



School Committee

MINUTES OF THE CHELSEA SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING November 18, 2010

APPROVED December 16, 2010

The Chelsea School Committee met on Thursday, November 18, 2010, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea.

Members Present: Chairman Lisa Lineweaver, Vice-Chairman Ed Ells, Rosemarie Carlisle, Michael Caulfield, Lucia Colon, Ramona Foster, Ana Hernandez, Morrie Seigal, and Melinda Alvarado-Vega.

Also Present: School Superintendent Dr. Thomas S. Kingston, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Mary M. Bourque, Executive Director Administration & Finance Gerry McCue, Student Representative Ugo Cvjetan and School Business Manager and Clerk to the School Committee Barbara Martin.

Absent: City Council Representative Kathleen Bishop

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

School Committee Minutes: The minutes of the October 28, 2010, School Committee Meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Comment: Chairman Lineweaver opened the public comment session and also indicated that the public comment period provided a public hearing for anyone wishing to comment on the new anti-bullying policy. Sharon Brisson, 42 Nichols St, Chelsea, MA commented on the Phoenix Charter Academy and asked what agency oversees charter schools. There were no comments presented about the anti-bully policy.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools:

Student Achievement: Dr. Bourque reviewed the District Indicators for Success, noting that it had only been three weeks since the last meeting. Indicator 1 district-wide attendance is up slightly. Dr. Bourque also reported that thirty (31) students have

dropped out this year, compared to thirty four (34) last year. A copy of the report is enclosed and forms a part of these minutes. Questions and discussion ensued.

Next, Dr. Bourque reported that committee members were sent copies of the school(s) and district improvement plans. She asked that members review the reports and forward any edits or comments to her or to Ramona Foster.

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

Enrollment Report: Dr. Kingston commended the Enrollment Report to the record. As of November 15, 2010, the district-wide enrollment was 5,698 students, including 117 students in out-of-district placements. There are two Chapter 768 students that Chelsea Public Schools is financially responsible for through June, 2011.

Other Matters: Dr. Kingston referred the Committee to the copy of the *Reasons for Executive Session-Open Meeting Law* that was enclosed in the packet. A copy is enclosed and forms a part of these minutes.

Dr. Kingston then reported that he will be commenting on his opposition to the two new charter school applications at a hearing sponsored by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on November 23, 2010, from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club. Questions and discussion ensued.

Last, Dr. Kingston made the following announcements:

- Centro Latino will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 23, 2010 at the Williams School Cafeteria from 11:30am – 2:00pm.
- Boston Symphony Orchestra’s Chamber Group will be in concert at Chelsea High School on Sunday, November 28, 2010. All are welcome and the concert is free, but you must call for tickets.

New Business: Ms. Colon moved to approve the Education Jobs Fund Grant in the amount of \$1,118,615.00.

Chairman Lineweaver called for a roll call vote.

1	Edward Ells	Y
2	Michael Caulfield	Y
3	Ramona Foster	Y
4	Ana Hernandez	Y
5	Rosemarie Carlisle	Y
6	Lucia Colon	Y
7	Melinda Alvarado-Vega	Y
8	Lisa Lineweaver	Y
9	Morrie Seigal	Y

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Having nine votes in the affirmative the motion was approved.

Ms. Colon moved to approve the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Alignment Project Grant in the amount of \$14,000.00.

Chairman Lineweaver called for a roll call vote.

1	Edward Ells	Y
2	Michael Caulfield	Y
3	Ramona Foster	Y
4	Ana Hernandez	Y
5	Rosemarie Carlisle	Y
6	Lucia Colon	Y
7	Melinda Alvarado-Vega	Y
8	Lisa Lineweaver	Y
9	Morrie Seigal	Y

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Communications: Three rental fee reductions were granted for the use of school property:

- CAPIC- Classroom space at Williams School, October 29, 2010, and November 19, 2010.
- Kiwanis Club of Chelsea – Veteran’s Field at Memorial Stadium, October 29, 2010.
- Centro Latino- Kitchen and Cafeteria at Williams School, November 23, 2010.

Use of school property where the usual rental fee has been waived is reported back to the School Committee

Committee Reports:

- **Human Resources:** Mr. Ells reported that the subcommittee met on November 16, 2010. A copy of the report is attached and forms a part of these minutes.
- **Budget & Finance:** Ms. Colon reported that the subcommittee last met on November 10, 2010. A copy of the report is attached and forms a part of these minutes.

- **Curriculum & Instruction:** Ms. Foster reported that the subcommittee last met on October 28, 2010. A copy of the report is attached and forms a part of these minutes.
- **Student Representative:** Mr. Cvjetan reported that students are happy with the new schedule. He also reported that the Peer Mentoring Program is up and running after school. Mr. Cvjetan noted that the fall sports season is over and winter sports will begin soon. Lastly, Mr. Cvjetan reported that the Student Advisory Committee for the 2010-2011 school year has been established and currently there are 10-15 active students and two advisors.

9. Announcements: Chairman Lineweaver reminded people that the All Chelsea Awards will be presented on Tuesday, November 30, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Seigal wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chairman Lineweaver donated, *Switch by Chip & Dan Heath* and Mr. Ells donated *My Dearest Friend-Letters of Abigail and John Adams* edited by *Margaret Hogan and C. James Taylor* to Chelsea High School students.

Ms. Colon volunteered for the Book of the Month for December

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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