

Attleboro Public Schools
Attleboro, Massachusetts
School Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 27, 2014
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); Michael Tyler (Ward VI); Julienne Singer (At-Large); James Stors (At-Large).

Absent: Frances Zito (Ward V)

Administration Present: Kenneth Sheehan, Superintendent; David Sawyer, Assistant Superintendent; Tom Rose, Business; Joan DeAngelis, Director of Student Service; Brandon Clark, Student Representative, Maxwell Lancaster, Student Representative, and Judy Nelson, Recording Secretary.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Chairman led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the meeting was being electronically recorded.

Chairman Murphy noted the possible need to schedule additional meetings in order to finish out the current School Year. Mr. Murphy will keep the committee apprised.

It was noted that June 2nd begins senior week for the students at Attleboro High School. Chairman Murphy commended the graduating class noting the impressive group of students. Mr. Murphy read the attached statement into record (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof).'

Proposed Central Office Relocation: (see Power Point attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof). The issues that have precipitated this proposal were discussed. The challenges involved were outlined and the financial deficits were discussed. The savings involved regarding the restructuring were discussed. The restructuring was defined and the responsibilities of the individuals were explained. The reassignment of responsibilities for the position of Business Manager were discussed. The establishment of the position of Director of Finance and Controller were explained; and the appointment of Marc Furtado to serve as the Director of Finance and Controller was presented by Superintendent Sheehan. Mr. Furtado's qualifications and historical background was given. The components of the proposal were noted and the benefits discussed. The evaluation of the role of Jason Parenteau as Sodexo's site representative were elaborated upon. The establishment of the Infrastructure and Facilities Sub-Committee was discussed.

The policy implications were discussed and the reasons defined on the last slide of the presentation (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof).

Mr. Sheehan noted Mr. Furtado's established reputation with the School Committee and Administration. Mr. Sheehan noted the vast institutional knowledge.

The Committee discussed the reorganization and reasons for filling the position without posting. The committee made the following motion.

Motion to suspend the pertinent policies to allow the committee to approve the filling of the position of Director of Finance and Controller: Discussion: The committee discussed their hesitancy in adding the position due to the current negotiations and current economic times. The administration noted this re-organization was budget-neutral. The committee thanked the administration for the thorough packet information noting this is a much-needed re-organization. It was noted this should strengthen the district and allow the district to take the appropriate steps to move forward. It was noted the district cannot control homelessness and out-of-district needs of our students. This is a proactive move to ensure accountability and places the pieces in place to move forward. Some members noted this was a lot of material to take in; and voiced concerns about not being informed sooner of this move. It was noted that this involved unique and extenuating circumstances. Vote: 8-0

Motion to amend School Committee Policy BDE (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof) as included in the packets to include a 4th standing sub-committee effective July 1st: Discussion: The change was discussed and the need elaborated upon. Vote: 8-0

Business Manager Job Description: Mr. Sheehan explained the changes being made to the responsibilities of the Business Manager. Mr. Sheehan noted the size of the district and the enormity of the previous responsibilities.

Motion to approve the Business Manager Job Description (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof):

Roll Call:

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

Vote: 8-0

Motion to approve the amended Business Manager's contract presented (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof):

Roll Call:

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

Vote: 8-0

Motion to establish the position of Director of Finance and Controller and to approve the Job Description as presented: (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof): Discussion: The qualifications should be better defined when the position has been established and in place:

Roll Call:

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

Vote: 8-0

Superintendent Sheehan recommended Marc Furtado as the Director of Finance and Controller.

Motion was made to appoint Marc Furtado to the position of Director of Finance and Controller: Discussion:

Some members have had the honor of working with Marc Furtado; noting his wealth of knowledge. One member voiced concerns regarding the previous exit from the District. Some members questioned the position not being posted and if there were

a candidate within. There is no one within with the licensure necessary to do this position. Most members trust and support the Superintendent's decision. The members believe the Superintendent has done his due diligence.

Roll Call:

Ms. Singer:	Yes
Mr. Tyler:	Yes
Mr. Larson:	Yes
Mr. Murphy:	Yes
Ms. Scales:	Yes
Ms. Sawyer:	No
Mr. Withers:	Yes
Mr. Stors:	No

Vote: 6-2 (Stors; Sawyer)

At 8:41 a motion was made to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy with regard to negotiations with union personnel. The Committee will reconvene in Open Session.

Julienne Singer:	Yes
Michael Tyler	Yes
William Larson	Yes
David Murphy	Yes
Lori Scales	Yes
Dianne Sawyer	Yes
Stephen Withers	Yes
James Stors	Yes

Vote: 8-0: Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Larson, Secretary

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Proposed Central Office Reorganization
- Reorganization Correspondence
- Business Manager Job Description
- Business Manager Amended Contract
- Director of Finance and Controller Job Description
- Director of Finance and Controller Contract
- Draft Policy BDE
- AACS Disc – 05-27-14