

UNION 54 School Committee  
Thursday, March 23, 2017

Present for the Committees:

Brewster: Dave Telman, Claire Gradone  
Eastham: Mary Lou Sette, Ann Crozier, Moira Noonan-Kerry  
Orleans: Gail Briere, Hank Schumacher  
Wellfleet: Jill Putnam, Jan Plaue

Call to Order

Chair Briere called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Citizen Speak

None

Priority Business

MCAS 2.0

Keith Gauley, Assistant Superintendent, gave a presentation on MCAS 2.0. Members were able to follow a practice test on the computer and Mr. Gauley highlight accommodations for various students, tools like graphic organizers and highlighters available for student use while testing, described the dragging and dropping of answers on the computer, and scoring.

He also indicated that the MCAS 2.0 test is not timed. It has lengths of sessions but, if a student is not finished, they are allowed time to keep going. Teachers let students know in advance the number of points given for the narrative and to take their time in answering completely. He reviewed a sample of questions from ELA and Math. It was also noted that a piece of scrap paper and pencil is allowed in Gr. 6, 8 and 10. He indicated that the MCAS 2.0 is similar to PARCC with the rigor of the test bumped up a bit.

Members thanked Mr. Gauley for the informative explanation of MCAS 2.0.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Jill Putnam, seconded by Mary Lou Settee, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 27, 2017.

Adjournment

On a motion by Ann Crozier, seconded by Jan Plaue it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Tefft

Included in the packet: Minutes (presentation handouts were distributed and the Practice Test was online)