

Attleboro Public Schools  
Attleboro, Massachusetts  
Special School Committee Meeting  
March 17, 2015  
School Committee Conference Room - Attleboro High School

Present: David Murphy, Chairman (At-Large); Lori Scales, Vice Chairperson (Ward IV); William Larson, Secretary (Ward II), Dianne Sawyer, (Ward I); Stephen Withers, Jr. (Ward III); Frances Zito (Ward V); Julienne Singer (At-Large); James Stors (At-Large); Michael Tyler, (Ward VI).

Administration Present: David Sawyer, Assistant Superintendent; Marc Furtado, Director of Finance/Controller; and Judy Nelson, Recording Secretary.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. The Chairman led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the meeting was being electronically recorded.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve a donation in the amount of \$1,441.09 to the gifts/donations lines of various schools in accordance with the school committee memo of 3-14-15 from the Target Take Charge of Education organization: Discussion: None: Vote: 8-0.

Of note, Ms. Singer entered the School Committee Meeting.

Vision: The Strategic Planning Update outlined by Chairman Murphy. The Draft Vision Statement as presented by the Ad Hoc Committee is published on [www.attleboroschools.com](http://www.attleboroschools.com) and [www.aps.weebly](http://www.aps.weebly)

The Vision Statement is as follows: The Vision of Attleboro Public Schools is to be the center of a community united around education, where all stakeholders value and participate in our collective success.

Comments and feedback may be submitted by Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> @ [vision@attleboroschools.com](mailto:vision@attleboroschools.com)

School Calendar: A Motion was made to hold school on Friday, April 3, 2015 waiving the relevant school committee policy regarding the Good Friday holiday. By instituting a half-day of school for students (followed by professional development for staff in the afternoon) the 2014-2015 academic calendar is now scheduled to conclude on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>: Discussion: None: Vote: 9-0. The Committee instructed the Administration to place this information on all websites and ensure all staff is aware of this change.

Transportation: The Committee approved the following motions:

Motion was made to exercise the year four (4) option of the H&L Bloom Contract: Discussion: None: Vote: 9-0.

Motion was made to declare the following seven (7) vehicles as surplus:

- B3 is a 33 passenger half bus; a Thomas Freightliner, 2006. VIN: 4UZAAWDH66CV72663. REG: 19087
- MB7 is a wheelchair lift equipped mini bus; a Chevy Cut Away, 2007: VIN:1GBJG316871107183: REG: 190089
- V5 is a 7 passenger van, a Chevy Express, 2001. VIN: 1GNHB35R711127645. REG: 16873
- V10 is a 7 passenger van, a Chevy Express, 2004. VIN: 1GNHG35U141120859. REG: 30688
- V14 is a 7 passenger van, a Ford Econoline, 2005. VIN: 1FBNE31L45HB41748. REG: 42456
- V20 is a wheelchair lift equipped van, a Ford Econoline, 2006. VIN: 1FTNE242X69B0428. REG: 42700
- 2006 Ford Ecovan with 278,648 miles VIN: 1FTNE24WX6DB04028

Discussion: These are part of the district's internal fleet that have fallen into disrepair and are cost prohibitive due to the constant maintenance problems: The vehicles will be brokered through a bid process to surplus the vehicles and/or parts. Vote: 9-0

Motion was made to authorize the administration to procure either via lease and/or purchase vans to ensure flexibility to administer a transportation system of the Attleboro Public Schools subject to the approval of the municipal counsel: Vote: 9-0

Motion was made for clarity purposes to authorize the school administration to contract with secondary vendors as necessary to supplement the services provided by the Attleboro Schools' internal fleet and the primary vendor: Vote: 9-0.

It was noted that there will be no significant personnel changes. There are anticipated savings from outsourcing and elimination of maintenance costs. Policy EEA will be implemented for the 2015-16 School Year. There are some minor changes to Policy EEAE that will take place over the next few months; nothing substantial.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Larson, Secretary

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Donation Memorandum
- Attleboro Public Schools Draft: Vision, Mission, Essential Beliefs
- Transportation Services Memorandum
- AACS Disc: 03-17-15