

AUBURN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES from Wednesday, June 5th
AHS Presentation Room, 6:30 p.m.

In attendance:

George Scobie
Jessie Harrington
Gail Holloway
Dottie Kauffman
Meghan McCrillis

Arrived at 6:41

Maryellen Brunelle
Kathy Lauze
Cecelia Wirzbicki
Christina Cody
Jillian Hakins
Doreen Guittarr

Beth Chamberland
Jennifer Stanick
Susan Lopez
Eileen Tarini
Tessa Fritze

Marie Mahan
Gregg Desto
Tammy Bailey
Nicole Allain
Christine Giamei

Visitors:

Families of students presenting at the CSL Fair

Call to Order and Pledge:

At 6:30 p.m., Mrs. Harrington, Vice Chairperson, brought the meeting to order and asked if anyone else was recording the meeting; there being none she asked that everyone join her in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Community Service Learning Projects:

Bryn Mawr School

Dr. Chamberland introduced Mrs. Eileen Tarini and students Sam Shea; Mary Senior; Cooper Beninati; and siblings Jordan, Janaya, Jayde, Axis and Atlas Lewis who told the Committee about all the various projects they had undertaken for the benefit of our veterans.

Pakachoag School

Mrs. Stanick introduced teachers, Mrs. Doreen Guittarr, Mrs. Christine Giamei, Mrs. Nicole Allain, Mrs. Jillian Hakins, and Mrs. Tessa Fritze, with students Reilly Doherty; Adriel Sarkwa; Charlotte Grensavich; Asher Smith; Irene Sullivan; Molly Warren; Jameson Keller; Marley Mitchell; Kallie Wood and Kaya Resnick, who told the Committee about their Fall Food Drive for AYFS; Pennies for Patients; Red Cross Blood Drive; Clothing Drive; Heifer Project; Paw-Some Fundraiser and Be-Like Brit projects.

Swanson Road Intermediate School

Dr. Lopez introduced Mrs. Christina Cody and students Alyssa Bonneau; Lucy Zaleski and Elaine Inyagwa who told the Committee about the work they have continued to do in the Arboretum; their Senior Pen pals project; their Flag Football fundraiser and their Bake for Good project.

Auburn Middle School

Mr. Desto introduced Mrs. Tammy Bailey and students Ella Berg; Michael Fortunato; Morgan Ryan; Lia McDonald; Mikayla Daniels; Annika Berg; Hailey Swenson and Natalie Frazier who told the Committee about their work with Life Care.

After a short recess, Mr. Scobie called the meeting back to order at 7:05 p.m.

Special Recognitions:

Madison Poshkus

Madison Poshkus was in attendance to provide the Committee with an update on her experience as Student Governor for a Day on the Hill in April. She noted that she intends to study Political Science and Public Policy at Simmons.

The Committee was overwhelmingly impressed by the way Madison conducted herself, stating that they could not be more proud of her. They stated she had the composure of a grad school student, passionate about politics and was definitely going to go places!

Massport Honoring Area Valedictorians

Dr. Brunelle announced that Massport would be once again honoring all area valedictorians with Delta Airlines providing a free round trip of air travel to each. Jared Sargent, AHS Class of 2019 Valedictorian, would be Auburn's recipient of this award.

Dr. Elizabeth Chamberland and Mrs. Marie Mahan

Dr. Chamberland and Mrs. Mahan were in attendance to be official recognized as the new Assistant Superintendent and Bryn Mawr Principal, respectively.

Citizens' Comments: None

Student Representatives' Report: Ryan Garabedian and Alli Schoenfeldt

Alli Schoenfeldt reported that the junior class Spree Day had been a BLAST! The underclassman awards were also very exciting hearing of everyone's success. She noted the end of the school year was fast approaching with finals the following Monday and Tuesday. She wished everyone an enjoyable summer.

Ryan Garabedian noted that it had been a very busy two weeks for the senior class and the rest of the high school with concerts for both band and chorus; the Memorial Day weekend - the last no homework weekend; the Lock-In for the senior class which was a long, but joyous night where everyone was able to celebrate with their friends; and the dinner cruise at Boston Harbor. He thanked the senior advisors. He noted that the underclassmen received their awards in academic subjects and attendance; the junior class Spree Day was held at Rocketland; and graduation rehearsals were being held leading up to graduation on the following Friday night.

At the Committee's request, he shared that he will be attending Suffolk University in the fall. The Committee members all wished him well and thanked him for his service as Student Representative to the School Committee.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes:

May 22, 2019

Mrs. Holloway made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22nd meeting; Mrs. Kauffman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Superintendent's Report:

Out of State Field Trips

Four out of state field trips taking place next year were brought forward for approval:

- AHS Ski Club Trip to Jay Peak in Vermont
- Unified Sports Ambassadors Trip to New York
- AHS Foreign Language Trip to Quebec, Canada
- AMS 8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to approve all four trips; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Handbook Updates

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to approve all the handbook changes for each school; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Auburn Chamber Scholarship Recipients

Noting that the Auburn Chamber has donated a total amount of \$312,000 in scholarships to Auburn students over the years, Dr. Brunelle read aloud this year's recipients.

Letters to Retirees

Mrs. Harrington made a motion to approve the draft letter to be sent to the District's retirees; Mrs. McCrillis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The members signed each letter and they would be sent out the following day.

Announcement of Retirements and New Hires

Dr. Brunelle shared a listing of all employees leaving the system and the new hires taking their place. New teachers will be invited to the first meeting in September to be introduced to the Committee.

Donation to AMS from Seaman Engineering

Dr. Brunelle informed the Committee that she had recently heard from Mr. Desto that Seaman Engineering Corporation had made a donation in the amount of \$300 to Auburn Middle School, this to fund a project that Mr. Camoreyt, Technology Engineering teacher, was undertaking in the garden at AMS.

Mrs. McCrillis made a motion to accept this donation with gratitude; Mrs. Holloway seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

Auburn Middle School Coaching Stipends

Dr. Brunelle shared that in a recent review of coaching stipends paid at area middle schools, it was apparent that those paid at AMS are extremely low. Since these coaches put in considerable hours supporting our students in the various athletic programs, it was Dr. Brunelle's recommendation that the AMS coaching stipends be increased in 2019-2020 to \$1,750 per sport.

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to approve the increase in the coaching stipends for Auburn Middle School to \$1,750; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Updated Enrollment at the Elementary Level

Dr. Brunelle provided an updated enrollment for the elementary schools and noted how much their support of an extra teacher at Grade 1 at Pakachoag is appreciated.

A.L.I.C.E. Training

Dr. Brunelle reported that School Resource Office, Brian Kennedy, and Sargent Kenneth Charlton completed training students in ALICE at AHS on May 28th and 29th, and confirmed that all students who were present in grades 6-12 during school year 2018-2019 have been trained in the ALICE protocol. She noted this was great news and thanked both officers for their work in getting the training completed.

Unfinished Business:

Superintendent's Evaluation

Mr. Scobie asked that this be tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

School Nurse Job Sharing Proposal

Dr. Brunelle noted that she had received a job sharing proposal from Mrs. Leah Gauthier, current School Nurse at Bryn Mawr School, and Mrs. Sherri Urena, LTS School Nurse at Pakachoag, to job share the position at Bryn Mawr effective the 2019-2020 school year. Dr. Brunelle has approved the proposal knowing both will be very flexible with their schedules ensuring Bryn Mawr is covered at all times. She noted that both are high quality nurses. The members were also in agreement with the proposal.

Upcoming Events

Dr. Brunelle noted that the year is winding down with Spree Days taking place and Graduation at AHS the following Friday. The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11th.

Teaching/Learning:

Festival of Arts, STEM and Wellness

Dr. Lauzé reported that the District had held its annual Festival of the Arts, STEM and Wellness on May 9th, with the event once again being a great success with attendance at an all time high. She noted that next year more areas of the building will be used.

Listing of Colleges/Universities Accepting Class of 2019 Graduates

Dr. Lauzé provided a listing of all colleges and universities accepting our Class of 2019 graduates, noting that it was a diverse list and that she was very proud of our students.

Social Studies Committee Update

Dr. Lauzé noted that the K-5 Social Studies Committee has been meeting on a monthly basis to become familiar with the new standards. The Committee is mapping out the curriculum for next school year to ensure that all standards are included. This work will continue over the summer. She noted that the Middle School has spent this school year researching and evaluating programs/textbooks for adoption and have chosen McGraw Hill's program which will be implemented next school year.

SEL Committee Update

Dr. Lauzé shared that the Social Emotional Learning Committee has been meeting on a monthly basis and will continue to do so next year. So far, they have adopted a Social/Emotional Universal Screener to be administered to all students, allowing school personnel to be proactive and identify at-risk students early in order to provide targeted supports and interventions. In addition, the District purchased the progressing monitoring modules as well so the effectiveness of supports and interventions can be evaluated. This will be rolled out during the 2019-2020 school year. This will be rolled out in the fall.

Summer Curriculum

Dr. Lauzé shared that once again this summer, the District will support groups of teachers to complete curriculum work including K-5 writing, Social Studies alignment, co-teaching planning, Adolescent Literacy, STEM, and Tier 3 Interventions. She thanked the dedicated teachers (over 100) who are willing to give their time in the summer for this very important curriculum work.

Business/Financial:

Year to Date Budget Report

Mrs. Wirzbicki provided a year to date budget report as of May 30th.

Food Services Food and Non-Food Bids for 2019-2020

Mrs. Wirzbicki shared that Mrs. King had reported to her that Auburn Food Service is once again participating with the Massachusetts School Buying Group (MSBG), along with 55 other school districts, for the Food and Non-Food Bids for 2019-2020. Thus far, Mrs. King is seeking the Committee's approval of the bid awards to:

- Milk and Dairy Products
- New England Ice Cream (one year bid)

- Paper and Disposables Central Paper Company (year 2 of contract)
- Bread and Bakery Duva Distributors (year 2 of contract)

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to approve the above-named bids; Mrs. McCrillis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Policies:

Facility Use and Rental at AMS: KFA and KFA-R

Dr. Brunelle noted that with recent requests to utilize the turf field at AMS, she and Mr. Fahey met to propose rates for the Committee's consideration.

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to approve the rental rates for the AMS turf field as presented in the updated policy, KFA and KFA-R Community and School Use of AHS/AMS Fields and Fees for Use; Mrs. Hollowing seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to approve the updated policy, KFA and KFA-R Community Use of AHS/AMS Fields and Fees for Use; Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to discuss, at 7:50 p.m., Mrs. Kauffman made a motion to adjourn for the evening; Mrs. McCrillis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectively submitted,

Ailaine Zautner
Recording Secretary

Referenced documents:

- Minutes from May 22, 2019 SC Meeting
- Field Trip Requests
- Handbook Updates
- Letter to Retirees
- Thank you to Seaman Engineering from AMS
- School Nurse Job Sharing Proposal
- Year to Date Budget Report
- Food Services Food and Non-Food Bids Memo from Mrs. King
- KFA/KFA-R Policy