17 Budget:

A discussion took place about the FY 17 Budget that Dr. Keough presented to the Committee. Dr. Keough discussed the conversation he had with David Colton regarding the budget. Dr. Keough explained that Marilyn Gordon restored the list that the School Committee originally had. Ms. Gordon explained that the list started with what they had to have, contractual increases and the transportation. The Committee discussed the budget line by line along with increasing school fees and possible cuts from existing programs. Dr. Han suggested that Dr. Keough develop a cut list. The Committee agreed that the 2.0 budget that they created will be presented at the town meeting as the override budget however, if the override does not pass they will have to increase fees in order to get some critical items, which was determined by the Committee.

Approval of Policy Sections C and D (First Reading):

On a motion by Mr. Mullen, seconded by Dr. Han, with a 3-0 vote, the Committee approved to table the Approval of Policy Sections C and D.

School Calendar 2016-2017 (Correction: Last day of school):

A brief discussion took place regarding the correction of the last day of school.

Start Times Discussion - Additional Q & A Meeting:

The Committee determined to have the question and answer period at 5:30 p.m. prior to the February 4 School Committee Meeting. Dr. Keough stated that David Twombly would be present to answer questions regarding the bussing. Dr. Keough will hold meetings on February 11 for the staff and another session in the evening for parents for discussions on Start Times.

Clear Gov Participation:

Mr. Mullen suggested having Conor Read present this to the Committee.

Styrofoam Tray Discussion:

Marilyn Gordon stated she had a conversation with Whitsons Food Service and was under the impression that Styrofoam Trays would not be used. Ms. Gordon said she would check into this matter further.

Naming Process Discussion:

Daniel Farren presented to the Committee his request to have the Easton Middle School gym named after Greg Chapman. Dr. Han suggested to Mr. Farren that he present to the Committee a brief summary of Mr. Chapman in order for the Committee to review and discuss further. Mr. Farren agreed.

Recap and Discussion of Program of Studies:

A discussion took place regarding the program of studies at the schools. Mr. Mullen suggested having Wes Paul, the Principal at Oliver Ames High School and Luke Carroll, the Principal at Easton Middle School, attend a School Committee Workshop. Dr. Keough suggested that the Committee dedicate a workshop to go out into the schools, the Committee agreed.

Superintendent Mid Year Goals Report:

Dr. Keough presented to the Committee his Mid Year Report. Mr. Mullen suggested the Committee look over the Dr. Keough's report and send their comments to Dr. Han who will in turn send to Dr. Keough.

Superintendent Notes:

None.

Assistant Superintendent Notes:

None.

School Committee Notes:

None.

Possible Executive Session: Contract Negotiations:

Not needed.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Dr. Han, seconded by Mr. Mullen, with a 4-0 vote, the Committee adjourned the School Committee Workshop meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew W. Keough". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Andrew W. Keough, Ed.D.
Secretary