

*Quincy, MASSACHUSETTS – September 15, 2010*

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Regular Meeting of the Quincy School Committee

A regular meeting of the Quincy School Committee was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall. Present were: Mr. Dave McCarthy, Mrs. Emily Lebo, Ms. Barbara Isola, Mrs. Jo-Ann Bragg, Mayor Thomas P. Koch and Mrs. Anne Mahoney, Vice Chairman.

Regular

Vice Chairman  
Presiding

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The Superintendent called the roll and Mrs. Dwyer was absent. Also present were: Dr. Richard DeCristofaro, Secretary; Mrs. Tefta Burrelli, Clerk; Messrs. Mullaney, Draicchio, Mulvey, Murphy and Keith Segalla; Ms. Roberts, Tenaglia, Todd, and Hughes. Ms. Allison Cox, QEA President and Ms. Tracey Christello, Citywide.

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The Committee observed a moment of silence for Mrs. Carol Shiffer and Mr. Steve O'Donnell who recently passed away.

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On a motion by Mrs. Bragg, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Special Meeting minutes for June 10, 2010 were approved. The ayes have it.

Special Meeting  
Mins. Approved  
6/10/2010

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On a motion by Mrs. Lebo, seconded by Mayor Koch, the Regular Session minutes for June 16, 2010 were approved. The ayes have it.

Reg. Session Mins.  
6/16/2010

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On a motion by Ms. Isola, seconded by Mrs. Lebo, the Committee approved the Executive Session Minutes for June 16, 2010. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-1. Mrs. Bragg ABSTAINED and Mrs. Dwyer was absent.

Exec. Session Mins.  
6/16/2010

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On a motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mayor Koch, the Committee approved a request to name the Occupational and Physical Therapy Room at

Occupational & Physical  
Therapy Room named

the Amelio Della Chiesa Preschool after Carol Shiffer. Mrs. Shiffer served the young children in Quincy for almost 30 years. She supervised the occupational therapists and physical therapists for many years. The ayes have it. Mrs. Bragg asked that, in the future, requests like this appear on two agendas before approval is given.

after Carol Shiffer @  
Amelio Della Chiesa  
Early Childhood Ctr.

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Students from North Quincy High were present to invite everyone to watch *Rachael's Challenge*. Rachel Scott was a student who was killed at Columbine. This is student run program.

Rachael's Challenge

Backpack Initiatives has become an annual initiative with our Quincy partners. This year, 2,100 backpacks were handed out to our elementary schools students.

Supts. Report

Mr. Nicholas Ahearn was appointed principal of Marshall Elementary School, Dr. John Franceschini was appointed Assistant Principal of the Reay E. Sterling Middle School, and Mrs. Kerri Connolly has been appointed Special Education Team Administrator at the Amelio Della Chiesa Early Childhood Ctr.

Appointments

The Committee received a listing of school Open Houses for this new school year. *Tis the Season.....* will be held on December 7, 2010 at the new Quincy High School auditorium. There was a very informal orientation gathering held for our new teachers.

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As there was no one who wished to speak at Open Forum, the committee went on with the business at hand.

Open forum

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Maintenance and custodial staff worked very hard over the summer. There were over 100 moves—(besides the big move at Quincy High School) tables, chairs, desks, computers, etc. Floor tiles and new floors were replaced at Parker, Beechwood Knoll, Squantum, Point Webster, North Quincy, Atherton Hough, Marshall and Atlantic. A complete fence repair for dump enclosures were done at several schools, several air conditioning repairs, a new heating system along with a new expansion tank at Veterans Stadium, numerous rooms were painted, through a grant, two retaining walls were built at Sterling, five new computer labs at North Quincy, and a new gym floor at Merrymount. Mr. Murphy said that the Merrymount gym floor cost approximately \$30,000. It is an epoxy type material.

Bldg. Update  
Mr. Murphy reports

Mrs. Bragg asked about a security issue (paving school yards) which she had brought up several times before. Mr. Murphy said there was some progress. Potholes were filled in, but there has been no repaving. Mayor Koch said there is no money right now for repaving. He will try to get to it under capital

improvement. He is going to the City Council for funds and of that money will be school related. Mr. Murphy said Alantic, Bernazzani, Squantum, and Snug Harbor had pot holes filled. Mrs. Mahoney said she saw the City tarring the inside of the Veterans Stadium. The Mayor said the money used for that is from a bond issue for the Stadium project. That money had been specifically allocated for improvements at the Veterans Stadium. The timing of it was unfortunate as there were events scheduled for that day also.

Mrs. Lebo commended and thanked the custodians and maintenance staff for their work getting the new Quincy High School ready to open.

Mr. McCarthy inquired about access to the old Quincy High School. The Mayor said he will report at next meeting on old Quincy High School and Coddington Hall.

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The Superintendent thanked everyone who attended the grand opening for the new Quincy High School held Sunday, August 29. It was a huge success. Mr. McCarthy inquired about the punch list. The Superintendent said they are working on that he will try and get Jim Anderson at next meeting to go through the punch list. Mayor Koch said there are some issues and still some work to do. The City is working on who is responsible for what. When Mrs. Dwyer returns, we have a walkthrough with Tishman and come back with a refreshed punch list.

New QHS  
Supt. Reports

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Mrs. Bragg expressed concern with the amount of time between meetings for the Central Building Committee. She asked the Superintendent and/or the Mayor to schedule a meeting on the new Central. She would like to begin visiting other middle schools. Mayor Koch said things are going well. He will present a draft report for the new Central at the next School Committee meeting. He hopes that the School Committee will take a vote at this time and he can go on to the City Council. The Superintendent will work with Mr. Cunniff on Coddington Hall and what he envisions for a layout if we're going to move the Administrative offices there.

Central Bldg. Comm.  
Mrs. Bragg Reports

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Mrs. Colleen Roberts reported on the preliminary class sizes. We have a total of 9,347 students. Mrs. Roberts explained that the first priority of all the schools is to make sure that the students registered are put into Star Base. We then take a look at the class list to make sure we find out where any students who are not in front of a teacher are--if they moved, etc. That stage is happening at this time. The numbers that the Committee received are preliminary. The final numbers have to be sent in to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on October 1. Mrs. Roberts should have the exact figures on or before the October 13 School Committee meeting. At this time, there are two grade 3

Enrollment/Class  
Size

Montclair and Snug Harbor and one grade 4 at Squantum with 26-27 students in a class. All have a skill support teacher in their class. The skill support teacher works in conjunction with the full time teacher every morning for reading, writing, and math. At middle school, there are six classes 29 and above. At high school there are 40 classes that are 30 or above. We are watching class size very closely. Schedules in high schools constantly change for the first month.

Mrs. Lebo asked Mrs. Roberts to come back to the Committee with the breakdown for informational purposes. She has a concern with the standard classes being 30 or above. Mrs. Isola asked that her report include level, subject, and the school.

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Ms. Janice Erler reported on this past summer programs. There were 183 teachers that worked. Funding came from grants and tuitions. Also, 16 students graduated in August from the Evening High School. A short video of the students that participated in the summer programs was presented.

Summer Programs

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The Superintendent listed his fall school committee and leadership team tasks. They are: MCAS results, common core students, technology upgrades, system wide, the DIP, School Committee leadership tasks, School Improvement Plans, Bullying, tardiness procedures, Athletic waivers, the free and reduced lunch process, full day Kindergarten, Opportunities and Challenges, open enrollment policy. We need to look at our facilities, look at demographics, student achievement, our graduation rate. The Committee reviewed the items in their subcommittees.

Fall SC Leadership Team Tasks

Subcommittees Updated

Under Safety and Security Subcommittee, the Committee removed:

HS Health Curriculum

Under Budget and Finance Subcommittee, the Committee removed:

- High School Health Curriculum
- Bus Rental Fees
- Building Rental Fees
- Revolving Funds 5-yr. History
- Advanced Placement Policy 10.15.1
- RTTT
- Curriculum Director

The Committee added to the Budget and Finance Subcommittee:

Opportunities and Challenges  
Full Day Kindergarten  
Free and Reduced lunch  
Short and long term goals for budget

Under Health, Safety, Security and Transportation, the Committee removed:

High School Health Curriculum

Under School Policy Subcommittee, the Committee removed:

Teacher Evaluations  
Grade Configurations

The Committee added to the School Policy Subcommittee:

Attendance & Tardy Policy with High School Principals  
CPR/AED and First Aid Training  
Students Use of Electronics  
Open Enrollment Policy  
Anti-bullying Policy

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On a motion by Mayor Koch, seconded by Ms. Isola, the Committee approved a trip to Paris, France for North Quincy High students from April 12, 2011 to April 23, 2011. The ayes have it.

Out of Country Travel  
NQ to France

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Mrs. Lebo asked to see a report on the last two times staff evaluations were done. She also wants to make sure promoting and marketing is going on for the late fall, early winter CTE programs. Ms. Isola wants people to be assured that even though there is a change in the name, it is still technical education.

Staff Evaluations

Mr. McCarthy is looking for a transportation update on our vendors for the next School Committee meeting from Mr. Draicchio. How is it working out with all transportation? Mr. McCarthy asked Mrs. Roberts to look at Mr. Carew's position with the a cappella choir. Is he half time at both high schools?

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At the Budget Subcommittee meeting earlier this evening, Mr. Mullaney went through the budget to date. We need to pay attention to some areas. The Superintendent will re-evaluate short term and long term goals. There are two sources of stimulus money coming in--\$1.3 million for the educational jobs program, that money can be spent anytime going back to August 2010 up until the first quarter of 2012. The \$101,000 SFSF Funds money, which can be spent any time this fiscal

Budget Subcommittee  
Mrs. Mahoney reports

year or the first quarter of FY2012.

Mrs. Mahoney cautioned that we move slower with the larger portion. The Superintendent will come back with recommendations in the areas of the budget with short term and a longer financial picture so that we can evaluate the best way to proceed with these additional funds.

Mrs. Mahoney requested from the city side a forecast that they have been working on so we will be able to look at what the City is doing, so the Committee can make the best choices. The Committee also requested updates between the quarterly budget reports.

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The Committee noted the following appointments:

Appointments

Jaclyn Baltrukonis	John Daley
Ciane Newell	Catherine O'Connor
Paula Parker	Angela Yu

Teachers

The Committee noted the following resignations:

Resignations

Lisa Bellask	Colleen Carlson
Elizabeth Collura	Jennifer Eddy
Emily Gude	Paula Radzewich
James Scott	
John Doran	
Allyce Kenney	
Nancy McLaughlin	

Teachers

Bus Driver  
Sr. Clk. Typist  
Paraprofessional

The Committee noted the following retirements:

Retirements

Janice Francis	
Francis Kabilian	Ann Marie Norris

Conf. Secretary  
Paraprofessional

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The Committee noted the following Leaves of Absence:

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Mark Connerty	Karen Kelliher
Katie Kunevich	Michelle Nixon
Stacy Reed	Maria Weber

Teachers

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On a motion by Mrs. Bragg, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Committee voted to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. for the evening. There was no executive session. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 6-0. Mrs. Dwyer was absent.

Adjournment