

Attleboro Public Schools
Attleboro, Massachusetts
School Committee Meeting
June 22, 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)

Absent: Michael Tyler, (Ward VI).

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

The Meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. The Chairman led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the meeting was being electronically recorded.

Recognitions: Student Artwork: The Chairman thanked all the students and families for attending. Mr. Murphy thanked the students for allowing the Committee to display their artwork and sharing their creativity. The students posed for pictures in front of their artwork.

The Chairman recognized art teacher, Susan Casey and Facilities Manager, Jason Parenteau for all their hard work during this process.

At 7:25 a short recess was taken. The Open Meeting resumed at 7:29 p.m. The Chairman led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the meeting was being electronically recorded.

The Committee recognized student representatives for the School Year 2015-16 Tyler Stowe and Jack Flynn who were re-elected by their peers.

Alumnae Association: Due to a conflict in schedules the alumnae association members were unable to attend this evenings meeting.

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

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$143.04 from Staples to the AHS gifts/donation line: Vote: 8-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$400 from Target to the following gifts/donation lines: AHS: \$150; BMS: \$75; HRES: \$100; SES: \$25.00; ELC@TES: \$50.00: Vote: 8-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,454.12 from Stop & Shop to the AHS gifts/donation line: Vote: 8-0

Motion to accept two 32" flat screen televisions with an estimated value of \$150 for use at WES: Vote: 8-0

Motion to declare two (2) pianos from Hill-Roberts: (one Melodigrand Upright and One Fischer Upright) as surplus as they are non-repairable/non-usable: Vote: 8-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$10,000 from the Studley PTO to purchase a chrome cart: Discussion: The Committee welcomed Principal DiPalma and Mr. Martin, PTO President who spoke about this donation and the fundraising efforts: Vote: 8-0

2015 – 2016 Academic Calendar: Proposed 147th Commencement Date (6-3-16) and Early Release Schedule: Assistant Superintendent, David Sawyer briefed the Committee on the proposed items explaining this followed the protocol of the past. Mr. Sawyer explained the basis of the June 3rd Commencement date:

Motion was made to approve the 2015-16 Academic Calendar as proposed and the proposed commencement date of June 3, 2016: Vote: 8-0

Superintendent Transition Process Update: Report on the appointment of the Superintendent Interview Committee and opportunity for public comment: The Chairman briefed the public on the ongoing Superintendent transition process, including the appointment of the Superintendent Interview Committee. The Interview Committee is comprised of 14 stakeholders representing various dimensions of APS, including staff, parents, students, and community. The School Committee will hold Office Hours at 6:30 pm on 6-24-15 at the Willett and Hill-Roberts Schools. This Committee will also host a town hall forum at 10:00 am on 6-27-15. This will be held at Attleboro High School in the B1 Café.

Transportation Implementation Update: Marc Furtado: The Director of Finance/Controller briefed the School Committee on potential challenges in the execution of the transportation system for the 2015 – 2016 academic year. Mr. Furtado explained there may be a need to come before the Committee to ask for authorization to freeze enrollments in regular transportation after a particular date for students enrolling with APS. Mr. Furtado will continue to keep the Committee apprised and more information will be provided at the School Committee's next Meeting on 6-29-15.

FY16 Budgetary Contingency Planning: The Director of Finance/Controller briefed the Committee on the close out of the budget to-date and the budgetary contingency plan for the FY16 Budget moving forward.

The School Committee stressed the need for long-term structural changes at the local and state level. The School Committee asked that the administration provide a complete budgetary outlook and options be provided prior to the Meeting on 6-29-15.

Attleboro High School: School Improvement Plan: The administrators from the High School provided an overview of the 2015-16 AHS School Improvement Plan (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof). The process and academic initiatives were discussed.

The Committee thanked the administration for their presentation.

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:

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

Vote: 8-0

The Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Larson, Secretary

Attachments:

- Agenda
- High School Improvement Plans
- Correspondence: AHS Commencement Request
- Superintendent Transition Process
- FY16 Proposed Budget Power Point
- AACS Disc: 06-22-15