

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MINUTES
Thursday, April 20, 2017

Minutes of School Committee Workshop Meeting, April 20, 2017, 50 Oliver Street, Upstairs Conference Room, convened at 2:04pm Present: Laurie Han, Jackie Weisman, Caroline O'Neill, Nancy DeLuca, Jane Martin and Dr. Cabral.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chair Han called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

Approve Policy Section J (second reading):

Chair Han said that she and Ms. Martin met regarding Section J from the School Committee Policy Handbook and after conferring with School Counsel, updates were made and are included for review in the packets.

Ms. Martin said that she and Chair Han also updated four other policies that are included in the packet.

On Policy "JFABD Homeless Students and Students Awaiting Foster Care Placement: Enrollment Rights and Services" Ms. O'Neill suggested omitting the sentence after number 7 "*Students awaiting foster care are defined as*"

The Committee agreed.

On Policy "JJE Fundraising Policy", the word "*purchased*" in sentence number 2 should be changed to "*purchase*".

The Committee agreed.

On Policy "JICFB Policy Prohibiting and Addressing Bullying", "ii", Ms. O'Neill suggested changing the words "*infringes*" and "*disrupts*" to "*infringe*" and "*disrupt*". Under "C. Reporting Obligations, Reporting by Students, Parents/Guardians, and Others", the Committee agreed to insert a semicolon after the word "*retaliation;*" in the second sentence.

The Committee agreed to all changes in "JICFB".

Ms. Martin stated that any of these policies that are in the handbooks will be updated along with the Policy Manual.

On a motion by Ms. Martin, seconded by Ms. De Luca, with a 5-0 vote, the Committee approved all of Section J in the School Committee Policy Handbook.

The Committee said that all the policies that have been approved will be sent to Jim Hardy from the MASC for updating the entire manual and when they are received back from Mr. Hardy they will be posted on the website.

Planning for Year End Budget And Town Meeting:

Dr. Cabral said there have been no changes since the last time they talked regarding the year end budget. She continued that there is a meeting tonight with the Finance Committee regarding the SPED revolving account. Dr. Cabral said that Dr. Keough and Marilyn Gordon will begin working on the slides for the presentation at the Town Meeting when Dr. Keough returns from vacation.

Chair Han asked if a response had been received back regarding the errors in the audit report data.

Dr. Cabral responded that there were a lot of errors and they had questions regarding some of the data, however, when they questioned the response was that it was just the scope of things. She continued that they had asked to speak with someone regarding the data and was told that was not part of the audit. Dr. Cabral said they sent additional information to Connor Read that was not included in the audit but she was not sure if it had been added to the audit.

Dr. Cabral said that one of the questions that the administration had was if the auditors would cite their sources because the administration checked the Clear Gov site, DESE and DART to see if those were some of the locations that the information was collected from but the information on those websites did not match the data on the audit.

Ms. O'Neill questioned if the auditors could have potentially mixed up Easton with another district.

Dr. Cabral said it would be easy to do.

Ms. O'Neill suggested that the Committee consider having Dr. Cabral present at the Town Meeting, as it would be a good transition for her into the role of Superintendent for next school year.

Discussion Regarding the Resource Officer and Update the Committee as to what is being proposed for next year:

Dr. Cabral said that she and Dr. Keough attended a meeting at the Town and was asked if the School Department would consider sharing the Resource Officer with Southeast Regional School with a 50 50 cost. She said the specifics such as time and days had not been discussed. Dr. Cabral said that the School Department had not considered paying more than what our contribution was last year, \$32,000, which had been included in this year's budget. She continued that the proposal involved increasing what we were paying to cover the cost completely so that the Town didn't have to put in their portion that they

have been covering. Dr. Cabral said a discussion took place with the Principals and the discussion considered not having the Resource Officer. She said a couple of hall monitors had been added to the high school and it seems to be working well, it was discussed potentially adding a hall monitor to the Middle School. She said Dr. Keough asked Connor Read if the Town would consider allowing the School Department another year at 50% but at the price that was budgeted to spend, which is \$32,000. She continued that Mr. Read agreed to that for one year.

Dr. Cabral clarified that the School Department will pay \$32,000, the Southeast Regional School will assume more than what we pay, and the Town will supplement the balance for Easton Schools.

Chair Han asked that if the Town will be stepping away, would it make more sense to bring in more hall monitors?

Dr. Cabral responded that the intent is to keep the hall monitors in the budget. She said that we currently use the Resource Officer for residency issues however, in her last district the Resource Officer created clubs, had presentations for teachers and parents, added a law course, and that they are looking into that potential for Easton as well.

Ms. Martin said we can think of this year as a "transition" year and next year we design something else that better meets our needs for Easton Public Schools.

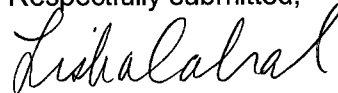
Ms. O'Neill said she had been hearing rave reviews about the hall monitors.

Ms. Weisman said that when she was at the High School the hall monitor told her how much she loved her job.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Ms. O'Neill, seconded by Ms. De Luca, with a 5-0 roll call vote, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 2:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisha Cabral, Ed.D.

Secretary