

Quincy, MASSACHUSETTS – January 22, 2014

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Regular Meeting of the Quincy School Committee

A regular meeting of the Quincy School Committee was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mr. Paul Bregoli, Mr. Noel DiBona, Ms. Barbara Isola, Mrs. Anne Mahoney, Mr. David McCarthy, and Mrs. Kathryn Hubley, Vice Chair.

Regular Meeting

Vice-Chair Presiding

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The Superintendent called the roll and Mayor Koch was absent. Also present were: Dr. Richard DeCristofaro, Secretary; Ms. Laura Owens, Clerk; Mr. Michael Draicchio, Mr. James Mullaney, Deputy Superintendent Kevin Mulvey, Mrs. Maura Papile, Ms. Madeline Roy, Mr. Keith Segalla, and Ms. Judy Todd.

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There was a moment of silence in honor of those Ms. Linda Proto, a transportation monitor for many years.

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Ms. Isola made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCarthy to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for January 8, 2014. On a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Regular Meeting Minutes Approved 1/8/2014

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As no one wished to speak at Open Forum, School Committee moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Open Forum

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Dr. DeCristofaro introduced the Inspire Quincy video featuring the Parker Elementary Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration; Professional Development with Elementary DDM teams for ELA and Math; the Point Webster Middle School Geography Bee; the Lincoln Hancock Community School Literacy Night; Atherton Hough Library book borrowing; and the high school Athletic Directors overview of Winter sports.

Superintendent's Report

The next Parent Academy will be held January 28 at Central Middle School and is for middle school parents to learn more about the Aspen Student Portal. On March 18, the Parent Academy will focus on Assessment.

The Middle School Volleyball Championship will be held on January 25 at 8:30 am at North Quincy High School. Over 150 middle school students will compete in the tournament, thanks to each school’s principal, the site facilitators, and coaches.

The first cross-town High School Swim Meet in many years will be held on Thursday, January 30 at 4:00 pm at the Lincoln Hancock pool. Through the efforts of Coach McGillicuddy and the partnership with the South Shore YMCA, the program has grown so that each high school now has separate girls teams. The Learn to Swim program for elementary students at Lincoln Hancock and Clifford Marshall and the vacation week Competitive Skills Clinics for middle school students will aid in growing the program for years to come.

Atlantic Middle School is once again celebrating student diversity during One World Week, January 20-24.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2014-2015 school year will be held on Tuesday, March 4 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at all elementary schools. Registration materials can be found online at:
<http://quincypublicschools.com/blog/2014/01/27/kindergarten-registration-2014-2015/>

School Committee members also received a thank you note from Mike Casali for the Central Middle School gymnasium dedication; a revised Partnership Event Calendar with new dates that were adjusted to accommodate scheduling conflicts; and copies of the Bernazzani and Sterling Monthly and Extended Educational Programs Newsletters.

Superintendent DeCristofaro concluded his report by noting that at the February 5 School Committee meeting, he will be presenting the mid-cycle review on the Superintendent’s Annual Plan goals; an update on Educator Evaluation and the DDM initiative; and the FY2014 Grant Booklet.

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Mr. Bregoli made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 School Committee Meeting calendar. Mr. Bregoli seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the ayes have it 6-0; Mayor Koch was absent.

Old Business
2014-2015 School Committee Calendar (Vote)

Mr. Bregoli made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 School Year calendar. Ms. Isola seconded the motion and on a roll call vote, the ayes have it 6-0; Mayor Koch was absent.

2014-2015 School Year Calendar (Vote)

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Superintendent DeCristofaro announced that the Academic Support and Elementary Library Support Program Updates would be deferred to a later meeting, given that school had been cancelled today for inclement weather, so staff or students were not able to participate in the presentations.

New Business
Resolutions Supporting
Massachusetts School
Building Authority
Statements of Interest

Dr. DeCristofaro reviewed the North Quincy High School, Wollaston and Merrymount Elementary School window and door replacement projects under the Massachusetts School Building Authority’s (MSBA) Accelerated Repair Program, which have completed the design schematic phase and are awaiting MSBA Board approval at the January 29 meeting. The MSBA has called for this year’s submission of Statements of Interest (SOIs) for schools for the Accelerated Repair Program to be completed by February 14, 2014. Based on a needs analysis conducted by the Public Buildings department, Mayor Koch and Dr. DeCristofaro are proposing submitting SOIs for window and door replacement for the Lincoln Hancock Community School, the F.W. Parker and Beechwood Knoll Elementary Schools, and the Point Webster Middle School. City Council will then vote on supporting the SOIs at their February 3, 2014 meeting.

Be It Resolved:

Resolution for Lincoln
Hancock Community
School Statement of
Interest

Having convened in an open meeting on January 22, 2014, prior to the closing date, the School Committee of Quincy, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated January 22, 2014 for the Lincoln Hancock Community School located at 300 Granite Street, Quincy, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Priority 5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy-related costs in a school facility.

Description of Deficiencies for Priority 5: The Lincoln Hancock Community School was built in 1971. Given the innovation in window manufacturing technology since the building was completed, the Lincoln Hancock Community School’s energy efficiency would be substantially improved by the installation of replacement windows. New replacement windows would also increase the amount of natural light entering classrooms, creating a better learning environment.

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance of the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or

commits the City of Quincy to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Mr. McCarthy made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the Superintendent filing a Statement of Interest with the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the Lincoln Hancock Community School. Ms. Isola seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ayes have it 6-0. Mayor Koch was absent.

Be It Resolved:

Resolution for F.W.
Parker Elementary
School Statement of
Interest

Having convened in an open meeting on January 22, 2014, prior to the closing date, the School Committee of Quincy, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated January 22, 2014 for the F.W. Parker Elementary School located at 148 Billings Road, Quincy, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Priority 5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy-related costs in a school facility.

Description of Deficiencies for Priority 5: The F.W. Parker Elementary School was built in 1916 and renovated in 1995. Given the innovation in window manufacturing technology since the building renovation was completed, the F.W. Parker Elementary School's energy efficiency would be substantially improved by the installation of replacement windows. New replacement windows would also increase the amount of natural light entering classrooms, creating a better learning environment.

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Mr. McCarthy made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the Superintendent filing a Statement of Interest with the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the F.W. Parker Elementary School. Mr. Bregoli seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ayes have it 6-0. Mayor Koch was absent.

Be It Resolved:

Resolution for
Beechwood Knoll
Elementary School
Statement of Interest

Having convened in an open meeting on January 22, 2014, prior to the closing date, the School Committee of Quincy, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated January 22, 2014 for the Beechwood Knoll Elementary School located at 225 Fenno Street, Quincy, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Priority 5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy-related costs in a school facility.

Description of Deficiencies for Priority 5: The Beechwood Knoll Elementary School was built in 1952 and renovated in 1995. Given the innovation in window manufacturing technology since the building renovation was completed, the Beechwood Knoll Elementary School's energy efficiency would be substantially improved by the installation of replacement windows. New replacement windows would also increase the amount of natural light entering classrooms, creating a better learning environment.

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Mr. McCarthy made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the Superintendent filing a Statement of Interest with the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the Beechwood Knoll Elementary School. Ms. Isola seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ayes have it 6-0. Mayor Koch was absent.

Be It Resolved:

Resolution for Point
Webster Middle School
Statement of Interest

Having convened in an open meeting on January 22, 2014, prior to the closing date, the School Committee of Quincy, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated January 22, 2014 for the Point Webster Middle School located at 60 Lancaster Street, Quincy, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category for which an application may be submitted to

the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Priority 5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy-related costs in a school facility.

Description of Deficiencies for Priority 5: The Point Webster Middle School was built in 1917 and renovated in 1998. Given the innovation in window manufacturing technology since the building renovation was completed, the Point Webster Middle School’s energy efficiency would be substantially improved by the installation of replacement windows. New replacement windows would also increase the amount of natural light entering classrooms, creating a better learning environment.

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Mr. McCarthy made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the Superintendent filing a Statement of Interest with the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the Point Webster Middle School. Ms. Isola seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ayes have it 6-0. Mayor Koch was absent.

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Mr. Bregoli made a motion to accept the gift of a \$3,000.00 from the Randy C. Wolfe Music Trust for the Quincy Public Schools Music Program. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Gift: \$3,000 from the Randy C. Wolfe Trust

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Ms. Isola made a motion to approve the Overnight Travel of the North Quincy High School Air Force Junior ROTC to Yorktown, VA April 4 through April 8, 2014. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Overnight Travel

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Ms. Isola made a motion to approve the Out of State Travel of the Quincy High School Electrical Technology students to Mount Sunapee, Newbury, NH on March 7, 2014. Mr. Bregoli seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Out of State Travel

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Mr. McCarthy added two items to the Facilities and Security Subcommittee at Mayor Koch's request: (1) A presentation on the North Quincy High School Teal Field/Campus proposal; (2) a presentation of the proposed Atlantic Middle School parking lot, field, and traffic improvements. Additional Business

Dr. DeCristofaro read a letter into the record on Mayor Koch's behalf:

Letter from Mayor Koch on the Squantum Elementary School

Dear Colleagues,

This evening, the Committee is scheduled to discuss our second Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for its accelerated repair program focusing on window replacements to school buildings system-wide. Based on our ongoing assessment of needs, it is my recommendation that the Statement of Interest be submitted for the Lincoln-Hancock, Parker, Beechwood Knoll, and Point Webster schools.

The City's participation in the Accelerated Repair Program, with window replacements at North Quincy High School, Wollaston Elementary School, and Merrymount Elementary School, expected to begin this summer, is a vital component of a broader program of building, expanding, and improving our school grounds that this committee together with our Administration has made a clear priority over the last several years.

With Central Middle School now open and formal planning for a new Sterling Middle School now underway, it is important that we continue to review and assess school buildings with larger needs. To that end, you will note that Squantum Elementary School is not recommended for this round of the window program. It is my belief that the Squantum School's needs are substantially greater than new windows. Therefore, it is my intention to begin a formal analysis for core improvements to Squantum Elementary School, up to and including the potential for building a new school.

As a Committee and a community, we have taken an aggressive, rational, and affordable approach to our building needs, and that requires extensive analysis and planning. Beginning the planning process for our needs at Squantum Elementary is the logical next step in our efforts together to create learning environments citywide ready to welcome future generations of our young people.

I appreciate this letter being read into the record in my absence, and thank you for your continued work on behalf of our community.

*Sincerely,
Mayor Thomas P. Koch*

Mr. Bregoli moved consideration of dedicating the North Quincy High School Basketball court to Robert Nolan into the Policy Subcommittee.

Mr. McCarthy would like to have a Facilities and Security Subcommittee meeting on February 26 (following the Health, Transportation, and Safety Subcommittee meeting) and invite the representatives of the Presidents' City Inn to attend to update on the construction timeline.

Mrs. Hubley would like to create an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to discuss the Instrumental/Band program. Mr. McCarthy made a motion to form an Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Instrumental/Band program. On the motion, Mr. McCarthy asked that the Subcommittee include three members and that Dr. DeCristofaro include the band teachers at all levels in proposing ideas. The motion was seconded by Mr. DiBona and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Instrumental/Band Program Formed

Ms. Isola asked what the goal of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee will be, so that School Committee will be able to assess when the goal is accomplished. Dr. DeCristofaro met with the band staff and also attended the Quincy Band Booster meeting last week. The Boosters' purpose is to how to assist the program through grant writing. Mrs. Hubley agreed that there will be a purpose presented before the first meeting is scheduled and that the members of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee will be Mr. DiBona, Mr. McCarthy, and herself, as Ad Hoc Subcommittee Chair.

Mrs. Mahoney announced QPAC would be hosting an IEP Workshop on January 23, 2014 in the QPAC Resource Room in Quincy High School.

Communications

Mrs. Mahoney asked that we communicate the news about the expansion of the Learn to Swim program to Quincy High School graduate Ms. Amelia Wool, currently a college freshman. She was an advocate for Learn to Swim programs.

Mr. McCarthy announced that the Facilities and Security Subcommittee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4. Agenda items will include the results of the heating audit, an update on the Coddington Hall renovation project, Quincy High School maintenance, and the Central Middle School punchlist.

Mr. DiBona announced a Health, Transportation, and Safety Subcommittee meeting on February 26, 2014; agenda items will include updates on health initiatives in School Improvement Plans and participation in system wide health events.

Mrs. Hubley reported on the January 13, 2014 Budget and Finance Subcommittee Meeting noting that all meeting minutes are posted online on the Quincy Public Schools website. At the meeting, Director of Business James Mullaney presented the

Reports of Subcommittees

Quarterly Budget Review, reviewing academic and non-academic salaries and expenses and all budget lines are at expected levels at this time.

Budget and Finance
Subcommittee
Meeting

Ms. Isola made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014 Budget and Finance Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Bregoli seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

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Mr. Bregoli reported on the January 13, 2014 Policy Subcommittee Meeting, The 2014-2015 School Committee Calendar and 2014-2015 School Year Calendar were both reviewed and moved to full School Committee vote. The items on the Policy Subcommittee agenda were then reviewed and prioritized. At the February 3 Policy Subcommittee, there will be an update on the Community Service Pilot; at the February 13, 2014 Policy Subcommittee meeting, High School Academic and Extracurricular programs will be reviewed, along with Extracurricular Eligibility. Residency will be discussed at a subsequent Policy Subcommittee meeting.

Policy Subcommittee

Mr. Bregoli removed items 8 and 10 from the Policy Subcommittee. (These items were for facilities dedications already voted on.)

Mr. McCarthy made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014 Policy Subcommittee meeting. Ms. Isola seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

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Mrs. Mahoney reported on the January 15, 2014 Special Education Subcommittee meeting. Executive Director of Instructional Technology Keith Segalla presented an overview of the Aspen Student Information System, including previewing the Special Education module which will be implemented in September 2014. One feature of the Special Education module will be teachers' ability to share accommodation information with substitute teachers by printing a report.

Special Education
Subcommittee

Dr. Christopher Denning from UMass Boston presented an update on the Young Athletes program, currently underway at the Della Chiesa Early Childhood Center. This program supports the gross motor skill development of children with disabilities and students have made average gains of eleven months in a 3-month period.

Ms. Todd shared the Special Education Department Newsletter and members of the Quincy Parent Advisory Council to Special Education (QPAC) shared an update on their goals and announced that the annual Resource Fair will be held on Saturday, March 29 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Mrs. Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2014

Special Education Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Bregoli seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

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Mr. Bregoli made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mahoney and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Adjournment