



Andrew also reviewed the results of the Student Class Elections for all grades, plans for the School Pep Rally, Homecoming and the Homecoming dance. He took some time to review plans for Spirit week and will provide an update on all at the next Board meeting

Finally, Andrew reviewed the results of the Skills USA, Louisville competition. The team from Blue Hills finished 7th place in the country. He described the 5 day trip in some detail and thanked the administration and the District Board for their encouragement and support.

06) Report from School-To-Careers Coordinator: Katherine Touafek

Katherine Touafek began by giving a brief synopsis of how the program ran last year with the addition of a seven person advisory board including two Board members (Aiden Maguire and Tom Polito) as well as moving the STC home base back into Blue Hills Regional and reporting directly to Steve Moore. She described the change as both beneficial and a learning experience. She felt that the advisory Board helped her direct her focus and drive the program forward offering more students the opportunity to participate in the program and to demonstrate to the Board that the program is worthwhile and beneficial to both students and the business community. STC has also entered into more Partnerships for this year and are excited to be able to provide opportunities that are rich in information and opportunity for students to experience available careers in our communities. Both DSC members responded favorably to what they have learned over the past year and are behind the School to Careers program mission and ability to provide a valuable resource to middle and high school students.

Katherine brought in three guests to speak about the impact STC has had on their students, businesses and how it is a valuable tool for Guidance departments looking to expose their students to available post-secondary career options. Speaking on behalf of STC and how it has successfully contributed to the success and experience for students and community were: Administrator Ed Amico from Canton High School, Tom O'Rourke from the Norwood Chamber of Commerce and Ashley Mansfield a Guidance Counselor at Dedham High School.

07) DSC Chair Report: MB Nearen

- MASC Resolution representative from DSC vote
Marybeth Nearen, Chair reported that the delegates attending the MASC/MASS Joint Conference this year include herself, Member Aiden Maguire, Member Charles Flahive and possibly Eric Erskine, DSC Secretary.

For voting purposes, Aiden Maguire will stand as the Delegate and Marybeth Nearen as the Alternate.



Marybeth Nearen will send out the resolutions to the Committee prior to October 17, 2017 so that the committee will be able to review the document and vote at the 10/17 District School Committee.

08) Subcommittee Reports:

- Evaluation Subcommittee: Results of evaluation tallies presented and discussed by Subcommittee Chair Fran Fistori:

There was some confusion about where (the location) this meeting was to take place by subcommittee members. As a result, this meeting did not take place. There is no update and the meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 17th. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the DSC boardroom (room 402).

- Personnel & Negotiations Subcommittee by Subcommittee Chair Eric Erskine
The subcommittee was hoping to be done with all group negotiations tonight. That did not happen. Next round is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10. Meetings will be held in Room 402 and run from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

- Finance & Administration Subcommittee:

- a. Discuss results of Director of Special Services proposal/ request for part time position

The last meeting was spent discussing the option of hiring a part time Speech and Language teacher. Currently we contract with an outside agency to bring one into Blue Hills. Blue Hills once had their own position but at some point it was contracted out. For the next subcommittee meeting, the group will work on a job description and financing to move this position in-house.

09) Administrative Reports:

9.1 Assistant Superintendent/ Personnel and Finance Report: Steve Moore

FY17 End of Year Financial Report: See attached reports (2) including the Final 2017 Budget Report dated, September 20, 2017 and an Excel workbook titled Expense Accounts for period ending 10/31/2016.

Mr. Moore began by referring everyone back to his two reports for detail. Generally, 97% of the budget was spent/expensed. The surplus was approximately \$17,000.00. The surplus came from basically two lines: Maintenance and the insurance account. This maintenance line had a lower than expected overtime cost and snow removal expense due to an unusually mild winter. The budgeted amount was and is appropriate for an average Canton winter.



Mr. Moore also presented the committee with a list of the scheduled district fall town meetings. Both Mr. Moore and Mr. Quaglia are planning to attend these meetings along with selected other representatives to present the Blue Hills Renovation project.

9.2 Principal Report: Jill Rossetti:

N/A out sick

9.3 Superintendent Report: James Quaglia

School Building Committee: update on renovation project (meetings with District towns)
Mr. Quaglia picked up discussion where Mr. Moore left off on his earlier presentation. He began by letting the committee know that district fall town meetings have started and will continue over the next few weeks. Mr. Quaglia and Mr. Moore are planning to attend all scheduled meetings along with selected other individuals depending on to whom they are presenting and the level of urgency. An example being the Randolph meeting. This audience was going to require some extra attention and details to approve the renovation project. For this meeting Marybeth Nearen, representatives from the design firm and Tina from that committee spoke on Blue Hills behalf. They also answered questions and explained finance and reimbursement. The result was a much more favorable opinion and an invitation to re-visit. At the next meeting, Mr. Quaglia plans to have students and parents from Randolph attend and support the renovation project by talking about all Blue Hills has to offer and how their education has helped them. On the other hand, the presentation at Milton was far less formal. Mr. Quaglia, Mr. Moore and Fess Joyce spoke on Blue Hills' behalf and the renovation project was approved without any complications.

Mr. Quaglia asked that everyone take a look at the list of meetings and to attend as many as possible for support. Chair Marybeth Nearen backed this ask. MSB approved the detailed design and voted to move forward to present to towns at a set final reimbursement rate of 55.89 %. (Note: this will come down to approximately 51% after all expense is submitted due to "disallowable" expenses.) Letters were mailed out to appropriate town officials to start the 60 day window commencing September 19, 2017.

Music room and program update: The music room has been deemed "unsuitable" and may not be used until stated issues have been resolved. This was done by the town of Canton primarily because a work permit was not pulled for the construction done over last spring and Summer. The sited problems include HVAC and more specifically air movement. These problems were noted prior to the town inspection of the room and repairs had begun. There was confusion about who was going to pull the work permit among the individuals planning and working on the room. Mr. Quaglia said that he takes full responsibility for this mistake and that he put checks in place to ensure that this never happens again. Meanwhile, the music program has been temporarily moved to the Lecture Hall and has not missed a beat.

