

ROCKPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING
Wednesday May 17, 2017

Chairperson Colleen Coogan called the regular meeting of the Rockport School Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Library. Present were Nicole Altieri, Colleen Coogan, Heather Nelson, Mary Porter and Rebecca Sly. Also, present were Superintendent Robert Liebow and Recording Secretary Ingrid Keating.

I. Opening of Regular Meeting

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Rebecca Sly motioned to approve the regular minutes from May 3, 2017.
Seconded: Heather Nelson seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion carried 5-0.

B. Personnel Actions N/A

II. Community Participation

A. Student Advisory Representative N/A

B. Public Participation N/A

III. Discussion and Recommended Action

A. School Improvement Plans

Elementary Principal Todd Simendinger presented the District Improvement Plan 2017-2081 for the Elementary School. Goal Statement #1 will expand the implementation and expansion of social-emotional instruction and behavioral supports in the classroom. Statement #2 states that RES educators will be proficient or exemplary on Standard II – Teaching for All to promote the learning and growth of all students through instruction... and Statement #3 will have students learn the required mathematical concepts and skills as identified by the Massachusetts Common Core State Standards (Year 3 of 3). Each Statement has goals, strategies & action steps, who's responsible and timeline. RMHS Principal Gregg Bach reported that there is a combined improvement plan again this year, but that the middle and high school councils will craft separate plan for FY19 over the FY18 school year. Goal Statement #1 for RMHS consists of three objectives: Student Motivation and Pride in Achievement, Student Empowerment and Student-Centered Instruction. Statement #2 is implementing a new schedule which was a NEASC Highlighted recommendation. Goal #3 will identify and implement assessments that collect data from multiple measures to collect mathematics data for analysis.

B. School Handbook Approval

Elementary Principal Todd Simendinger reported that there were very few changes, for next years handbook, since it was approved this winter. He explained that recess is taken away only if there is safety issue. He feels that procedures may need to be developed regarding communicating with nurses outside of the school day and what visits to the nurse requires a call to parents during the day. RMHS Principal Gregg Bach listing of faculty reported that each school would have their own handbook but that they are basically the same except for y and staff. They did need to add language to the discipline grid regarding language, had to add “gestures”.

Motion: Mary Porter motioned to approve the Elementary and RMHS Student Handbooks with noted changes.
Seconded: Rebecca Sly seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion carried 5-0.

C. RTA MOA's

Motion: Heather Nelson motioned to approve both the Dean Stipend and Revised Elementary Curriculum Coordination Faculty Liaisons Stipend MOA's as presented.

Second: Nicole Altieri seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried 5-0.

D. Policy Review/Proposals

Add language "or immigration status" and reference from Attorney Generals Letter to policies: File AC , File JB, and File JJ.

E. Warrants and Payroll

F. Fieldtrip/s

Motion: Rebecca Sly motioned to approve the revised field trip to Canobie Lake Park with confirmation that every rider has a seatbelt available and the prescreening of the insurance is done by Mrs. Pike.

Seconded: Mary Porter

Vote: The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Information and proposals

A. School Council Update

B. Donations

Claire Whitten of Rockport donated 50+ one gallon planters to the greenhouse.

C. Updates

Sub-committee reports:

Chairperson Coogan reported that Mr. Chris Lawnsby's math class will create a citizens guide to the budget and would like Mr. Liebow to attend a class so that they can gather information. This guide would be for the facts. They hope to have the DECA group create a document that would promote support for the school budget.

D Other Business

N/A

V. Correspondence

VI. Future Agenda Items

A. Superintendent's Report/FundFlow

B. Art Wing Building Study (6/14)

C. Food Service Update (8/23)

D. RTA/MOA 6/7)

E. Strategic Plan Review (8/23)

F. Superintendent's & School Committee Goals (8/23)

G. Curriculum Cycle Review (8/23??)

VII. Calendar

A. June 14, 2017, regular meeting

B. August 15, 2017, IT Review/"Vision of RPS" at Selectmen's Meeting – Town Hall

C. August 23, 2017, Regular Meeting

VIII. Executive Session

N/A

Motion: Rebecca Sly motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:06p.m.
Seconded: Mary Porter seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Liebow
Superintendent of Schools