

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
EASTON, MA

EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Thursday, March 3, 2016

**Minutes of School Committee Meeting, March 3, 2016**, Simmons Lecture Hall, convened at 6:40 p.m. Present: Fred Isleib, Laurie Han, Sean Mullen, Jackie Weisman, Dr. Keough and Dr. Cabral.

**Approval of Minutes: Regular 1/14/2016; Workshop 1/22/2016:**

On a motion by Ms. Weisman, seconded by Dr. Han, with a 4-0 vote, the School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of 1/14/2016 were approved.

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Dr. Han, with a 4-0 vote, the School Committee Workshop Meeting Minutes of 1/22/2016 were approved as amended.

**Schedule of Payment:**

Circulated for signatures.

**Personnel Change - Retirement:**

**a. Teacher - Oliver Ames High School**

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Mr. Mullen, with a 4-0 vote, the Committee accepted Cathy Harp's letter of retirement, effective June 30, 2016, with regret.

**Approval of Re-Submittal of FY 2016 Statement of Interest to MASS School Building Authority (Parkview, Center and Moreau Hall Schools):**

The following is a unanimous vote by the Easton School Committee taken at their meeting on March 3, 2016 at Simmons Lecture Hall, Oliver Ames High School, 100 Lothrop Street, Easton, MA, 6:30 p.m.

**Resolved:** Having convened in an Open Meeting on **March 3, 2016**, the **School Committee** of Easton, Massachusetts in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement's of Interest submitted by **April 8, 2016** for the following schools:

<u>School</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Repair</u>
<u>Center School</u>	<u>388 Depot Street</u>	<u>Replacement or Addition</u>
<u>Parkview School</u>	<u>50 Spooner Street</u>	<u>Replacement or Addition</u>
<u>Moreau Hall</u>	<u>360 Washington Street</u>	<u>Replacement or Addition</u>

Which describes and explains the following deficiencies and all **(3) three Statement of Interest are being submitted for consideration under Priority 7 to the Massachusetts School Building Authority.** Priority 7: Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements, as determined in the judgment of the Authority; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School district to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

**FY 17 Budget/Override Discussion:**

Chair Isleib announced that he had attended a neighborhood community meeting regarding the override budget. He stated that the meeting was very informative and urged the community to attend other community meetings. Chair Isleib suggested the community to reach out to Maureen Silverleib if anyone is interested in hosting a meeting.

Dr. Keough shared a document with the School Committee that showed sections of subjects at Oliver Ames High School and class sizes. He demonstrated the positive impact that adding two teachers would have on class sizes at Oliver Ames.

Dr. Keough commended the School Committee on an amazing job with the budget saying it reached a broad spectrum of students.

Chair Isleib suggested putting the document and the override budget on the website for the community to view.

A discussion followed regarding the Budget and possible override.

**Presentation by the Iron Tigers Robotics Team:**

The Iron Tigers Robotics team, Tom Canty, Co-Captain; Jessica Marques, Electrical Captain along with members of the Outreach Team including Rachel Clark, Zaeed Arif and Hannah To presented a powerpoint to the Community.

The team acknowledged Omar Ghani and Jay Coutu as their mentors and invited the Committee to their upcoming competitions on March 12-13, 8:00am-6:00pm at Reading Memorial High School in Reading, MA; March 19-20, 8:00am-6:00pm at UMASS Dartmouth in Dartmouth, MA and April 2-3, 8:00am-6:00pm at Boston University Agganis Arena in Boston, MA.

More information about the Iron Tigers Robotics can be found at [www.eastonrobotics.org](http://www.eastonrobotics.org).

**Math Curriculum Leadership Presentation:**

Mary Romans, Chair of the Math Department and teacher at Oliver Ames High School, Sharon Stearns, Math Curriculum Leader at Easton Middle School and Christen Foote, Math Curriculum Leader at Center School presented to the Committee their progress on Math Curriculum writing.

Following the presentation, the Committee had the opportunity to ask questions.

**School Start Times - Discussion and Possible Vote:**

Chair Isleib stated that the Committee has continued to analyze the Start Time item.

Dr. Keough and Dr. Han presented some slides regarding School Start Times and research on sleep time.

A discussion took place regarding Start Times, busing options, available based on feedback from Lucini Bus Company. It was clear that the options currently under consideration would not work according to the bus company.

Dr. Keough suggested having Lucini Bus Company attend the next School Committee Workshop on March 18 for greater discussion on the possible options that can be supported by the bus company.

Dr. Han suggested that the Committee not make a decision until Ms. O'Neill returns from vacation and can partake in the vote.

A decision was made to discuss start times further at the March Workshop and to present any possible votes at the regularly scheduled April School Committee Meeting.

**Draft of School Committee Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017 (Second Reading):**

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Ms. Weisman, with a 4-0 vote, the Committee approved the School Committee Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Superintendent Notes:**

None.

**Assistant Superintendent Notes:**

Dr. Cabral announced that the Easton University and Easton Community University Spring offerings are now open for registration and can be found on the website.

Dr. Cabral mentioned that Easton Public Schools have a partnership with the YMCA to embark on their national program called "Togetherhood". She said that "Togetherhood" is an opportunity for YMCA members and their partners in the community to work together to provide opportunities to give back to the community. Dr. Cabral stated that she is the Chair of the Togetherhood Committee.

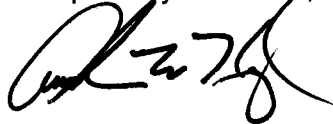
**School Committee Notes:**

None.

**Possible Executive Session RE: Contract Negotiations:**

An a motion by Dr. Han, seconded by Chair Isleib, with a 4-0 vote, the Committee was polled to enter into Executive Session not to return to open session at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew W. Keough".

Andrew W. Keough, Ed.D.  
Secretary