

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Friday, April 6, 2018

Minutes of School Committee Meeting, April 6, 2018, 50 Oliver Street, Upstairs Conference Room, convened at 9: 20 a.m. Present: Jacqueline Weisman, Nancy De Luca, Jane Martin, and Caroline O'Neill.

Also in attendance: Dr. Cabral, Crissy Pruitt, David Twombly, Marilyn Gordon, and Theresa Skinner.

Minutes: 1/19/2018, 2/1/2018, 2/16/2018; Executive Session 2/16/2018, 3/8/2018:

On a motion by Ms. O'Neill, seconded by Ms. Martin, with a 4-0 vote, the Committee approved the minutes of 1/19/2018.

On a motion by Chair Weisman, seconded by Ms. Martin, with a 4-0 vote, the Committee approved the minutes of 2/1/2018 with noted edits.

On a motion by Chair Weisman, seconded by Ms. De Luca, with a 4-0 vote, the Committee approved the minutes of 2/16/2018.

On a motion by Chair Weisman, seconded by Ms. O'Neill, with a 4-0 vote, the Committee approved the Executive Session minutes of 2/16/2018 but not to be released.

On a motion by Chair Weisman, seconded by Ms. Martin, with a 4-0 vote, the Committee approved the Executive Session minutes of 3/8/2018 but not to be released.

Schedule of Payments:

Circulated for signatures.

Approval of Foreign Travel Proposal:

South Africa, February 2019

Dr. Cabral introduced Oliver Ames High School Science teachers Michelle Marro and Helen VanRiel. Ms. Marro and Ms. VanRiel thanked the Committee for their support with the foreign travel trips. They provided feedback from the trip to the Dominican Republic. They stated that it was a phenomenal experience that exceeded their expectations. Ms. Marro and Ms. VanRiel presented their proposal for the foreign travel trip to South Africa during the February 2019 break. They shared that the travel company that will be used will be Education First and that the cost of the trip will be \$4,735.00 funded by the students and their families.

On a motion by Ms. De Luca, seconded by Ms. O'Neill, with a 4-0 vote, the Committee approved the foreign travel trip to South Africa in February 2019.

Discussion and Possible Vote on North River Collaborative - Classroom(s) Rental Request:

Dr. Cabral said that the district is trying to save money and generate revenue. She continued that an opportunity was presented to the district to rent space to North River Collaborative. She shared that the North River Collaborative recently lost space in a building in a neighboring school district due to school closure. Dr. Cabral also shared that the Richardson Olmsted School could potentially have space that would accommodate this program. It was shared that Theresa Skinner visited the program at North River Collaborative and the specific classrooms that North River is requesting space for to ensure that the Easton students would not be affected. She continued that Ms. Skinner met with the teachers and students at North River and that David Twombly has been reviewing the legal matters of renting the space. Dr. Cabral said that renting the space could potentially generate a revenue of \$24,000.00 a year total for the two classrooms. She said that the students in the program have cognitive delays as their primary disability. Mr. Twombly reviewed information he received from Sarah Belino, the Attorney for the Town of Easton, with the school committee. He stated that the funds from renting the space would go into a revolving account to be expended on the maintenance of the building. Dr. Cabral said the program is specific about where they place their children. She stated that North River was impressed with the district and that the renting of the space would be year to year. Dr. Cabral shared that the students attend some months during the summer along with the school year and that Mr. Getchell is working with his staff and has identified the two classrooms being considered.

On a motion by Chair Weisman, seconded by Ms. Martin, with a 4-0 vote, the Committee agreed to proceed on the classroom rental request from North River Collaborative.

FY18 Budget Update:

Dr. Cabral said that the professional development freeze had been lifted. The budget is being monitored closely. Crissy Pruitt is working on a Math Program for the middle school. She stated that the district continues to look into the health programming in the district and the purchasing of textbooks. A discussion took place.

FY19 Budget Discussion:

Dr. Cabral stated that she continues to work on the FY19 budget. Dr. Cabral presented a powerpoint on the FY19 budget to the Committee. She highlighted the slides that had been added which she presented to the Finance Committee. Dr. Cabral stated that the presentation will be presented at the April 10th School Committee meeting. She reminded the committee that the FY19 budget is in flux as negotiations are ongoing. She stated that she is working to get to a 3.5% increase over FY18 as requested by the Town. Dr. Cabral reviewed the following slides pertaining to:

- Existing cost efficiencies
- Reactive/Essential budget targets for FY19
- Mood disorders in teenagers

- Suicide rate in the US
- Mental Health conditions
- Massachusetts Department of Education recommendations on Physical Education
- The Coordinated Program Review findings
- Medication Dispensation Registration from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- Recommended school nurse to student ratio by the MA Office of Health & Human Services
- English Language Learners services
- Reactive/Essential and Proactive Budget needs
- Funding Losses and State Aid

A discussion took place, suggestions were made by the Committee.

2018-2019 Schedule of School Committee Meetings (second reading):

The 2018-2019 Schedule of School Committee Meetings were reviewed at a previous meeting as a first reading. Changes were made at the first reading.

On a motion by Ms. De Luca, seconded by Ms. O'Neill, with a 4-0 vote, the Committee approved the 2018-2019 Schedule of School Committee meetings.

Global K-12 Education Research Association Invitation:

Dr. Cabral said she had been invited by Boston Wise to speak at the fourth Annual Conference of Global Education Research Association for grade levels kindergarten through twelve on Social/Emotional Learner. She shared that the conference will be in China and that as a presenter, Dr. Cabral's expenses will be paid for by Boston Wise. She stated that it is a great opportunity for Easton to be recognized on an international level. Dr. Cabral reviewed that the Conference is a Wellness Conference focusing on physical education, hygiene and psychology. She clarified that the Social/Emotional component falls under the psychology category. Dr. Cabral shared that she will present a twenty minute speech on the challenges of the social emotional goals in the United States in October 2018.

Public Comment:

None.

Superintendent Notes:

None.

Assistant Superintendent Notes:

Crissy Pruitt stated that on the next School Committee agenda she will be adding two items. She shared that the Program of Studies had been reviewed before the Committee; however, a vote was not taken to approve; therefore, this item will be added. She also shared that the Restraint Policy that had been approved in June of 2017 is in

need of another update. Ms. Pruitt stated that she consulted with Attorney Bryant who has recommended the need to expedite the update therefore, the Restraint Policy update will be added to the next School Committee agenda as a first reading. Ms. Pruitt explained that these two items are being added as a result of the Coordinated Program Review findings. Ms. Pruitt updated the Committee on the Parkview Principal Search. She noted that there were no internal applicants. Dr. Cabral expressed her gratitude to the Parkview Principal Search Committee. Ms. Pruitt gave a shout out to the Sunshine Club for their generous donation to the search committee.

School Committee Notes:

Ms. Martin stated that the site visits for the School Planning Committee are scheduled for April 9th, 4:00 at Center School. She continued that companies interested in the Owner's Project Manager will have the opportunity to see the site of the MSBA project prior to putting in a bid for the job. Ms. DeLuca said that she attended the Google Night presented by Suzana Somers, Jessica Garbowski, and Maura Richards. She continued that she enjoyed it and the google instructors were very helpful. Chair Weisman said that she attended the joint Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen meeting where Dr. Cabral and Marilyn Gordon presented the budget. She commended Dr. Cabral and Ms. Gordon on the presentation. She said the questions that were presented by the board members were very informative. Ms. Pruitt said that in the packets included information on the MASC (Massachusetts Association of School Committee) sponsored "Day on the Hill" event scheduled for April 25th. She added it is a wonderful opportunity. Dr. Cabral stated that Senator Timilty and State Representative Claire Cronin will be visiting the district on Monday. She extended an invitation to the members of the School Committee to join the meeting on Monday.

Executive Session RE: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a) 3 To Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining for Unit A (Teacher's Union) and Custodian Unit:

On a motion by Chair Weisman, seconded by Ms. O'Neill, with a roll call vote of 4-0, the Committee entered into Executive Session not to return to Open Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Unit A and Custodian Unit) and having this discussion in public would be detrimental to the bargaining position of the School Committee at 10:51 a.m.

Minutes Recorded by,
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Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary