

**EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EASTON, MA**

**EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, July 9, 2015**

Minutes of School Committee meeting, July 9, 2015, Simmons Lecture Hall, convened at 6:34 p.m. Present: Fred Isleib, Laurie Han, Caroline O'Neill, Jackie Weisman, Dr. Cabral and Dr. Keough.

Public Participation:

Jane Martin of Easton asked if the budget subcommittee plans to meet over the summer or in the fall to discuss the possibility of putting an override on the agenda for the town. Colleen Less of Easton confirms the Board of Selectmen are responsible for putting an override on the ballot. Chair Isleib agreed to contact the chairman of the Board of Selectman to initiate a discussion on this topic.

Minutes:

Chair Isleib asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of 06/04/15, Workshop Minutes of 05/08/15, 06/19/15 and Executive Session Minutes for 06/19/15, 01/15/15, 02/12/15.

On a motion by Ms. Han, seconded by Chair Isleib, and with a 4-0 vote, the Minutes of 06/04/15 were approved.

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Ms. Weisman, and with a 4-0 vote, the Workshop Minutes of 05/08/15 were approved.

On a motion by Ms. O'Neill, seconded by Chair Isleib, and with a 4-0 vote, the Workshop Minutes of 06/19/15 were approved.

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Ms. Han, and with a 4-0 vote, the Executive Session Minutes of 06/19/15 were approved.

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Ms. Han, and with a 4-0 vote, the Executive Session Minutes of 01/15/15 were approved.

On a motion by Ms. O'Neill, seconded by Ms. Han, and with a 4-0 vote, the Executive Session Minutes of 02/12/15 were approved.

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Ms. Han, and with a 4-0 vote, the Executive Session Minutes of 05/08/15 were tabled due to questions by Ms. O'Neill.

Schedule of Payments:

Circulated for signatures.

School Nurse Presentation RE: Narcan in Schools:

Sue Male, Eileen Gardner and Lynne LeBlanc were in attendance to discuss the need to have Narcan in the Easton Schools. The discussion focused on growing concern state wide of opioid abuse and the risks of Narcan.

Hearing that Narcan is safe and would be kept for pre-cautionary purposes only and on a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Ms. Weisman, and with a 4-0 vote, Narcan was approved for Easton Schools.

Student Lunch Charge Policy (2nd reading):

Marilyn Gordon put the student lunch charge policy together with the recommendation by the auditors. Ms. Gordon made the changes as per the discussion at the School Committee Workshop meeting last month.

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Ms. O'Neill, with a 4-0 vote, the Student Lunch Charge Policy was approved.

Continue Discussion on Issuing F1 Visas to International Students:

A discussion was held regarding the Enrollment of Students Based on Residence Policy File: JF-E-3 and Issuing F1 Visas to International Students of particular focus was the question of whether a student with dual citizenship can be considered a "foreign student".

Ms. O'Neill suggested changing #4 to "A child who does not reside in Easton may attend the Easton Public Schools with the consent of the Easton School Committee and of the school committee in the town where he/she actually resides at the expense of such town, upon such terms as may be fixed by the Easton School Committee and the school committee of the child's town of residence."

Ms. O'Neill suggested changing #5 c. to "Parents' or legal guardians' agreement to provide transportation".

Dr. Keough suggested adding "or legal guardians" after "parents" to #6. Chair Isleib asked that the committee continue this discussion by adding it to the August agenda.

Approval of Annual Vendor Requirement Contracts:

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Ms. O'Neill, with a 4-0 vote, the following vendor contracts for the July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 year were approved:

Airex Filter Corporation, Banner Systems, Clean Cut Solutions, Core Business Technologies, FM Generator, Industrial Burner Systems, The Okers Company, Whalley Computer Associates, Inc. and Apple Inc.

Reappointment of Superintendent to Bi-County Collaborative (BICO)

Board of Directors for 2015-2016:

On a motion by Ms. O'Neill, seconded by Chair Isleib, with a 4-0 vote, Dr. Keough's reappointment of Superintendent to Bi County Collaborative (BICO) Board of Directors was approved for the 2015-2016 school year.

Approval of Change of May 18, 2016 Professional Development Day in 2015-2016 Calendar:

As a result of a conflict with MCAS testing, on a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Ms. Weisman, with a 4-0 vote, the change of the May 18, 2016 Professional Development Day in the 2015-2016 calendar to May 25, 2016 was approved.

Acceptance of Donation:

On a motion by Ms. O'Neill, seconded by Ms. Weisman, with a 4-0 vote, the Easton Public Schools accepted, with gratitude, the donation of \$1,000.00 from the Protentis Family.

Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement with the EEA:

Chair Isleib announced the successful completion of negotiations with the EEA for a 3 year contract. He explained that the agreement needed to be ratified via vote of the committee.

Compliments were made to the town counsel, Rebecca Bryant and David Murphy, as well as Cindy Hall and Erin Johnson from the EEA.

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Ms. Weisman, with a 4-0 vote, to approve the ratification of the negotiated contract agreement with the EEA and Easton Public School Committee.

Superintendent Evaluation:

Chair Isleib discussed the evaluation of Dr. Keough. He reported the overall rating of Dr. Keough as proficient. The evaluation will be posted on the Easton Public Schools website.

Dr. Keough expressed his gratitude for the support he has received from the School Committee.

On a motion by Chair Isleib, seconded by Ms. O'Neill, with a 4-0 vote, the committee approved the overall rating of Dr. Keough as proficient.

Assistant Superintendent Notes:

Dr. Cabral discussed speaker Laura Robb coming to Easton Public Schools on August 27, 2015, open to local school districts. Space is limited. Anyone interested in attending should email Lynn Souza at lsouza@easton.k12.ma.us. Additional offerings will be made to parents and community through Easton Community College starting in the fall.

Superintendent Notes:

Dr. Keough introduced the new Recording Secretary, Lynn Souza.
Dr. Keough discussed his recent trip to Switzerland where he met with school leaders from districts across the United States and will present slides at a future School Committee Meeting.
Dr. Keough expressed his gratitude to the teachers and administration for the work they did this year, it was a wonderful successful wrap up for the year. The Management Conference will be held July 16 and 17. Dr. Keough discussed the great candidates coming through the system for the positions available.

School Committee Notes:

Ms. Han complimented the talent of the Middle School students involved in the concerts that were held at the end of the year and commended the Music Teachers.
Ms. O'Neill asked Dr. Keough about the demographics of the population that attended the conference in Switzerland. Ms. O'Neill reported the positive feedback from the parents who attended the STEAM Family Night Event Dr.

Cabral coordinated. Dr. Cabral reported the progress of the Science from Scientists to Ms. O'Neill.

Chair Isleib commented the reception at the Easton Country Club for the retirees was nice and thanked the retirees again and wished them the best of luck in their endeavors.

Adjournment:

On a recommendation from Chair Isleib, with a 4-0 vote, the Committee approved to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session not to return to open session.

The School Committee adjourned at 8:26 p.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 "Andrew" being the most prominent.

Andrew W. Keough, Ed.D.
Secretary