

MINUTES OF THE HOLBROOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
South School Café
February 29, 2012

In Attendance:

School Committee:

Barbara P. Davis, Chairperson, Ann Poppenga, Vice Chairperson,
John Flanagan, John Callahan, Lou Pransky (not present)
Lori Koffink, Recording Secretary

Joseph Baeta, Superintendent of Schools
Mary Clougher, Paraprofessional & Club Advisor, South School
Susan Gleason, Director of Curriculum
Julie Hamilton, Principal, South School
Charles Mahoney, Business Manager
Michelle McGlone, Principal, JSHS
Elise Morgan, Student Advisory Council Representative
Kimberly Richards, Principal, JFK
Fred White, VP of HAYSA
Parents and Students of the South School's Civics Club, Math Olympiads,
and Soldiers Club. JSHS Students and Parents of the SEMSBA Program
and Volleyball Academic All-Stars

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairperson, Mrs. Barbara Davis and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Citizens Concerns

Mrs. Davis opened by asking of any citizens concerns, there were no concerns expressed.

Student Recognition

Mrs. Davis recognized the following students for their participation in the recent SEMSBA tryouts: Elou Joseph, Larissa Belezos, Marisa Clougher, and Megan Comer from the high school. Elou will move along to the SEMSBA Festival in March. From the Junior High, Carli Brown, Derek Henry, Christina Forte, Melissa Henkel, Madison Christian, Donnie Moscone, Rachel Hobart, Tiffany Lapidez and Megan Messina attended. Carli, Tiffany, Rachel, Megan and Donnie will move on to the Junior SEMSBA Festival in May. Ms. Clougher spoke to the effort and dedication of each student. A great experience for all. The Beauty and the Beast Musical, featuring all of these students, will be held on March 30 and 31st at the JSHS.

Elise Morgan and Ariana Hay also received a certificate of achievement from Senator Scott Brown for being named to the state's All Scholastic Volleyball team for their excellence in academics and sportsmanship.

Student Kelly Rouse was introduced and welcomed the committee in Arabic. She has been working with students to teach them how to communicate with other children overseas who speak this language.

Mrs. Hamilton welcomed the committee and recognized the following staff for their involvement in the many afterschool programs.

Ms. Clougher, along with students from the Civics Club updated the committee on their future visit to the state house in which they will share ideas with state representatives. The Civics Club is in the process of forming a debate team; topics of discussion have included, cell phone usage at school, students participating in the choices of curriculum and past presidents ideals.

Ms. Creadon, Club Advisor to the Math Olympiads, was unable to attend the meeting. The club consists of 30 members and allows students to compete on their math skills with other children from 44 different countries, Ms. Hamilton along with Superintendent Baeta, extended certificates of academic excellence to the top performers.

Ms. Sterling, Ms. Clougher and Ms. Twiss (unable to attend) along with students from the Soldiers Club shared with the committee their efforts in supplying care packages to soldiers currently in Afghanistan. Items are collected through donations from students and their families. Student Sara Ryan read her poem about what our soldiers mean to our country. Superintendent Baeta and Ms. Hamilton extended certificates of appreciation to all the program advisors.

HAYSA Field Proposal

Vice President Fred White from the Holbrook Avon Youth Soccer League presented the committee with a proposal for a regulation soccer field to be built at the JFK. Permission to begin the process of evaluating the feasibility behind the existing JFK School was discussed. Field layout and funding of the construction was shared. Superintendent Baeta noted that should the district change to a K-12 campus in the future, the field may come under question for usage. Committee requested to be updated accordingly prior to the project being confirmed.

Voted:

(Callahan/Poppenga) Motion to allow the HAYSA to continue evaluating the feasibility of field construction at the JFK.

Unanimous: 4-0-0

Student Council Advisory

Elise Morgan updated the committee on the following events, Beauty and the Beast, featuring 50 JSHS students will be held on March 30 and 31st, girls' basketball team recently ended their season and the undefeated boys' basketball team will be playing their first tournament game this evening at 7pm at the JSHS. Student Elizabeth Brady won the Scripts Spelling Bee held at the JSHS and will move on to the regional competition to represent Holbrook. Also noted was the girls cheerleading squad for their outstanding performances this season.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Baeta updated the committee on the status of the MSBA's requirements for Holbrook Public School to complete the Compliance Certification process. Mr. Baeta, along with Mrs. Davis, Chairperson of the School Committee, and Mr. Timothy Gordon, Selectmen Chairperson have signed the initial Compliance Certificate and it has been mailed to the MSBA. Copies have been given to respective town officials, Superintendent Baeta will be the main contact to the MSBA throughout this process.

Moving forward to the next step will require a review of the amount of dollars reserved for a feasibility study. At a previous Town Meeting \$425,000 was approved for this purpose, based on the project currently being proposed more monies may be needed.

FY13 Town Meeting Articles

Superintendent Baeta distributed an updated draft of prioritized projects for consideration at the next town meeting. Priorities include in order of importance – the fire alarm system at the JFK at \$125,000, classroom unit ventilators at the JSHS, JFK and South at \$107,000 and tile floor replacement at the South and JFK at \$65,000.

Superintendent Baeta noted that a vote is not needed at this time. Mr. Flanagan and Superintendent Baeta discussed the capital improvement fund as a source of funding and the option of borrowing monies through debt exclusions.

Action Items

School Committee Minutes

Minutes from December 19, 2011, January 26, 2012, and February 18, 2012 were reviewed.

Voted:

(Poppenga/Flanagan) Motion to approve School Committee minutes of December 19, 2011. Unanimous 4-0-0

Voted:

(Poppenga/Flanagan) Motion to approve School Committee minutes of January 26, 2012. Unanimous 4-0-0

Voted:

(Poppenga/Flanagan) Motion to approve School Committee minutes of February 8, 2012. 4-0-0

2012-2013 School Calendar

Superintendent Baeta requested no action be taken at this time pending further review.

Field Trip

Two requests were presented to the committee due to the locations being held out of state. Social Studies teacher, Ms. O'Driscoll has requested to bring students to New York/New Jersey, November 9-11, 2012. Overnight accommodations will be located in New Jersey and the schedule will include a visit to the Ground Zero memorial and a trip to Rockefeller Center.

Voted:

(Poppenga/Flanagan) Motion to approve New York/New Jersey field trip, November 9-11, 2012. Unanimous 4-0-0

The second trip was proposed by Mr. Welch, Science teacher at the JSHS. This trip will allow four students and two teachers to attend the Sea Perch Challenge, a robotics event held in Washington D.C., April 11-15, 2012. There will be no cost to the district.

Voted:

(Poppenga/Callahan) Motion to approve Washington D.C. field trip, April 11-15, 2012. Unanimous 4-0-0

Use of Facilities

Town of Holbrook, Town Clerk's office requested use of the JSHS's Gymnasium, hallway outside of Gymnasium and bathrooms, March 6, and April 3, 2012 from 6am-10pm for the purposes of conducting presidential primaries and town elections.

Voted:

(Flanagan/Poppenga) Moved to approve the Town Clerk's request to for the use of the JSHS as noted.

Unanimous 4-0-0

Holbrook Varsity Cheerleading squad has requested use of the JSHS's Gymnasium, hallway outside of Gymnasium, boy's locker room for the purpose of changing and bathrooms, March 16, 2012 from 3-9pm for the purposes of holding a prom fashion show fundraiser.

Voted:

(Flanagan/Poppenga) Moved to approve the Varsity Cheerleaders request for the use of the JSHS as noted.

Unanimous 4-0-0

Holbrook JSHS Athletic Boosters request the use of the JSHS's Café for the purposes of hosting the Winter Sports Banquet, March 19, 2012 from 6:30-9:30pm

Voted:

(Flanagan/Poppenga) Moved to approve the Athletic Boosters' request for the use of the JSHS as noted.

Unanimous 4-0-0

Policies

The second reading of policy JJIF, Policy to Address Suspected Sports Related Head Injury/Concussions was reviewed.

Voted:

(Callahan/Poppenga) Moved to approve the second reading of Policy JJIF, Policy to Address Suspected Sports Related Head Injury/Concussions.

Unanimous 4-0-0

Policy JFAAB, Full Day Kindergarten Program was reviewed and discussed for a first reading.

Voted:

(Callahan/Poppenga) Moved to approve the first reading of Policy JFAAB, Full Day Kindergarten Program.

Unanimous 4-0-0

Full Day Kindergarten Tuition

Ms. Godino, Director of Pupil Personnel and Mrs. Richards, Principal at the JFK further researched pricing for full day kindergarten programs in the region and found most districts charge \$72 per week. Originally our district was pricing a week at \$60.

Voted:

(Callahan/Poppenga) Moved to change the weekly rate of \$60 per week for the full day kindergarten program to \$72, effective September 2012.

Unanimous 4-0-0

ADJOURN or VOTE TO CONTINUE

Voted:

(Poppenga/Flanagan) Motion to adjourn regular School Committee Meeting of February 29, 2012

Unanimous 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Koffink
School Committee Secretary