



School Committee

MINUTES OF THE CHELSEA SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

October 3, 2013

Approved November 7, 2013

The Chelsea School Committee met on Thursday, October 3, 2013, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea.

Members Present: Chairman Ed Ells, Vice-Chairman Rosemarie Carlisle, Lucia Colon, Ana Hernandez, Charles Klauder, Angel Meza, Carlos Rodriguez, and Jeannette Velez .

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary M. Bourque, Assistant Superintendent Linda Breau, Executive Director for Administration & Finance and School Business Manager and Clerk to the School Committee Barbara Martin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Carlisle called for a moment of silence in memory of former School Committee Member Lydia Walata.

School Committee Minutes: The minutes of the September 5, 2013 School Committee Meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Comment: None

Report of the Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Bourque called upon Executive Director for Administration & Finance Gerry McCue to speak on the Clark Ave School Project, before doing so Dr. Bourque explained the Clark Avenue Middle School Education Program and how the project is critical to leveraging architecture in support of delivering effective academic and support services.

Mr. Cue introduced the Owner's Project Manager Jennifer Pinck and HMFH architect Lori Cowles. Ms. Cowles discussed the three possible solutions: renovation only, a

combination of renovation and new construction, and new construction, with new construction the preferred solution. A copy of the report is attached and forms a part of these minutes.

Next, Ms. Pinck explained the Construction Manager at Risk procurement method and why it may be the best option for this project.

Questions and discussion ensued.

Dr. Bourque then introduced the new Student Representative Rebeca Torrento. Rebeca is a senior at Chelsea High School.

Ms. Lineweaver joined that meeting at this time.

Student Achievement: Dr. Bourque called upon Assistant Superintendent Linda Breau to report on student achievement.

Mrs. Breau reviewed the 2013 MCAS Data Analysis noting highlights and areas of concern in English Language Arts, Math and Science. A copy of the report is attached and forms a part of these minutes.

Next, Mrs. Breau discussed the District Indicators of Success.

Indicator 1-Attendance was at target of 95% for September.

Indicator 2- Annual dropout rate showed that 17 students have withdrawn between July 1, 2013 and September 30, 2013. Twelve plans unknown, four to adult education and one to Youth Build. A copy of this report is enclosed and forms a part of these minutes.

Lastly, Ms. Breau noted that there were 75 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship winners from the Class of 2013, up from 60 students last year.

Personnel Report: Dr. Bourque commended the personnel report to the record.

Enrollment Report: Dr. Bourque commended the enrollment report to the record. As of October 1, 2013 the district-wide enrollment was 6, 264 students, including 130 students in out-of-district placements. In addition, there are 5 Chapter 768 students for whom the district has financial responsibility.

Announcements: Dr. Bourque congratulated Gerry Mc Cue, 2013 All Chelsea Award winner for Public Servant of the Year. NBC Nightly news was in Chelsea speaking to the Superintendent, teachers and students. The airing date is not know at this time. Dr. Bourque is part of the DESE delegation traveling to Helsinki and Berlin to view their education system.
October 14- No school Columbus Day
October 21- No school Teacher Professional Development

Committee Reports:

- **Budget & Finance:** Ms. Lineweaver reported that the subcommittee last met on September 19, 2013. A copy of the report is attached and forms a part of these minutes.

- **Curriculum & Instruction:** Ms. Velez reported that the subcommittee last met on September 26, 2013. A copy of the report is attached and forms a part of these minutes.
- **Policy & Procedures:** Ms. Colon reported that the subcommittee last met on September 12, 2013. A copy of the report is attached and forms a part of these minutes.
- **Student Representative:** Ms. Torrento reported on fall sports noting that volleyball, soccer, football and cross-country are all under way. She also reported that clubs are starting and Club Advisors are available during lunch to answer questions. Lastly Ms. Torrento noted that the Drama Club will be presenting *Our Town* on November 7th through the 9th at Chelsea High School.

New Business:

- Ms. Lineweaver moved to accept the following grants for the 2013-2014 school year:

Federal: Race to the Top - \$1,331,039

Federal: IDEA, Early Childhood - \$11,522

MA: Expanded Learning Time - \$706,944

MA: K-12 Literacy - \$22,553

MA: Curriculum and Assessment - \$87,000

MA: Adult Basic Education - \$341,798

MA: Department of Public Health Grant, Reach Program - \$27,000

Private: College Board - \$10,000

Chairman Ells called for a roll call vote.

Charles Klauder	Y
Carlos J. Rodriguez	Y
Rosemarie Carlisle	AB
Edward Ells	Y
Lucia Colon	Y
Ana Hernandez	Y
Jeanette Velez	Y
Lisa Lineweaver	Y
Angel Meza	Y

Having eight votes in the affirmative and one absent the motion was approved.

- Ms. Lineweaver moved to approve the following in connection with the Clark Avenue School Project: Preliminary Design Program Preferred Schematic Report

Chairman Ells called for a roll call vote.

Charles Klauder	Y
Carlos J. Rodriguez	Y
Rosemarie Carlisle	Y
Edward Ells	Y
Lucia Colon	Y
Ana Hernandez	Y
Jeanette Velez	Y
Lisa Lineweaver	Y
Angel Meza	Y

Having nine votes in the affirmative the motion was approved.

- Ms. Lineweaver moved to approve the use of the Construction Manager at Risk procurement method in connection with the Clark Avenue School Project.

Chairman Ells called for a roll call vote.

Charles Klauder	Y
Carlos J. Rodriguez	Y
Rosemarie Carlisle	Y
Edward Ells	Y
Lucia Colon	Y

Ana Hernandez	Y
Jeanette Velez	Y
Lisa Lineweaver	Y
Angel Meza	Y

Having nine votes in the affirmative the motion was approved.

- Ms. Lineweaver moved to approve the following budget transfers:

\$50,533.00 from After School Supervisor line to ILP Teachers/Tutors line, to pay a portion of ILP Director's salary not covered by ABE grant.

Chairman Ells called for a roll call vote.

Charles Klauder	Y
Carlos J. Rodriguez	Y
Rosemarie Carlisle	Y
Edward Ells	Y
Lucia Colon	Y
Ana Hernandez	Y
Jeanette Velez	Y
Lisa Lineweaver	Y
Angel Meza	Y

Having nine votes in the affirmative the motion was approved.

- Ms. Velez moved to approve the home schooling petition of the Ybarra Family for their child, Thomas grade 1.
On a voice vote the motion was approved.
- Ms. Velez moved to approve the home schooling petition of Saldis Lugo for her child, Jabella Urrejola-Lugo grade 5/6.
On a voice vote the motion was approved.

- Mrs. Carlisle moved to approve the Revision of Bullying Prevention & Intervention Plan.
On a voice vote the motion was approved.
- Mr. Meza introduced a late motion to send a letter to our Congressional delegation and Senators that the School Committee is concerned by further cuts to funding social programs.
On a voice vote the motion was approved.

Communications: None

Book of the Month: Ms. Velez volunteered for November.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Recorded by

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