

Attleboro Public Schools
Attleboro, Massachusetts
School Committee Meeting
October 6, 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); Frances Zito (Ward V); Michael Tyler (Ward VI). James Stors (At-Large).

Absent: Julienne Singer (At-Large);

Administration Present: Kenneth Sheehan, Superintendent; David Sawyer, Assistant Superintendent; Joan DeAngelis, Director of Student 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.

Open Forum: The Open Forum guidelines were read into record.

Marie Bagarella, Grade 6 teacher at Coelho Middle School spoke on behalf of the AEA Communication Committee (see attached statement).

Open Forum was closed.

Consent Agenda:

A motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$100 to the AHS Music Band from the Attleboro War Council: Vote: 8-0

A motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$181.21 to the AHS Student Council from McDonalds: Vote: 8-0

A motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$434.17 from Target to the Coelho gifts/donation line: Vote: 8-0

A motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$356.60 from Target to the Hill-Roberts gifts/donation line: Vote: 8-0

A motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$108.43 from Target to the Wamsutta gifts/donation line: Vote: 8-0

A motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$694.23 from Target to the Thacher gifts/donation line: Vote: 8-0

A motion to accept a donation in the form of a \$25 gift certificate and \$35 worth of art supplies to Coelho from Mr. and Mrs. John Webster: Vote: 8-0

A motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$110 from the Community Crusade for Children's Kiducation Fund to the Elementary Schools gifts/donation line: Vote: 8-0

A motion to accept the following four (4) donation checks from the New York Life: Benevity Community Impact Fund to the Thacher gifts/donation line: Check No: 108642 in the amount of \$120; Check No: 111332 in the amount of \$40; Check No: 124576 in the amount of \$80; and Check No 20224831 in the amount of \$80.00; Vote: 8-0

A motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$15,000 from the Feinstein Foundation to the Studley gifts/donation line: Vote: 8-0: The Committee thanked the Feinstein Foundation for their continued generosity.

Pursuant to MGL 53A ½ a motion to accept and forward to City Council for approval the following tangible property item from Eric Ordmandy to the Willett Elementary: one (1) 19" Widescreen LCD monitor valued at \$75: Vote: 8-0

Pursuant to MGL 53A ½ a motion to accept and forward to City Council for approval the following tangible property item from Charles and Susan Welsch: one computer equipped for use by the Special Education Department in the cause/effect programs with an estimated value of \$250: Vote: 8-0

Around Attleboro - Spotlight Events: Jack Flynn presented the public events (see attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof).

Open Forum: Of note, at 7:16 p.m. the Chairman re-opened Open Forum:

Nancy Bloch; parent of two students voiced concerns with the transportation process.

Kelly Henry: parent spoke about problems with transportation.

Open Forum was closed. Finance Director, Marc Furtado spoke with both parents.

Envisioning 2020 Update - Subgroup assignments and Advisory Committee: David Murphy, Chairman

Motion was made to endorse the Envisioning 2020 Strategic Plan Initiative: (see attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof): Vote: 8-0

2014 Assessment Results and Accountability Determinations: (see attached Power Point attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof); Mr. Sawyer provided an overview of the 2014 MCAS achievement and student growth results. The educational value and relative significance of these scores were discussed. The administration noted the areas requiring further attention. Mr. Sawyer reviewed the accountability data. The areas of need were noted: Science, Grade 5 ELA, all subgroups, and targeted interventions. The next steps will be to continue to review the data analysis; work on the goal setting among our teachers and administrative teams; work on School Improvement Plans moving forward; and continue the district-wide efforts to improve instruction.

The Committee voiced concern about data comparison moving forward with the PARCC testing. The administration recognized the work of the teachers. Attleboro sets their own goals for each grade using the standards. This information assists in tracking progress.

Price per student was discussed. It was noted Attleboro spends the least on its students. Because of the dedication of the teachers, students continue to excel. The administration continues to focus on the transitioning periods to ensure students have the necessary tools to adapt.

AHS Guidance Department: October 9th Event for Class of 2015 and 2016: Bill Runey, AHS Principal; Jean Hickox, Assistant Principal; Julie Little, AHS Guidance Coordinator: (see attached Power Point presentation): The guidance service and house structures were explained. It was noted that Guidance Services for high school begin in Grade 7 and span through all grades. Each grade has services that pertain to their needs at that grade level. These services were broken down. The new initiatives were discussed: collaboration amongst departments: school-to-career; special education; and academic departments. A systematic, consistent approach across all levels is used. The upcoming College Fair was discussed.

Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee: In Ms. Singer's absence this will be reported on at a future meeting.

Policy Subcommittee: The following policies were removed from the table are in effect:

- Policy BDC: Appointed Committee Officials as presented:
- Policy DBJ: Budget Transfer Authority as presented:
- Policy DGA-E: Authorization Signatures as presented
- Policy DJ-E1: Purchasing Procedures as presented:
- Policy JJF: Student Activity Agency Accounts as presented;
- Policy designation to be determined: Attleboro School Line of Authority as presented.

Upcoming Sub-Committee Schedule: Finance and Budget: 10-07-14; Infrastructure & Facilities: 10-15-14; Policy: 10-27-14; and Curriculum & Instruction: 11-18-14

Executive Session: A motion was made to convene in executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A §21(a)(2) to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel. The Committee will not be returning to Open Session:

Frances Zito:	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 9:10 p.m. The Committee will take a five minute recess before convening in Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

William Larson, Secretary

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Statement: Envisioning 2020
- Assessment Results & Accountability Determination Power Point
- AHS Guidance Department Power Point 10-06-14
- AHS Guidance Responsibilities Timeline
- AHS School Profile
- Policy BDC: Appointment Committee Officials
- Policy DBJ: Budget Transfer Authority
- Policy DGA-E: Authorization of Signatures
- Policy DJ-E: Purchasing Procedures
- Policy: JJF: Student Activity Agency Accounts
- Attleboro District Line of Authority
- Statement: Bagarella
- AACCS Disc – 10-06-14