

**HADLEY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS 01035  
Minutes November 20, 2019  
125 Russell Street, Hadley, MA 01035 5:30 pm**

**Call to Order**

On motion made by Fasihuddin and seconded by Shannon, the meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Klesch, with a vote of 3-0-0. Present: Klesch, Fasihuddin, Shannon, McKenzie. Absent: Phifer, Brugger, Kelley, Desjardins.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

Klesch informed the Committee that there was an addition to the Agenda regarding acceptance of the revised and amended agreement with Collaborative Educational Services.

**Presentations/Discussion Items**

Presentation of MASS Certificate of Academic Excellence Award

McKenzie shared a brief bio of accomplishments of the recipient, Alvin Li, and presented him with the award.

Presentation of NSDC Academic Growth and Student Leadership Awards

McKenzie spoke of Catherine Kowal-Safron's accomplishments, leadership, and community service and presented her with the award.

McKenzie thanked the student recipients for their many contributions to Hopkins Academy as members of the student body and thanked their parents for the support and encouragement they provided.

Bill Diehl, Collaborative for Educational Services

Diehl was present to address the Committee regarding an amended agreement with CES to admit two new member districts. He explained that CES is mission and vision driven and receives no state funding. He took the opportunity to review the organization and its goals. He also mentioned that McKenzie was a valuable participant and contributor at the superintendent's meetings, the work she does, and how much her service is appreciated.

He described several of the CES programs designed to meet the needs of school districts including those for direct student and family support as well as professional development and coaching for educators. Diehl also spoke of the benefits of procuring grant funds and purchasing through the consortium. Upon conclusion of his presentation, Diehl distributed a copy of the 2014 CES agreement with school districts and said that the additional membership, if approved, would be an amendment to the agreement. He explained that the amendment would allow Gateway and Worthington to become members by a 2/3 majority vote. This is a change from the previous required unanimous vote. Diehl reviewed all other changes in the agreement. On

motion made by Shannon and seconded by Fasihuddin, the Committee voted to approve the amended CES agreement as presented. The vote was 3-0-0. Committee members signed the agreement and thanked Diehl for his attendance and the thorough informational presentation he provided.

#### **Student Representative Report – Kelley**

Kelley was not in attendance at the meeting.

#### **First Reading District Policies**

McKenzie reviewed language changes in policies that were recently recommended by MASC, reviewed by the school attorney and then by the policy subcommittee for each policy that carried a recommended change. McKenzie noted that this was a first reading so no vote is required.

#### **Review Conflict of Interest/ Ethics Documents**

McKenzie explained the documents that need to be completed in all situations relative to the Ethics Policy. She added that these documents require no formal vote but they would be available for Committee members review at SC meetings. McKenzie explained that the document this week is relative to a parent/ community member being instrumental in teachers gaining access to professional development which is valued at more than \$50.00 and this was the disclosure.

#### **Public Comment Period**

There were no members of the public present for comment.

#### **School Committee Reports/Discussion**

Policy – Fasihuddin reports progress on policy reviews

Start Time Task Force- McKenzie reports meeting to follow SC meeting

Finance/TriBoard – Klesch- recap of Town Meeting- all school warrant articles passed.

Fields and CPA update – Phifer not present. McKenzie provided update.

CES – Fasihuddin

Klesch acknowledged the generous donation from Easthampton Savings Bank for the athletic fields project and asked for a motion to accept the donation.

#### **Action Items**

Approval of AP Warrants Submitted October 2019 – Motion: Shannon; Second:

Fasihuddin; Vote: 2-0-1.

Approval of Warrants Submitted October 2019 Motion: Shannon; Second: Fasihuddin; Vote: 3-0-0.

Approval of October 28, 2019 minutes – Motion: Fasihuddin; Second: Shannon; Vote: 3-0-0.  
Acceptance of gift from ESB – Motion: Fasihuddin; Second: Shannon; Vote: 3-0-0.

**Next Regular Meeting Date**

December 2019

**Adjournment**

On motion made by Fasihuddin, Seconded by Shannon, meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm