

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Quincy School Committee
Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 7:00 pm
City Council Chambers, City Hall

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2014 and Executive Session Minutes for March 5, 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. Parent Academy, March 18
 - C. Partnership Activities
 - D. SWELL Academy Grant
 - E. MSBA Projects Update
 - F. NAEYC Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Accreditation
 - G. QHS Students at Harvard Model Congress
 - H. Middle School Swim Meet, April 5
 - I. Leadership in Action
 - J. Home-School Connections: Monthly Newsletters from the Della Chiesa Early Childhood Center, Atherton Hough, Squantum, and Wollaston Elementary Schools

- IV. Old Business:

V. New Business:

- A. Health Services Presentation *Mrs. Kisielius, Mrs. Papile*

- B. Elementary Library Program Support *Ms. Owens*

- C. PARCC Testing Update *Mrs. Fredrickson, Ms. Roy*

- D. Policy Update: Athletic Eligibility *Mr. Bregoli*
(Vote at the April 9 School Committee Meeting)

- E. Out of State Travel:
 - 1. Sterling Middle School Grade 6 to Canobie Lake Park, Windham, New Hampshire on June 16, 2014.
 - 2. Montclair Elementary School Grade 5 to Canobie Lake Park, Windham, New Hampshire on June 16, 2014.

- F. Overnight Travel: Quincy High School Skills USA to the Massachusetts District Conference in XXX May 1 through May 3, 2014.

- G. Out of the Country Travel: North Quincy High School Italian Students to Rome and Florence, Italy April 14 through 24, 2014.

VI. Additional Business:

VII. Communications:

VIII. Reports of Subcommittees:

- A. Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Music Programs: Mrs. Hubley to report on the March 10, 2014 meeting.
- B. Facilities and Security Subcommittee: Mr. McCarthy to report on the March 18, 2014 meeting.

IX. Executive Session: None

X. Adjournment:

SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BUDGET & FINANCE

Hubley/Bregoli, DiBona, Isola, Koch, Mahoney, McCarthy

FACILITIES AND SECURITY

McCarthy/Bregoli/Hubley

- (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.
- (8) North Quincy High School Campus Expansion/Teal Field Project Referred at the January 22, 2014 School Committee Meeting. A presentation on the proposed enhancements will be scheduled.
- (9) Atlantic Middle School Parking Lot and Traffic Improvements Referred at the January 22, 2014 School Committee Meeting. A presentation of the proposed enhancements will be scheduled.

HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY

DiBona/Bregoli/McCarthy

- (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. Monitoring of supplies will be handled by School Safety Teams.
- (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.
- (4) Traffic Concerns at North Quincy High School Referred to Subcommittee at the March 5, 2014 School Committee Meeting. Parent concerns about East Squantum Street crosswalk/parking lot entrance

POLICY

Bregoli/Isola/Hubley

- (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. 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) 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.
- (9) Dedication of the North Quincy High School Basketball Court Referred at the January 22, 2014 School Committee Meeting. The motion is to dedicate the basketball court to Robert Nolan.

SPECIAL EDUCATION**Mahoney/DiBona/McCarthy**

- (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 September 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**Hubley/Isola/Mahoney****TEACHING AND LEARNING****Isola/Hubley/Mahoney**

- (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****Mahoney/McCarthy**

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

CENTRAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**Mahoney****MUSIC PROGRAMS****Hubley/DiBona/McCarthy**

Created at the January 22, 2014 School Committee Meeting to evaluate the current music programs at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.