

Attleboro Public Schools  
Attleboro, Massachusetts  
School Committee Meeting  
August 18, 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), Stephen Withers, Jr. (Ward III); Frances Zito (Ward V); Michael Tyler (Ward VI). Julienne Singer (At-Large); James Stors (At-Large).

Absent: Dianne Sawyer (Ward I); Michael Tyler (Ward VI).

Administration Present: Kenneth Sheehan, Superintendent; David Sawyer, Assistant Superintendent; Joan DeAngelis, Director of Student Services, Marisa McCarthy, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services; Marc Furtado, Director of Finance and Controller; Tom Rose, Business; 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.

Announcement: The Chairman announced the organization of a Special Education Director Search Committee (see attached Memorandum).

Student and Staff Recognition: Best Buddies International Leadership Conference Participants: Chapter Members: Jenna Gariepy, Eleni Dafulas; and Jennifer Larson; Advisors: Caron Heller and Hannah Clark: Brennan Principal, Karen Saltzman gave a brief history of the Best Buddies Program. Ms. Heller was not present. The Participants summarized the event and program. The Committee commended the participants on their International Award. It was noted that perhaps this program could be expanded to the other two middle schools as well.

Approval of Minutes: The following motions were made to approve the Minutes with the noted edits:

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from 05-19-14; Vote: 7-0

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from 05-27-14; Vote: 7-0

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from 06-02-14; Vote: 6-0-1(Stors)

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from 06-12-14; Vote: 7-0

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from 06-16-14; Vote: 7-0

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from 06-25-14; Vote: 7-0

New Business:

Municipal Council President Frank Cook: President Cook briefed the committee on municipal affairs. The Committee voiced their continued concerns with regard to the transportation budget. Mr. Cook noted an upcoming meeting that would discuss transportation. The Committee reiterated the transportation budget provide is not sufficient to run the transportation this school year.

Spotlight Series: Chairman Murphy elaborated on the upcoming special meetings of the Attleboro School Committee to promote excellence in the Attleboro schools and strengthen partnerships between the Attleboro school system and the Attleboro community. These Meetings will be posted

Peter Thacher Elementary School Principal: Superintendent Sheehan announced the appointment of Veronica Learned as the new principal of PTES noting the Director of Student Services, Joan DeAngelis, will be the mentor. Mr. Sheehan briefed the Committee on Ms. Learned's credentials.

Ms. Learned thanked the Committee for the opportunity. The Committee welcomed Ms. Learned.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$1000 from the Pub 99 Restaurant to Hyman Fine for deposit in the gifts/donation line: Discussion: None: Vote: 7-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,615.05 from Ahold Financial to Attleboro High School gifts/donation line: Discussion: None: Vote: 7-0

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,014 from the Class of 2014 to Attleboro High School gifts/donation line: Discussion: None: Vote: 7-0

Motion to declare the following non-serviceable copy machines as surplus: One Canon IR 7015 (ID: #11397024); One Canon NP 6080 (ID: #11397018); One Ricoh 2090 AFICIO (ID: #11396921): Discussion: None: Vote: 7-0

FY14 Closing Financial Update: Director of Finance and Controller Marc Furtado briefed the committee on the completion of FY14 operations and the resolution of outstanding expenses. Mr. Furtado asked permission to go present the outstanding Invoices to City Council noting there may be more before the process was completed.

Motion to grant permission for the Director of Finance and Controller to present City Council with the outstanding invoices with the understanding that there may be more before the process is completed: Discussion: None: Vote: 7-0

2014-2015 School Opening and Enrollment Report: Superintendent Kenneth Sheehan and Assistant Superintendent David Sawyer presented the enrollment figures and information related to the opening of the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Sheehan noted there were 90 new students enrolled since Friday which may impact the class size numbers. It was noted since school closed a total of 417 kindergarten students have been enrolled (see attached Power Point). The administration reviewed the out-of-district numbers stating the need to build programs to bring students back. The Home School numbers have been low at 75.

The Committee commented on the Tri County, Bristol Agricultural, and Foxborough Charter School numbers stating the need to encourage families to attend Attleboro Public Schools.

The Administration reiterated the need to build upon the CTE programs to keep students in-district.

Strategic Planning Committee: The first meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee is scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>. The plan will address the expansion of the programs offered through the CTE Department.

2014-15 School Year Professional Development Schedule: Superintendent Kenneth Sheehan and Assistant Superintendent David Sawyer briefed the committee on the scheduling of professional development, parent conferences, and other items related to the 2014-2015 academic year. The early release day process, parent/teacher conferences, and curriculum nights were discussed.

Personnel Report: Assistant Superintendent David Sawyer presented the Personnel Report (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof). The staffing reductions were addressed. The enrollment numbers and recalling of staff members was updated. Mr. Sheehan noted the centralization of registration and stricter residency policies aided the district during the enrollment process weeding out students who did not belong registered in Attleboro.

Special Education Restructuring: Dr. McCarthy updated the Committee on the moving of the Insights Program and restructuring of some classrooms at the High School noting all would be in place for school opening.

Transportation Update: The bus routes will be published in the August 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sun Chronicle and uploaded to the district website by Wednesday. Fee for Service and bus routing was discussed.

Consideration of the proposed athletic trainer contract: Director of Finance and Controller Marc Furtado presented the proposed athletic trainer contract with Houghton Physical Therapy & Sports Conditioning, LLC for the period of August 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 stating this was consistent with previous costs.

Motion was made to approve the proposed athletic trainer contract: Director of Finance and Controller Marc Furtado presented the proposed athletic trainer contract with Houghton Physical Therapy & Sports Conditioning, LLC for the period of August 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 as presented with the aforementioned edit (see attached hereto) Discussion: None: Vote: 7-0

School Committee Proposed Meeting Schedule: A motion was made to approve the proposed meeting Schedule (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof): Discussion: None: Vote: 7-0

The School Committee noted a one-year agreement had been reached with the Administration Association. The Committee extended their gratitude to this bargaining unit.

Technology Bill: It was noted that Representative Heroux's legislation request was moving forward. There were no specifics at this time. The committee and administration will continue to follow this process.

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.

Frances Zito:	Yes
Julienne Singer	Yes
William Larson	Yes
David Murphy	Yes
Lori Scales	Yes
Stephen Withers	Yes
James Stors	Yes

Vote: 7-0: Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Larson, Secretary

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Director of Special Education Posting
- Policy: EEA
- Policy: EEA-E -1
- Correspondence: 7-01-14
- Correspondence: 07-31-14
- AACIS Disc – 08-18-14