

Attleboro Public Schools  
Attleboro, Massachusetts  
School Committee Meeting  
May 18, 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), Stephen Withers, Jr. (Ward III); Julianne Singer (At Large); James Stors (At-Large); Michael Tyler, (Ward VI).

Absent: Frances Zito (Ward V); Dianne Sawyer (Ward I)

Administration Present: Kenneth M. Sheehan, Superintendent; David Sawyer, Assistant Superintendent; Marc Furtado, Director of Finance/Controller; Joan DeAngelis, Director of Student Services; Jack Flynn, Student Representative; and Judy Nelson, Recording Secretary.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. The Chairman led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the meeting was being electronically recorded.

APS Overarching Goals Recap: (see Power Point attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof): The School Committee reviewed the overarching goals for the Attleboro School District as developed by the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Sawyer explained that the overarching goals were based on the four (4) pillars: learning; culture, engagement, and infrastructure. Mr. Sawyer summarized the goals on which the APS progress will be assessed: It was noted that APS will place students at the center of all educational decisions through guided planning to achieve personalized goals. There will quality learning experiences, and partnerships will be cultivated with the community to improve outcomes of our students. The four pillars to transform convictions into results were described in detail. The foundation being the Mission, and Essential Beliefs. The Community was encouraged to provide public input @ [goals@attleboroschools.com](mailto:goals@attleboroschools.com) by May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Wamsutta Middle School Principal Appointment: The Superintendent summarized the process and announced the appointment of Joseph Connor to the position of Wamsutta Middle School Principal. Mr. Sheehan commended Mr. Connor's dedication and work ethics. Mr. Connor thanked the Superintendent and Committee for this opportunity. The Committee thanks and welcomed Mr. Connor.

Open Forum: The Chairman explained the guidelines. There were no participants.

Public Engagements: Student Representative, Jack Flynn briefed the Committee on the upcoming events.

FY16 School Operating Budget Request to the Mayor: The Chairman gave a brief overview of the process to-date. The significant gap in the total amount and educational needs was noted.

Finance Director/Controller, Marc Furtado explained this was a level-funded budget being brought forward. The net school spending numbers were again described. He explained the reasons behind the numbers presented. Mr. Furtado explained the additional requirements and history behind the numbers.

Although the Committee was grateful for the line of dialogue with the Mayor. It was noted that there is not enough adequate funding provided to the District to provide the priorities the Committee was advocating for. The Community needs to be aware of the lack of funding and importance of education to a community.

The summary of needs were broken down by level. The gap is too wide to close with the funds being provided. The Committee will focus on restructuring the budget process and will try to identify what might be done in the future to advocate for this investment. The unique aspects of the school budget were explained. The significant budget gaps were again discussed. The unfunded state mandates and DESE requirements were noted.

Mr. Furtado explained the different credits the City receives per student from the state. He stressed the importance of clearly identifying the fixed costs moving forward. The state mandates, net school spending formula, and city calculations need to be reviewed and revised. Community support is imperative. It was noted that Municipal Council cannot add funds to the Mayor's proposed budget; they can only reduce.

The Committee stressed the importance of community involvement. The Community needs to prioritize the educational needs and advocate for more funding. It was noted that a strong school system improves property values for a city/town.

Motion was made to send the FY16 Budget request to the Mayor in the amount of \$72,415,440.00 based on the needs of the Attleboro School System:

Roll Call:

Ms. Singer:	Yes
Mr. Tyler:	Yes
Mr. Larson:	Yes
Mr. Murphy:	Yes
Mrs. Scales:	Yes
Mr. Withers:	Yes
Mr. Stors:	Yes

Vote: 7-0

Superintendent's 2014 – 2015 Academic Year Goals Update: The Superintendent presented an update on the 2014-15 Academic Year Goals (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof). Also present were David Sawyer, Assistant Superintendent, Joan DeAngelis, Director of Student Services, and Laurie Regan, ELA Coordinator:

Consent Agenda:

Motion to declare 10-12 boxes per school of Everyday Math Books copyright 2007 and 2012 Teacher Editions and Resources as these books pre-date the new Massachusetts Frameworks. These will be replaced free of charge from McGraw-Hill with the new copyright teacher materials that align with the current MA Frameworks for Mathematics. (Of normally we could have the Follett Company buyback these textbooks but they have no interest because they do not meet the MA Framework guidelines): Vote: 7-0

Motion to accept a donation of two NEC Monitors (S/NO1: 37146885YA and S/NO2: 36136677YAR) to Hyman Fine from a parent: Vote: 7-0

Motion to accept an anonymous donation of two (2) cases of copy paper for Hill-Roberts: Vote: 8-0

Motion to accept a donation to the automotive CTE program at the High School to be used for educational purposes the following vehicle: 1999 BMW 528i automatic sedan with 115,339 with an estimated value of \$2,439 from Elaine Bassis: Vote: 7-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$245 from the Men's Warehouse to the Class of 2015: Vote: 7-0

Motion to accept a donation for a total amount of \$50.90 from Coca Cola Refreshments (Hill-Roberts: \$13.06; BMS: \$37.84) to be deposited in the gifts/donation line: Vote: 7-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$145.71 from Target to be deposited in the Brennan gifts/donation line: Vote: 7-0

Due to the length of the meeting, the Sub-Committee Reports were tabled and will be placed on the next Full School Committee Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Larson, Secretary

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Superintendent Goals 11-17-14
- Superintendent Goals: 05-18-15
- Strategic Plan/Overarching Goals
- FY16 Proposed Budget
- AACS Disc: 05-18-15