

**Scarborough Board of Education**

March 2, 2017

**1.0 Call to Order**

Mrs. Murphy, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**2.0 Attendance**

Present: Mrs. Lyford, Ms. Perry, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Shea, Mrs. Massengill, Mrs. Starr, Ms. Hobbs

Absent: Mrs. Beeley, Mr. Vachon

**3.0 Pledge of Allegiance****4.0 Adjustments to the Agenda**

No adjustments to the agenda.

**5.0 Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No public comment.

**6.0 Recognition**

Marcella Ahlquist, Middle School Art Teacher, introduced a 7<sup>th</sup> grade art student, Brennan Fravert. Brennan's art work was selected to be shown at the Portland Museum of Art during their "Youth Art Month" which runs from March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brennan's art was a hand-woven loom that he crafted himself, including the seal design he included in the loom.

Another student that was recognized by the School Board was freshman Jacob Lewis for his role in the production of the video entered into the "Lights, Camera, Save?" contest. This contest is sponsored by Biddeford Savings Bank. Jacob was introduced by his Video Production teacher, Eric Huntington, who oversaw the project. This year's video earned them top honors in the contest and a \$200 cash prize for the high school Video Production class. The video will be entered into a national contest and the winner will be announced later this month.

Following Jacob's recognition, Superintendent Kukenberger acknowledged Eric Huntington for his efforts in producing "Inside Scarborough Schools" – a new video sequence that will be airing every month highlighting the events in the schools. Eric produced, filmed and edited the first episode with Mrs. Kukenberger and created the video in a very short period. Mrs. Kukenberger thanked him for his hard work on the project. She also noted that the first episode could be seen on YouTube, Scarborough's local channel 2, Face Book, Twitter and Scarborough School's website.

## **70. Superintendent's Report**

### **7.1 District Update**

Mrs. Kukenberger began her report with her monthly update on the current enrollment numbers – the total enrollment is at 2,986 students through March 1, 2017. She noted that in September there were 2,969 students in Scarborough Schools. She also reminded and invited the community to the upcoming Community Dialogue scheduled for March 9 at 5:00 p.m.

### **7.2 NEASC Update**

High School Principal David Creech and High School Science Teacher David O'Connor gave an update on the current status of the NEASC self-study that is underway at Scarborough High School. Mr. O'Connor opened his presentation by thanking the School Board for the additional professional development time that was given the high school staff so that they could devote the time needed to prepare their report. He introduced the members of the Steering Committee: himself, Principal Creech, Lauren Bornstein, Monique Culbertson and Catherine Ruby. He noted that this group guides and supports staff throughout the process. He stated that all requests are coordinated with the Steering Committee and that this group is organizing the site visit from the NEASC representatives next November. Mr. O'Connor continued with an explanation of the standards approval process, the roles of the standards committee chairs and the aggressive standards report timeline. He concluded his presentation with an outlook of the next steps including: hosting a NEASC evaluation seminar with 4 area schools on March 21, preparing for the NEASC site visit from November 5-8, and finalizing the school report and organizing the evidence collected.

## **8.0 Chair's Report**

Mrs. Murphy started her report by welcoming newly elected School Board member Mary Starr. She also mentioned the successful season that the winter athletes had just completed, and she continued with an announcement of the upcoming One Act Play Festival at Morse High School on March 10 and 11, and their home shows will be on March 3, 4 and 5. Mrs. Murphy shared some of the key points from the recent video shown at the high school, the Boys to Men presentation of "The Mask You Live In," which is an unfiltered look at being a male on our culture. She concluded her report with a reminder that the parent/guardian start-time survey was available and was emailed to all Scarborough School families. She noted that the proposed new start times could be: K-5 – 8:00 a.m. to 2:25 p.m., middle school – 9:00 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. and high school 8:50 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The survey closes on March 8, and the results will be made public as soon as they are available.

Ms. Perry added a comment regarding the Boys to Men presentation - "The Mask You Live In." She noted that the film stated that coaches have a tremendous influence on young male athletes. She feels strongly that the school department coaches do an excellent job coaching our student athletes, and hopes that the youth coaches are also kind to their athletes. Ms. Perry wants youth athlete coaches to understand the important role they play involving adolescent male athletes.

## 9.0 Committee Reports

Maine School Boards Association (MSBA) – Ms. Perry, Liaison – Ms. Perry stated that the executive committee of the MSMA met last week and Senator Langley (Chair of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee) and Representative Hubbell (Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee) presented to the group. Two of the significant issues they discussed were that currently there is a considerable amount of legislation that could impact schools. Representative Hubbell said that there is enough money available to fund education at the required 55%. The aim of the legislature is to get to this level this year to avoid a future referendum question. Secondly, there is a push to put the retirement fund back to the State level and out of the district level. Ms. Perry also noted that there was a discussion regarding the need to improve school facilities, and a conversation for funding of public schools as opposed to the public charter schools, which are capped at 10. There is legislature that would possibly expand the cap to 20 charter schools, but it does not appear that that bill will pass. She concluded with the notification that the upcoming State budget hearing is scheduled for March 3.

Negotiations Committee – Ms. Perry, Chair – Negotiations are continuing with the Bus Drivers, and the Stipend Committee is reviewing coaches' stipends.

Communications Committee – Mrs. Lyford, Chair – The Communications Committee will meet again on Friday, March 3. They are finalizing their next newsletter and anticipate it going out next Monday.

Long-Range Committee – Mrs. Massengill, Chair – This committee has not met recently. Todd Jepson, Director of Buildings and Facilities, is working on the four DOE applications for school construction/renovation. He will be meeting with Scott Brown of the DOE next week to talk more with Mr. Brown on the applications and to get more detailed information on State funding for facilities.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Murphy - The next meeting of the Policy Committee will be on March 23 at 9:15 a.m. to discuss all policies related to Proficiency Based Education (PBE).

Finance Committee – Mrs. Shea, Chair – Mrs. Shea noted that there was a joint meeting of the Town Council Finance Committee members and the School Board Finance Committee members at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon. The focus of that meeting was to discuss the upcoming Budget Forum scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>. She said that a short survey was being prepared for community members to assist the joint finance committee members to determine the best format for the forum. Also at the joint meeting, the group discussed the Education budget (Governor's budget) and how the proposed \$1.4M revenue loss will effect Scarborough Schools which would label Scarborough as a "minimal receiver". Mrs. Shea noted that the Governor is making changes to the EPS (Essential Programs and Services) formula – which can have a tremendous impact on Scarborough Schools. She also shared that in FY2009, Scarborough Schools received \$7 million in State subsidy, and in FY2018 are slated to receive \$2.1 million – a 70% reduction.

Prior to this evening's School Board meeting, there was a meeting of the School Board Finance Committee. This meeting recapped the joint meeting from earlier today, and also discussed the development of the Leadership Council's FY18 budget.

## **10.0 Student Representative Reports**

Ms. Hobbs reported on the Maine Boys to Men film presentation of "The Mask You Live In," and she reported that the film and the student led panel were well received. Ms. Hobbs congratulated both boys' and girls' high school indoor track teams for winning state titles. She also listed several upcoming events scheduled for the high school and middle school:

- March 3, 4 and 5 – One Act Play – "Dear Chuck" at the Scarborough High School auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
- March 4 – State Academic Decathlon competition at Scarborough High School from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- March 4 – Boys' hockey team will play Falmouth at 8:00 p.m. at the Coliseum in Lewiston.
- March 6 – There will be an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Info Night at the high school for all incoming freshmen for the fall at 6:00 p.m.
- March 8 – Middle School girls' (6:00 p.m.) and boys' (7:00 p.m.) basketball games at the high school vs. middle school staff and all proceeds will go to "Red Storm Strikes out Cancer."
- March 11 – "Music for Miracles" will be held in the cafeteria at SHS. This will feature student bands from area communities and all proceeds will benefit the Barbra Bush Children's Hospital.
- March 17, 18 and 19 – "High School Musical" will be performed by the middle school theater production at the high school.
- March 27 – High School Chorus concert at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium featuring the men's and women's jazz and select choruses.

## **11.0 New Business**

### **11.1 Meeting minutes of February 2, 2017**

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 2, 2017 made by Ms. Perry, seconded by Mrs. Shea and voted 4-0; student rep vote 1-0 (Mrs. Massengill and Mrs. Starr abstained from the vote as they were absent from the February 2, 2017 meeting).

### **11.2 Second reading of policy JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety**

Motion to approve the second reading of policy JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety made by Mrs. Lyford, seconded by Mrs. Massengill and voted 6-0; student rep vote 1-0.

## **12.0 Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Perry, seconded by Mrs. Shea and voted 6-0; student rep vote 1-0.