

Attleboro Public Schools
Attleboro, Massachusetts
School Committee Meeting
June 15, 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); Frances Zito (Ward V); Julienne Singer (At Large); Michael Tyler, (Ward VI).

Absent: Dianne Sawyer (Ward I); Jim Stors (At Large)

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

The Meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. The Chairman led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the meeting was being electronically recorded.

Recognitions:

Attleboro High School – CTE Plumbing Program: The school committee will recognize students, staff, and volunteers from the AHS CTE Programming Program and commend those responsible for the construction of the model apartments that were recently completed at AHS: The Chairman gave the historical background of the Plumbing Department. Vincent LeVine was present to explain the process the program has undergone (see attached Power Point Presentation) to-date. Mr. LeVine commended all the volunteers including school committee member, Michael Tyler. Principal Runey and Susan Edmonds the Director of CTE were also present.

The School Committee thanked all the students, parents, community members, and volunteers involved in this process. Mr. Tyler explained the Chapter 74 funding process.

Attleboro's Farmers Market: Councilwoman, Heather Porreca and President of the Farmer's Market, Virginia Stewart were present to brief the Committee on the upcoming season opening and relocation of the Farmer's Market which will now be adjacent to the schools and is scheduled to begin June 20th running through to October 20th. The many different aspects of this event were described.

At 7:55 p.m. a brief recess was taken.

At 8:00 p.m. the Open Meeting was reconvened.

Open Forum: Mr. Murphy explained the guidelines of Open Forum. There were no participants.

Attleboro Public Schools: Initiative to clarify Attleboro's Color Blue: Assistant Superintendent Sawyer explained the purpose of identifying the color blue was to unify the process across the District for marketing/branding clarity. The color is known as pantene: 286; RGB 0.93/170 CMYK: 100/66/0/2.

The Chairman noted the new Mission/Vision signs would be done with the color scheme.

Motion was made to adopt the color is known as pantene: 286; RGB 0.93/170 CMYK: 100/66/0/2 as the Attleboro Blue color:
Vote: 7-0

Elementary School Improvement Plans: Assistant Superintendent Sawyer provided an overview of the presentation noting that the plans were balanced, unique, and contained collaborative highlights of the upcoming school year.

The principals broke down the process involved. The value of the ASPEN Program to provide organization throughout. The academic initiatives were discussed. The transition process involving Every Day Math was summarized. The plan to pilot interventions for the different mathematic aspects and programs was explained. It was noted that the elementary level is the

community's first experience with the school district and a very important stepping stone. It was noted effective programing results in student achievement.

The Committee thanked the principals for the presentation.

FY16 Budgetary Contingency Planning: The Finance Director gave an overview of the proposed summary (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof). The administration will be before City Council tomorrow evening.

The Committee stressed the importance of community involvement. The community needs to understand the structural problems involved with the budget process. The current plan is not sustainable. The district cannot continue to move forward with the financial structural problems. The importance of identifying a way to remedy the financial problem was reiterated.

The Finance Director noted the budget has no "cushion" which will result in any unforeseen circumstance becoming problematic.

The Committee has convey through the narrative of the Strategic Plan/Goals/Vision process the need for transparency and continues ongoing dialogue with regard to the budgetary process. The importance of having all the stakeholders at the table for a realistic conversation with regard to the needs and expectations going forward. It was noted there is a structural problem with the state's budget/funding formula. This item will be carried forward to the next Agenda.

Special Education Executive Board: This was briefly discussed and will move forward to the next agenda. The upcoming approval of special education job descriptions was discussed. The importance of carefully vetting these documents was stressed.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Report of the Finance & Budget Subcommittee was provided by Bill Larson, Subcommittee Chair: It was noted the Finance Director has carefully reviewed and supports these Agreements (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof).

Motion to approve proposed Agreements for FY16 with ABACUS: Vote: 7-0

Motion to approve the proposed FY16 Agreement with BICO: Vote: 7-0

Motion to approve the proposed Agreement for FY16 with Project Connect: Vote: 7-0

Motion to approve the proposed Agreement for FY16 with SMARTS Collaborative: Vote: 7-0

Consent Agenda:

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$185 to the Class of 2016 from the Men's Warehouse: Vote: 7-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$500 from the Rebeckha Lynn Whitefield Scholarship Fund to the Class of 2015: Vote: 7-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$95.13 from the Mansfield Redemption Center to the Brennan gifts/donation line to assist with the funding of the Grade 8 Field Trip: Vote: 7-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$306.64 from Stop & Stop A+ Rewards Program to the Hill-Roberts gifts/donation line: Vote: 7-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from the Attleboro Art Museum to the Network Program gifts/donation line: Vote: 7-0

Motion was made pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) and (3) to convene in executive session for purposes of conducting strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the school committee. The school committee will not reconvene in open session:

Roll Call:

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

Vote: 7-0

The Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Larson, Secretary

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Middle School Improvement Plans
- Special Education Team Chair
- Special Education and Student Services Coordinator
- Amendment 3 to Attleboro Public Schools Food Service Amendment
- Agreement – Shady Tree Landscaping of Medfield Massachusetts
- Memorandum: Student Attendance Policies
- Proposed Policy JE
- Proposed Policy JE-E
- Middle School Tardy Notification Schedule
- Middle School Attendance Notification Schedule
- Attleboro High School Attendance Notification Schedule
- Trimester Information
- DCAP Information
- FY16 Proposed Budget
- AACS Disc: 06-15-15