

Attleboro Public Schools
Attleboro, Massachusetts
School Committee Meeting
June 16, 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; Marisa McCarthy, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services; Joan DeAngelis, Director of Student Service; and Judy Nelson, Recording Secretary.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The Chairman led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the meeting was being electronically recorded.

Annual Report of Attleboro Special Education Parent Advisory Council: The Executive Board of the ASEPC were introduced. Ms. Ferreira introduced student volunteer, Shannon Walsh and presented her with a gift. Ms. Ferriera thanked Ms. Walsh for her dedication and passion.

Ms. Scales thanked Shannon and asked encouraged volunteers to come forward and get involved.

The members thanked Dr. McCarthy for being available and accommodating at all times. Each member elaborated on the Power Point which defined what ASEPC was, what it does, and also highlighted the events of the 2013-14 School Year. The Goals of the 2014-15 School Year were discussed. Basic rights were discussed. ASEPC is a 501c3 and funding was discussed. According to regulations ASEPC funds are line items to the district's budget. The benefits were discussed.

Special Education Report: Dr. Marisa McCarthy, Director of Special Education and Support Services gave an overview of the end-of-the-year report. Ms. McCarthy explained the changes and upgrades to certain grant programs.

Mr. Sheehan noted the goal to educate each member on the approximately 75 programs being conducted and noted the value of complexity involved.

The Committee thanked the Special Education Director for the collaboration and hard work for the Attleboro students.

Open Forum: The guidelines were read into record.

Catherine Zinni, Principal of Thacher Elementary School: Ms. Zinni spoke about three items: transportation; breakfast for students; and the reorganization of the Special Education Programs.

The administration will report to the Committee on the concerns voiced by Ms. Zinni.

Introductions: 2014-15 Student Advisory Council Representatives to the School Committee: Tyler Stowe and Jack Flynn, AHS '16: The representatives were introduced and welcomed by the Committee.

New Business:

Personnel Report: Assistant Superintendent Sawyer noted one (1) retirement; one (1) resignation; and one (1) appointment (see attached Personnel Report dated June 16th).

School Improvement Plan: Elementary Schools: Mr. Sawyer explained the process (see attached School Improvement Plans attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof). The individual principals explained the five (5): goals for their schools and students will meet or exceed gap narrowing targets for ELA/Math as set by the State; students will exceed the state median for growth of 50 for ELA/Math; (2) teachers will incorporate the new MA State standards in the development of ELA and Math lesson plans and formative and summative assessments; (3) teachers will provided targeted interventions and enrichment for school-based analysis of data and ongoing classroom assessments; (4) increase family and community engagement through school-

wide initiatives; and (5) professional culture will work on increasing family & community engagement through school-wide initiatives. The principals discussed how these goals would be met and the importance of these initiatives.

The Committee noted the importance of community involvement and thanked the principals for their hard work.

Flagship Task Force Presentation: Bill Runey, Principal and Task Force Representatives

CTE/STEM Presentation: Bill Runey, Principal – AHS; Susan Edmonds Director – CTE – AHS: Mr. Runey went over the information contained in the Power Point Updated summarizing the work that has been completed over the past seven (7) months (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof). The Task Force commented on some of the positive changes that have been made over the past ten (10) years. The importance of keeping students in the Attleboro District and the cost savings to the District were explained. The potential for re-implementing of the robotics program at the high school were discussed defining the costs and timeline.

The Task Force explained the reasons for the recommendation to relocate the Central Office/Administration Staff. The distinction between net school spending and infrastructure funds were defined. The Task Force will continue to work and report back to the Committee at a later date.

Concession Stand Timeline: Principal Runey updated the Committee on the timeline status and upcoming plans. The administration thanked all the community for its support and encouraged volunteerism.

Physics in the Classrooms: Principal Runey summarized the timeline for which the physics in the classroom project was developed. He stated that using the micro-chip basketball to formulate physics was highlighted on NECN. The link was provided to the Committee. The Committee commended the "out-of-the-box" technology use.

At 9:40 p.m. a five minute recess was taken. At 9:45 p.m. the Meeting reconvened.

NEASC Accreditation Timeline: This item will be placed on the next Agenda.

PARCC: This item will be placed on the next Agenda.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$330.08 from the Stop & Shop A+ Awards Program to the Hill-Roberts Elementary School gifts/donation: Vote: 8-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,300 from the Feinstein Foundation to Studley Elementary: Vote: 8-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$110 from Harbor One to the gifts/donation line for Attleboro Public Schools: Vote: 8-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$200 from the Attleboro Police Association to the Blue Pride Bistro: Vote: 8-0

Naming of Facility: Attleboro High School Weightroom: Blue Pride Weightroom: The administration will report on this item at the next Meeting.

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 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Larson, Secretary

Attachments:

- Agenda
- ASEPAC PowerPoint
- ASEPAC Annual Report
- Year End Special Education Report: June 16, 2014
- School Committee Personnel Report: June 16, 2014
- Hill-Roberts SIP 2014-15
- Hyman Fine SIP 2014-15
- Studley SIP – 2014-15
- Thacher SIP – 2014-15
- Willett SIP – 2014-15
- Flagship Task Force Power Point
- NEASC Accreditation Process Information
- PARCC Memorandum: 06-12-14
- Blue Pride Weight Room Information
- AACIS Disc – 06-16-14