

Minutes

Newburyport Joint Education Committee

City Council and School Committee

March 3, 2014

5:35 pm

Newburyport High School

Room 118

Attendance:

City Council Members: Meghan Kinsey, Chair,
Allison Heartquist,
Larry Giunta

School Committee Members: Cheryl Sweeney, Chair,
Audrey McCarthy, Bruce Menin

Superintendent Susan Viccaro

Continuation of discussion of goals for the Joint Education Committee for 2014 were discussed. Top priority is to increase the Joint Education Committee's understanding of how the school budget is reported. Future School Committee meeting will include a presentation by the mayor to answer this question.

School calendar for 2014-2015 has been voted on and approved by the School Committee. School Committee is reserving the vote for the 2015-2016 school calendar to a later date.

School building projects remain on time. A tour of the Bresnahan is being arranged for the School Committee and City Council. Date and time to be announced at a later date..

Bresnahan School leadership model is that of a school within a school. Amy Sullivan will serve as Principal of Pre-K and K while Kristina Davis and Karina Mascia will serve as Principal and Assistant Principal

respectively. The building will host 800+ students from ages 3 to 9 which dictates need for three administrators.

The new Superintendent Advisory has begun to meet quarterly. It is a group of 50+ members and includes parents and students. Action plans will be drawn from the meetings.

Superintendent Viccaro presented her Entry Plan to the School Committee last month. The Plan will serve as a tool for the eventuality of her Strategic Plan.

6:35 Meeting Adjourned.