

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MINUTES
Friday, March 25, 2016

Minutes of School Committee Workshop Meeting, March 25, 2016, 50 Oliver Street, Upstairs Conference Room, convened at 8:45 a.m. Present: Fred Isleib, Laurie Han, Jackie Weisman, Dr. Keough, Marilyn Gordon, David Twombly and Dr. Cabral.

Call Meeting To Order:

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Ms. Weisman, with a 3-0 vote, the committee approved to move Cleargov as first order of business on the agenda.

Cleargov - Chris Bullock and Audrey Hall:

Dr. Keough introduced Chris Bullock, CEO and Founder of Cleargov and Audrey Hall, Vice President, Business Development of Cleargov.

Mr. Bullock presented a powerpoint presentation to the committee.

Dr. Keough stated that the Town Government side put forward an information link on the website to show the town's data. Dr. Keough said it includes an education snapshot of Easton. Dr. Keough told the committee that the School Administrators are interested in participating with Cleargov and that it is a helpful resource to the School Department.

Start Time Options - Discussion with Lucini Bus Company:

Dr. Keough introduced Bill Lucini, owner of Lucini Bus Company and Diane Karo, Bus Supervisor. Dr. Keough stated that David Twombly put the two possible options together and approached Lucini Bus Company with these start times. He continued that the two options start the high school at 7:55 am and 8:00 am.

Chair Isleib asked Mr. Lucini if he is confident that these times will work.

Mr. Lucini responded that he is confident the times will work however, the flow around the schools would be a challenge.

Mr. Twombly suggested options to reduce the flow of traffic specifically the Richardson Olmsted School.

Dr. Keough thanked Mr. Lucini and Ms. Karo for their assistance with the process.

Chair Isleib said that the Start Time Options will be put on the April School Committee Meeting agenda.

GovConnection, Inc. State Contract #ITC47:

Mr. Twombly commended John Sousa for his assistance with GovConnection, Inc.

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Dr. Han, with a 3-0 vote, the Committee approved the GovConnection, Inc. State Contract.

Budget / Override - Update / Discussion:

A discussion took place over full day kindergarten vs half day kindergarten.

Chair Isleib suggested using the MCAS results when explaining the data to the community.

The Committee comprised a bulleted list to share with the community.

A discussion took place regarding the loss of \$100,000 from the Title I funding.

Superintendent's Notes:

Dr. Keough said he attended the Iron Tigers competition at UMASS Dartmouth.

Dr. Keough said that Paul Protentis wrote to him stating that they wanted to give him a certificate for the support the Iron Tigers Robotics Team has received. He said that the kids felt very supported.

Dr. Keough invited the Committee to attend the Management Conference for lunch on July 14th at the Queset House with the Principals.

Dr. Keough said he took Dr. Han's suggestion of having the Wellness Committee take the lead on the youth risk behavior survey.

Dr. Keough mentioned that the latest Keough's Corner has been posted to the "Trending Now" section of the website. It includes the most recent tappings of "Parenting in the New Millennium" and the interviews he had with some of the athletes and coaches, John Barata and Laney Holbrook.

Assistant Superintendent's Notes:

None.

School Committee Notes:

Ms. Weisman said she had a conversation with the representative from Southeastern Regional School and he wanted to know if the Committee would want to join them in a joint committee meeting. The Committee said it was a good idea and that they should meet over the summer.

Chair Isleib said he will look into Easton's contribution to Southeastern Regional.

Dr. Han asked about the attendance for today, Good Friday. Dr. Keough said he will look into the data.

Chair Isleib asked Ms. Gordon to contact Carol Nestler to discuss the numbers on her spreadsheet.

Dr. Keough said that Ms. Nestler asked the Committee to attend the meeting on April 27th at 7:15 p.m.

Possible Executive Session: Contract Negotiations:

Not needed.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Ms. Weisman, with a 3-0 vote, the Committee adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. W. Keough', written in a cursive style.

Andrew W. Keough, Ed.D.

Secretary