MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting
Superintendent’s Conference Room–Miscoe Hill Middle School
Monday, November 14, 2016

Committee Present:
Leigh Martin, Pam Angenent, Tanna Jango, Philip DeZutter, Dorothy Scally

Administration Present:
Joseph Maruszczak, Superintendent of Schools
Jay Byer, Business/Finance
Dennis Todd, Director of Student Support Services
Maureen Cohen, Director of Curriculum
David Quinn, Director of Technology Integration
John Clements, Principal, Nipmuc Regional High School

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Tanna Jango.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Approval of Agenda
MOTION: On a motion of Leigh Martin, seconded by Pam Angenent to approve the agenda.
VOTED: Unanimously approved

Approval of Open Session Minutes of October 17, 2016
MOTION: On a motion of Pam Angenent, seconded by Phil DeZutter to approve the Open Session minutes of October 17, 2016
VOTED: Unanimously approved

Motion to table the approval of Executive Session minutes of September 12, September 26 and October 17 unanimously approved

III. STUDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent welcomed Maria Muhareb. Maria is a junior at Nipmuc High School and will be coming to the meetings to update the School Committee and provide feedback.

Maria Muhareb informed the School Committee over 40 students raked leaves on Veterans Day for residents of the community.

On November 17, the Boys Soccer team will be playing in the State Semi-Finals in Westfield. Also, on November 18, the Football team will be playing in the State Semi-Finals in Brockton. Fan busses are available for students.

There is a blood drive this week at Nipmuc.
Lastly, on October 26 Nipmuc had a 21st Century Conference. Many sessions were offered to the students on citizenship. The students had the opportunity to participate in a town meeting as well as vote in a mock presidential election.

IV. COMMUNITY COMMENTS - NA

V. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Annual Home Instruction Report
Superintendent Maruszczak presented to the School Committee the Home Instruction report for 2016-17. There are 23 students in approved home instruction programs in the district. This number represents a downward trend in the number of home schooled students. Last year there were 27 students and the previous year there were 45 students with approved plans.

Update – Nipmuc Athletic Facility Upgrade Committee
The meeting planned was delayed due to the sports teams participating in the playoffs. The next meeting is Thursday 11/17 where Gale Associates should be presenting a revised cost estimate to upgrade the current soccer/football field to turf with lighting and existing lacrosse/field hockey field to turf with a surrounding track. A rendering of these two fields will be forwarded as soon as received.

NESDEC Enrollment Projections
The School Committee received the NESDEC enrollment projections. These projections call for a decrease of 17 students for the 2017-18 school year. However, due to increased birth rates in 2012, there is a projection of 17 more kindergarten students. The loss of 17 students will impact the Middle and High Schools. The district will be using these enrollment projections for the FY2018 budget process.

FY2017 Budget Update
Jay Byer explained that the school district budget is 25% through the school year and the budget is where it needs to be, although the building maintenance line item is still a concern.

Solar panels at Miscoe Hill Middle School should be operational by January. The Dighton project is operational. Due to the Dighton project and the new lights at the school, the district has seen a savings.

VI. ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTS

Review of 2016 SAT & AP Results
John Clements presented the SAT and AP results to the School Committee. The following are highlights:

AP Testing Data
Total AP Students, 155
# of exams, 311
% of AP Students w/ Scores 3+, 77%

Subject-area Highlights
• AP Biology, 3.88, 16/17 qualifying scores,
• Calculus AB, 23/24
• Calculus BC, 3.93, 14/15 qualifying scores, AP Subscore 4.4 w/100% qualifying scores
• Computer Science A, 4.19, 15/16 qualifying scores, 8 scores of 5
• English Language & Composition, 3.45, 25 qualifying scores,
• English Literature & Composition, 3.40, 13/15 qualifying scores
• Environmental Science, 4.00, increase of .67
• European History, 2.9; increase of 1.10 points on average
• Microeconomics, 42 tests given (most), 3.5 average, increase of .5 over initial year of Macro
• Physics 1, greatest area for improvement, 1.97 average, 6 qualifying scores
• Spanish Language and Culture, 3.85, 12 of 13 qualifying scores
• Statistics, 3.36 average, 31 qualifying scores
• Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio, 3.5, 100% qualifying scores
• United States History, 3.26, increase of .63 over last year
• Presentation also included quotes from participating students over the last year

AP Scholars
55 AP Scholars including 29 AP Scholars, 13 AP Scholars with Honors, 13 AP Scholars with Distinction

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VII. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Policy Subcommittee
The Policy Subcommittee presented Policy JICH- Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use Prohibited by Students and Policy IHAMB- Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco to the School Committee for first reading. These are revisions to existing policies and are recommended by MASC to be in compliance with MGL c. 74, sec 96, the Opioid Law. This law requires each public school to have these policies and communicate directly to the parents/guardians and post to the website.

Golden Apple Award Subcommittee
The nominations for the next Golden Apple Award will start on November 15 and end on December 16. The link on the website will be emailed and publicized on social media. The next award will be presented at the January 23 School Committee meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Notice of Vote Taken in Executive Session – Extension of Superintendent’s Contract
Phil DeZutter discussed the action taken in Executive Session. At the October 26, executive session meeting, it was voted to approve an extension of the Superintendent’s contract. The new contract is for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2022 (six years). Phil noted Superintendent Maruszczak’s pay is lower than area superintendents’, and 3 times during his last contract, he took no increase in his salary. His base salary went from $145,000 to $152,600 during the last contract. The new contract calls for a base salary of $160,000 with a 2% increase in 2018. Future increases will be negotiated. Superintendent Maruszczak expressed his appreciation.

MASC/MASS Joint Conference Highlights/Review
Leigh Martin and Dorothy Scally attended the conference as well as Diane Duncan. Leigh attended sessions on social media and MCAS 2.0 while Dorothy attended a session on alternative assessment. Both felt the conference was good and appreciated the opportunity to attend.

IX. NEW BUSINESS
Proposals for Formal Evaluation of 1:1 Learning Program
Superintendent Maruszczak asked Dave Quinn to present the Boston College proposal the district received for a 3rd party evaluation of the 1:1 learning program. 3 proposals were received and all bidders were very experienced.

It was determined to recommend the Boston College proposal. Their plan is a 6 month study which will measure both quantitative and qualitative outcomes of the program. It will be a formal research project and will include multiple visits (42+ hours) to the district for meeting with all stakeholders. The proposal also includes an on-site consultation of Dr. Ruben Puenteedura, a renowned researcher and creator of SAMR Model of Technology Integration. The results and recommendations presentation will be in June 2017. The cost for the BC evaluation is $34,999 which can be funded from the district’s full day kindergarten revolving account.

It was noted the other proposals cost $72,000 and $40,000 and were not as extensive as the BC proposal.

Superintendent Maruszczak commented it is a significant expense but needed. School Committee members commented the proposal looks good and it is important to have an outside perspective of the program.

Approval of Funding for the 1:1 Program Evaluation Program by Boston College
MOTION: On a motion of Phil DeZutter, seconded by Leigh Martin to approve funding of $34,999 allocation of the budget for the evaluation of the 1:1 program by Boston College.
VOTED: Unanimously approved

Approval of World Challenge Trip- Summer 2018
Courtney Leja presented to the School Committee the next World Challenge expedition being planned for Nipmuc students. It is a 14 day trip to Iceland in July 2018 with a cost of $4,396 per student. This is the 9th trip for Nipmuc and the trip includes a community service project, a trek in the region and a time for rest.

Approval of World Challenge Expedition to Iceland in July 2018
MOTION: On a motion of Leigh Martin, seconded by Dorothy Scally to approve World Challenge Expedition to Iceland in July 2018
VOTED: Unanimously approved

X. CORRESPONDENCE - NA

XI. Other Matters Not Anticipated by The Committee Within 48 Hours of The Posted Meeting
Superintendent Maruszczak informed the School Committee the next meeting of the Multi Board was scheduled for November 17. He did not feel the timing would be appropriate to discuss the School Budget. He asked to delay the meeting until December. The School Committee determined December 15th would be a better date. Superintendent Maruszczak will send out an email.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Spotlight on Teaching & Learning – Social-Emotional Learning – November 28
- Second Reading of Policies – November 28

XIII. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: On motion of Leigh Martin, seconded by Phil DeZutter to adjourn.
VOTED: Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.
Minutes by Kelly A. McElreath