MENDON- UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting
Professional Development Center, Nipmuc Regional High School
Monday, October 17 2016

Committee Present:
Leigh Martin, Diane Duncan, Pam Angenent, 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 7:03 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 Pam Angenent to approve the agenda.
VOTED: Unanimously approved

Approval of Open Session Minutes of September 26, 2016
MOTION: On a motion of Tanna Jango seconded by Pam Angenent, to approve the Open Session minutes of September 26, 2016
VOTED: Unanimously approved

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

III. COMMUNITY COMMENTS- NA

IV. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Update – Nipmuc Athletic Facility Upgrade Committee
Superintendent Maruszczak informed the School Committee the revived committee had a productive meeting recently. It was determined the original plan was not cost effective or accepted politically. The committee will be looking at a scaled down version. The new plan would no relocate any fields and would look to convert the front field to a turf field with lighting and the back field to a multipurpose turf field. The committee is expected to meet again on November 1 to review the cost of the scaled down plan.

October 1 Enrollment Figures
The final enrollment figures for 2016 is 2,276 students. This represents a decrease in 46 students from last year.
**MUEF Spooky 5K Run/Walk**
Superintendent Maruszczak reminded the School Committee of the Mendon Upton Education Foundation is sponsoring a 5K run/walk at Nipmuc on Sunday, October 30 at Nipmuc. Proceeds will go to the MUEF Teacher Grand program and Nipmuc Warriors Club.

**FY2017 Budget Update**
Jay Byer provided a detailed five year expenditure report that reflects the recertified FY17 budget line item amounts. Jay Byer discussed the budget is not adequately funding fields and grounds at $30,000 and this should be discussed in future budgets. Superintendent Maruszczak discussed reviewing capital issues.

Diane Duncan questioned the protocol of using school fields in bad weather when the fields could be damaged. It was discussed there is no written policy and it has been based on good faith. The recent incident was an exception but the Policy Subcommittee may want to review.

## V. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

**Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee**
Diane Duncan reviewed/read the Superintendent’s annual review. Please find a copy attached.

**Superintendent Annual Plan for 2016-17**
Superintendent reviewed his annual plan containing a Student Learning Goal, Professional Practice Goal and three highlighted District Improvement Goals. The following is highlights of the plan:

- **Goal: Improving Science & Technology/Engineering Student Outcomes.** This goal included 11 Key Action items and 8 Benchmarks.
- **Goal: Communicating and Engaging with District Families.** This goal included 8 Key Action Items and 8 Benchmarks.
- **Goal: Raise awareness of student needs for social emotional learning.** This goal included 9 Key Action Items and 8 Benchmarks.
- **Goal: Improving Communication, Collaboration & Outreach to streamline communications.** This goal included 9 Key Action Items and 5 Benchmarks.
- **Goal: Curriculum Review and Revision to support teaching and learning.** This goal included 6 Key Action Items and 7 Benchmarks.

**Approval of Superintendent Action Plan**

**MOTION:** On a motion of Tanna Jango, seconded by Leigh Martin to approve the Superintendent Action Plan.

**VOTED:** Unanimously approved

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

**Approval of 2016-2017 School Improvement Plans**
The School Committee briefly discussed the School Improvement Plans presented at the last meeting.

**Approval of all School Improvement Plans**

**MOTION:** On a motion of Pam Angenent, seconded by Leigh Martin to approve the all School Improvement Plans.

**VOTED:** Unanimously approved
Presentation of the 2016 MCAS/Accountability Data
Superintendent Maruszczak and Maureen Cohen presented the MCAS Spring results. Highlights of the presentation include the following:

District Trends in Data:
- Math Results - District-wide 3% Increase (4/7 grades show increases)
- ELA Results - Static Results (only 3/7 increase); however, grades 7/8 at all-time high proficiency rates
- Overall Growth - Positive as Measured by Aggregate SGP in ELA and Math
- Strong SGPs in Grades 4, 7, 8 & 10
- Concern About 5th and 8th Grade Science results… Curriculum aligned with NGSS but state testing lags behind with old standards

Moving Forward:
- Full implementation of K-5 Go Math! Program - Better alignment to math standards
- Expansion of Lexia reading intervention resources at elementary level
- Increased PD in Science Instruction, particularly for elementary and middle school teachers
- Full pilot of new science materials in grades 3-4
- More planning and vertical articulation of grades 3-5, 6-8 science curriculum
- Emphasis of more hands-on, exploratory & lab investigations in MS science

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Custodians to Open Negotiations reviewed

VIII. Other Matters Not Anticipated By The Committee Within 48 Hours Of The Posted Meeting – None

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Spotlight on Teaching & Learning – Social-Emotional Learning – November 14
- Nipmuc 2015 SAT & AP Results – November 14

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: On motion of Leigh Martin, seconded by Tanna Jango to go into executive session and not return to open session per MGL Ch. 30A, §21(a), under exemption #2 to discuss strategy in preparation for a successor contract for the Superintendent of Schools and prepare for Collective Bargaining

VOTED: Tanna Jango, yes
        Leigh Martin, yes
        Diane Duncan, yes
        Pam Angenent, yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.
Minutes by Kelly A. McElreath