

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Quincy School Committee
Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 7:00 pm
City Council Chambers, City Hall

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2013 and Organizational Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2014.

- II. Open Forum: An opportunity for community input regarding the Quincy Public Schools. After giving his or her name and address, each speaker may make a presentation of no more than four minutes to the School Committee. An individual may not exchange their time or yield to others.

- III. Superintendent's Report:
 - A. Inspiring Quincy
 - B. Educator Evaluation Newsletter
 - C. YMCA Grant
 - D. New School Committee Member Orientation
 - E. Substance Abuse Awareness Week, January 6-10
 - F. Parent Academies, January 7 and 28
 - G. Aspen Publication #9
 - H. Home-School Connections: Wollaston Elementary School Monthly Newsletter; Montclair Elementary and Broad Meadows Middle School Curriculum Newsletters

- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Facilities Dedications (Vote):
 1. Quincy High School Custodians' Office: Thomas Orseno
 2. Quincy High School Green Space: Bruce McDonald

V. New Business:

A. Professional Development Plan Presentation

Madeline Roy

B. School Committee Clerk Appointment

C. 2014-2015 School Committee Calendar

D. 2014-2015 School Year Calendar

E. Gift: Baby Grand Piano (\$5,000 value) to Point Webster Middle School from Dr. Steven A. Brustin.

F. Gift: Multi-Lane Timer/Scoreboard (\$3,000 value) to Lincoln Hancock Community School from the YMCA.

G. Overnight Travel: Quincy High School Student Council to the Massachusetts Association of Student Councils Conference in Hyannis, MA March 5 through 7, 2014.

H. Out of State Travel:

1. Point Webster Middle School Grade 8 to New York City, New York June 5 through June 6, 2014.
2. Sterling Middle School Grade 8 to New York City, New York June 4 through June 5, 2014.
3. North Quincy High School and Quincy High School HYPER Robotics Team to FRC Regional Competition in Portsmouth, NH March 5 through March 8, 2014.

VI. Additional Business:

VII. Communications:

VIII. Reports of Subcommittees:

IX. Executive Session: None

X. Adjournment:

SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BUDGET & FINANCE

SCHOOL FACILITIES AND SECURITY

- (1) Sterling Building Plans Referred to Subcommittee by the School Building Task Force in 1998.
- (2) Coddington Hall Referred to Subcommittee at the May 18, 2011 School Committee Meeting. The City of Quincy has appropriated funds to refurbish Coddington Hall to serve as the Quincy Public Schools administrative offices. Wessling Architects has completed the design phase of the project and construction is underway as of June 2013.
- (3) Houses on Saville Avenue Referred to Subcommittee at the May 18, 2011 School Committee Meeting. Currently home to the City's Public Building department, the School Committee and Superintendent see no future educational uses for these properties.
- (4) President's City Inn Referred to Subcommittee at the October 10, 2012 School Committee Meeting. Safety concerns have been expressed about this property that abuts the new Central Middle School.
- (5) School Lobby Security Controls Referred to Subcommittee at the January 23, 2013 School Committee Meeting. Review of existing visitor protocols, with special consideration of current high school policies and discussion of enhancements moving forward for all schools.
- (6) Solar Array Installation on School Roofs Referred to Subcommittee at the June 12, 2013 School Committee Meeting for further review and discussion.
- (7) Heating Audit Referred at the November 13, 2013 Subcommittee meeting. Heating issues at all schools to be reviewed and prioritized with Public Buildings/Maintenance departments.

HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY

- (1) School Meal Charges Referred to Subcommittee at the March 21, 2012 School Committee Meeting. New state and federal regulations require formalization of the school meal charges policy.
- (2) Science Lab Safety: Referred from the Teaching and Learning Subcommittee at the April 2, 2012 meeting. High School and High School Science labs have been reviewed and needed updates for compliance completed as of September 24, 2012 Special School Committee Meeting. Monitoring of supplies will be handled by High School Safety Team; need similar plan for Middle Schools.
- (3) Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Referred to Subcommittee at the September 24, 2012 Special School Committee Meeting. Student Support Services working with Lincoln Hancock, Clifford Marshall, and Parker Elementary Schools on piloting this initiative.

SCHOOL POLICY

- (1) Graduation Requirements Referred to Subcommittee at the September 7, 2011 School Committee Meeting and discussed at the October 11, 2011 School Policy Subcommittee. The discussion centered around adding a fourth year of Math as a graduation requirement; the issue is tabled until more is known about the impact of the new Common Core Standards on the Massachusetts frameworks.
- (2) New Educator Evaluations Referred at the September 7, 2011 School Committee Meeting and shared with the Teaching and Learning Subcommittee. Further discussion will be held in joint Subcommittee Meetings and Executive Session as it pertains to collective bargaining.
- (3) High School Community Service Referred to Subcommittee at the December 14, 2011 School Committee Meeting. A resolution was introduced proposing a Community Service requirement; pilot program for Grades 10 and 11 was completed in the 2012-2013 school year. The pilot program was extended to the 2013-2014 school year for grades 11 and 12.
- (4) Adding CPR as a Graduation Requirement Referred to Subcommittee at the March 21, 2012 School Committee Meeting. Review and discussion of existing policy requested.

- (5) Advertising/Sponsorship Opportunities Referred at the June 13, 2012 School Committee Meeting. Review and discussion of amending the existing policy requested to explore the possibility of raising revenue by accepting advertising sponsorships.
- (6) Extracurricular Eligibility Referred at the March 25, 2013 Ad Hoc Athletics Rules Subcommittee. Review and discussion of the existing policy and consideration of increasing the requirements.
- (7) Residency Referred at the September 18, 2013 Special School Committee Meeting. Review of existing policy and expansion to include additional information on verification process.
- (8) Dedication of the Quincy High School Custodian's Office Referred at the November 13, 2013 School Committee Meeting. The motion is to dedicate the office to Thomas (T.O.) Orseno, member of the Quincy High School Custodial staff for 20 years.
- (9) Review of High School Academic and Extracurricular Programs Referred at the November 13, 2013 School Committee Meeting. A comparison of the offerings at both schools to be analyzed to ensure equitable and parallel opportunities for all students at both facilities.
- (10) Dedication of the Quincy High School Green Space Referred at the November 13, 2013 School Committee Meeting. The motion is to dedicate the green space on the site of the former Quincy High School building to Mr. Bruce McDonald, former English teacher and department chair.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

- (1) Student Information for Substitute Teachers Originally referred to Subcommittee at the January 17, 2007 School Committee Meeting. At the Special Education Subcommittee meeting on October 16, 2013, it was agreed that the new Aspen Student Information System Special Education module reports will be utilized to share information with substitute teachers about IEPs, 504 plans, and accommodations. Projected implementation is by February 2014.
- (2) Special Education Program Assessment Referred to Subcommittee at the January 28, 2012 Special School Committee Meeting. This will be an ongoing discussion of the curriculum initiatives for Special Education.

RULES, POST AUDIT & OVERSIGHT

TEACHING AND LEARNING

- (1) New Educator Evaluations Referred at the September 7, 2011 School Committee Meeting and shared with the School Policy Subcommittee. The 2013-2014 school year is the first year of the new Educator Evaluation process and a collaboration will continue between the School Committee, Superintendent's Leadership Team, and the Quincy Education Association around issues related to the implementation.
- (2) Media Specialists in Elementary and Middle Schools Referred at the January 23, 2012 School Committee Meeting. The Citywide Parents' Council presented a signed petition representing the request to restore these positions. Three Middle School Library Teacher positions were added in the FY2014 budget, as well as thirteen Library Support Teachers for the Elementary Schools.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

CHANNEL 22

Created at the October 27, 2007 School Committee meeting to encourage the greater use of Channel 22 across Quincy Public Schools.

Mahoney/McCarthy

CENTRAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mahoney

ATHLETIC RULES

Created at the October 24, 2012 School Committee meeting to continue discussion on Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association rules.