Minutes of the Holbrook School Committee Meeting  
August 13, 2015  
Central Office

Present:  
Arthur George, Chairperson  
Beth Tolson, Vice Chairperson  
Barbara Davis  
Nancy Alterio  
John Flanagan (Arrived at 7:15)  
Patricia Lally, Superintendent  
Julie Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent  
Patricia Lugo, Business Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by the Chairperson, Arthur George.

A brief moment of silence was held in memory of the late Stephen Gallagher.

Superintendent’s Report: Supt. Lally named Michele Callinan as interim Principal of the Kennedy School for the next 2 years and Dr. Mary Ann DeMello as interim Principal of the JSHS. Dr. DeMello has appointed department heads in Language Arts and Foreign Languages; Social Studies and the Arts; Math; Science and Physical Education; Special Education. This will allow time to explore a new PreK-12 structure with the new building: PreK-5 - Elementary Principal and Assistant Principal; same structure for grades 6-12.

Kindergarten enrollments have increased greatly over the summer to about 28 per class. Supt. Recommends adding an additional kindergarten section which would bring enrollments down to 22 students per section.

Motion Davis, second Tolson to hire an additional Kindergarten teacher.

Chairperson requested hearing the financial updated prior to a vote.

Financial Update: School Business manager, Patricia Lugo, explained that there is $10,400 remaining in the FY15 budget that can be rolled over to the FY16 budget to help offset costs for the additional teacher. Discussion on additional positions the district needs: An additional special ed teacher ($40,000), the Kindergarten teacher ($45,000) and an additional custodian ($45,000). One is currently out on leave.

Amended Motion (George/Alterio): to use available funds first for the kindergarten teacher. Unanimous 5-0-0
Main Motion (Davis/Tolson): Unanimous 5-0-0

Building Update: At the construction meeting, looking at the finished parking lot and the traffic flow.

Motion (Alterio/Flanagan) To request money from the Special Town Meeting for additional staff: Special Ed teacher for South (JFK and South sharing one currently), and additional custodian, and an additional Kindergarten teacher for a total of $104,000.

Unanimous 5-0-0

Motion (Alterio/Davis) To approve the amendment to the Chartwell’s contract

Unanimous 5-0-0

Motion (Flanagan/Tolson) To approve the Holbrook-Avon Cooperative Football agreement.

Unanimous 5-0-0

SubCommittee Reports: Budget Subcommittee is meeting with the Business Manager.

Motion to Adjourn (Davis/Tolson)

Unanimous 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Davis

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