



School Committee

MINUTES OF THE CHELSEA SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING December 16, 2010

APPROVED January 27, 2011

The Chelsea School Committee met on Thursday, December 16, 2010, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea.

Members Present: Chairman Lisa Lineweaver, Vice-Chairman Ed Ells, Rosemarie Carlisle, Lucia Colon, 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: Michael Caulfield, Ramona Foster and 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 November 18, 2010, School Committee Meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Comment: Members Chelsea Kiwanis Club presented bicycles to the students who won the Kiwanis Scholarship Road Race. The winners were Destinee Hernandez and Melvin Orellana.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools:

Student Achievement: Dr. Bourque reviewed the District Indicators for Success. Indicator 1 district-wide attendance is stable. Indicator 10 mobility rate is 9.6%. Dr. Bourque also reported that thirty-six (36) students have dropped out this year, compared to fifty-one (51) last year. A copy of the report is enclosed and forms a part of these minutes. Questions and discussion ensued.

Next, Dr Bourque reviewed the attendance and grade distribution for the Grade Nine Academy, noting that 64.1% of the grades are A's, B's or C's. A copy of the report is enclosed and forms a part of these minutes.

Lastly, Dr. Bourque directed the committee's attention to the Grade 9 Academy Newsletter. A copy is enclosed and forms a part of these minutes.

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

Enrollment Report: Dr. Kingston commended the Enrollment Report to the record. As of December 13, 2010, the district-wide enrollment was 5,701 students, including 114 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 noted that if the Anti-Bullying Policy is approved this evening the plan will be sent to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Dr. Kingston then reported that District Newsletter will be available on Monday.

Unfinished Business: Ms. Vega moves to approve the Student Improvement Plan Addendums and the District Improvement Plan Addendum. On a voice vote the motion was approved unanimously.

New Business: Mrs. Carlisle moved to approve the Anti-Bullying Policy and the Anti-Bullying Implementation Plan. On a voice vote the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Carlisle moved to approve the Policy pertaining to employees who are nursing mothers. On a voice vote the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Carlisle moved to approve the Policy governing the admission of students to Chelsea High School if the students are returning from a charter school. On a voice vote the motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Colon moved to approve revised FY 2011 budget.

Chairman Lineweaver called for a roll call vote.

1	Edward Ells	Y
2	Michael Caulfield	AB
3	Ramona Foster	AB
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

Having seven votes in the affirmative and two absent the motion was approved.

Mr. Ells moved to adopt the contract for Dr. Mary Bourque.

Chairman Lineweaver called for a roll call vote.

1	Edward Ells	Y
2	Michael Caulfield	AB
3	Ramona Foster	AB
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

Having seven votes in the affirmative and two absent the motion was approved.

Communications: A rental fee reductions was granted to the Chelsea Youth Basketball League for the use of school property. 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 December 7, 2010 and December 13, 2010. Copies of the reports, as well as Dr. Kingston’s review are attached and forms a part of these minutes.
- **Budget & Finance:** Ms. Colon reported that the subcommittee last met on December 8, 2010. A copy of the report is attached and forms a part of these minutes.
- **Curriculum & Instruction:** Ms. Vega reported that the subcommittee last met on November 18, 2010. A copy of the report is attached and forms a part of these minutes.

- **Policy & Procedures:** Mrs. Carlisle reported that the subcommittee last met on December 7, 2010. A copy of the report is attached and forms a part of these minutes.
- **Student Representative:** Mr. Cvjetan reported that winter sports are underway. He also reported that members of the Student Advisory Committee have attended the school redesign meetings and are currently reviewing the length of the school day at Chelsea High School.

9. Announcements: Chairman Lineweaver congratulated Dr. Kingston and Mrs. Carlisle, All Chelsea Award winners.

Mr. Seigal wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ms. Colon donated, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by *Sherman Alexie*

Ms. Foster volunteered for the Book of the Month for January.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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