MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting
Superintendent’s Conference Room - Miscoe Hill Middle School
Monday, February 27, 2017

Committee Present:
Leigh Martin, Philip DeZutter, Diane Duncan, Tanna Jango

Administration Present:
Joseph Maruszczak, Superintendent of Schools
Jay Byer, Business/Finance
Dennis Todd, Director of Student Support Services
Maureen Cohen, Director of Curriculum
Ann Meyer, Principal, Miscoe Hill School

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Diane Duncan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Approval of Agenda
MOTION: On a motion of Leigh Martin, seconded by Phil DeZutter to approve the agenda with an amendment to move Naming/Recognition of Miscoe Hill Computer Lab to the beginning.
VOTED: Unanimously approved

Approval of Open Session Minutes of February 6, 2017
MOTION: On a motion of Tanna Jango, seconded by Phil DeZutter to approve Open Session minutes of February 6, 2017
VOTED: Unanimously approved

Approval of Agenda Amendment
MOTION: On a motion of Leigh Martin, seconded by Phil DeZutter to approve an amendment to the agenda to include approval of January 23, 2017.
VOTED: Unanimously approved

Motion to Approval of Open Session Minutes of January 23, 2017
MOTION: On a motion of Leigh Martin, seconded by Phil DeZutter to approve the agenda.
VOTED: Unanimously approved

III. STUDENT COMMENTS – NA

IV. COMMUNITY COMMENTS – NA
V. NEW BUSINESS

Naming/Recognition of Miscoe Hill Computer Lab

Miscoe Hill Student Council Executive Board presented to the School Committee an idea to name the Computer Lab in honor of teacher Liz Wernig who passed away. For 16 years, she was the technology teacher and the students would like to recognize her dedication by purchasing a plaque with student council funds. The plaque would have her name and years of service. The plaque will be dedicated at a ceremony with her family present. The ceremony will also include student council members sharing memories of her.

Superintendent Maruszczak recommended approval and stated Ms. Wernig was an amazing woman and this would be a fitting remembrance of her accomplishments and dedication to our community.

Approval of Naming Miscoe Hill Computer Lab in Recognition of Liz Wernig
MOTION: On a motion of Tanna Jango, seconded by Leigh Martin to approve Naming Miscoe Hill Computer Lab in Recognition of Liz Wernig.
VOTED: Unanimously approved

VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Follow up K 12 Insight Surveying
Superintendent Maruszczak informed the School Committee there will be a second round of K-12 Insight surveying to all stakeholders from May 1- May 15. Also during that time, representatives from K12 Insight will conduct focus groups in order to gather a more in depth review of the feedback on improving the district’s schools. During the April 10 School Committee, Superintendent Maruszczak will give an update on how the district used the feedback from last year’s surveying.

Superintendent’s Coffees
Superintendent Maruszczak will be conducting 4 coffee hours to listen to parents and community members on any issue. People are invited to attend any of the coffee hours and the schedule is for different times of the day to accommodate different schedules. The tentative schedule is:
- Memorial Elementary School: Wednesday, March 15 at 9:00 am
- Clough Elementary School: Tuesday, March 21 at 9:00 am
- Miscoe Hill Middle School: Thursday, March 30 at 2:30 pm
- Nipmuc Regional High School: Monday, April 3, at 7:00 pm

FY2017 Budget Update
Jay Byer stated the budget is still in good shape although there are some deficiencies in maintenance line items.

Administrative Recognition
Superintendent Maruszczak acknowledged and recognized Dr. Maureen Cohen. Dr. Cohen completed her doctoral dissertation thesis in educational leadership at Northeastern University two weeks ago. He stated the district is fortunate to have her lead our district’s professional learning and congratulated her on this achievement.
VI. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Negotiation Subcommittee
Phil informed the School Committee the Subcommittee have completed their preparation and are ready to begin meetings with the Teachers.

Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee
Diane informed the School Committee the Subcommittee met last week and reviewed the mid cycle assessment for goals.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - NA

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Inclusion of Middle School Field Hockey
Ann Meyer and Scott Glassman (AD at Miscoe) asked the School Committee to approve Field Hockey at the Middle School level. This would be a 6 and 7 grade team and there are over 30 students interested. The cost would be $3,400 and would include coaches, transportation and referees. This is a good opportunity to assist the High School teams (Varsity and JV coach were also present). There is a coach and a schedule available. This new team would be playing other teams with 6th graders. It was noted the 8th graders usually go and play with the High School teams if the numbers and talent allow it. Superintendent Maruszczak noted the High School team have built an enthusiastic program over the last couple of years.

Provisionally Approval of Middle School Field Hockey
MOTION: On a motion of Tanna Jango, seconded by Leigh Martin to provisionally approve a middle school field hockey team and to revisit next year for permanent placement.
VOTED: Unanimously approved

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

X. Other Matters Not Anticipated By The Committee Within 48 Hours Of The Posted Meeting

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- MURSD FY18 Open Budget Hearing – March 13
- MURSD Art Student Exhibition – March 13
- Inclusion Practices & Student Performance Data – March 27
- K12 Insight Survey Feedback Action – April 10

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: On motion of Leigh Martin, seconded by Tanna Jango to adjourn.
VOTED: Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.
Minutes by Kelly A. McElreath