

**EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EASTON, MA**

**EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MINUTES
Friday, October 16, 2015**

Minutes of School Committee Workshop meeting, October 16, 2015, Upstairs Conference Room, 50 Oliver Street, convened at 8:36 a.m. Present: Laurie Han, Caroline O’Neill, Sean Mullen, Jackie Weisman, Dr. Keough and Dr. Cabral.

“Building the Foundation” – Dorothy Presser:

“Building the Foundation” with Dorothy Presser was rescheduled to the November 20, 2015 School Committee Workshop Meeting for 9:30 a.m.

Ratification of Contracts: Secretaries and Cafeteria Workers:

On a motion by Ms. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Mullen, with a 4-0 vote, the committee approved the Ratification of the Secretaries contract.

On a motion by Ms. Weisman, seconded by Mr. Mullen, with a 4-0 vote, the committee approved the Ratification of the Cafeteria Workers contingent upon the language change.

Superintendent Notes:

Dr. Keough stated that at the Budget Sub Committee meeting he was asked to prioritize the list of needs for the override. Dr. Keough suggested to the committee that they meet before the 28th to finalize the list for the budget sub committee meeting. Dr. Keough stated that he would like Easton Schools to offer full day Kindergarten. Dr. Keough said that he would like to make Easton Schools attractive to other people. Dr. Keough told the committee that he had Chris Getchell, Principal of Parkview School, Tom Higgins, Principal of Moreau Hall, and two kindergarten teachers, Sheila Dever-David and Karenna Griffin, on Keough’s Corner discussing kindergarten. Dr. Keough proposed to the committee that the administration team, Dr. Cabral, Marilyn Gordon, David Twombly and Theresa Skinner, take a look at the prioritized list first then bring forth to the school committee.

A tentative meeting of the School Committee workshop was scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Keough stated that he received a letter this week from the Attorney General's Office denying reconsideration of the claim of an open meeting violation of the School Committee.

Assistant Superintendent Notes:

Dr. Cabral reminded the committee that the second security training by Synergy will be held at the Richardson Olmsted School on December 9, 2015 in two sessions, 12:15 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Dr. Cabral invited the committee to join either of the two sessions. Dr. Cabral said the Curriculum Leaders would like to present their unit designs at some of the School Committee meetings. She stated the presentations would take approximately 20-30 minutes each content area.

Dr. Cabral stated she met with every department from the high school last school year along with Wes Paul and Susan Mancuso about the program of studies. Wes Paul has been meeting with the departments this year and will be presenting their plans for the future to the School Committee in December.

School Committee Notes:

Mr. Mullen told the committee that Stonehill College identified and expelled the student who wrote the note that resulted in the evacuation of the Moreau Hall School on September 25, 2015.

Dr. Han discussed scores related to per pupil expenditures compared to other towns.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Ms. O'Neill, seconded by Ms. Weisman, with a 4-0 vote, the committee agreed to adjourn the meeting and enter into Executive Session not to return to open session at 10:43 a.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