

Attleboro Public Schools
Attleboro, Massachusetts
School Committee Spotlight Event
November 13, 2014
Library Media Center - 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); Julienne Singer (At-Large); James Stors (At-Large).

Absent: Dianne Sawyer, (Ward I)

Attleboro City/Council Representatives: The Honorable Mayor Kevin Dumas; Frank Cook, City Council President (Ward 3); Peter Blais, City Council Vice-President (At Large); Ronald Churchill (At Large); Richard Conti (At Large); Brian Kirby (At Large); Heather Porreca (At Large); Walter Thibodeau (Ward I); Jonathan Weydt (Ward 4)

Administration/Central Office Staff Present: Kenneth Sheehan, Superintendent; David Sawyer, Assistant Superintendent; Jonathan Plourde, Network Systems Administrator

Student Representatives: Jack Flynn, Student Advisory Council Representative; Tyler Stowe, Student Advisory Council Representative; Brianna St. Don, Student Council President; Wil McKenzie, Student Council Vice-President; and Victoria Pike, Student Council Treasurer

Attleboro Schools Representatives: Bill Runey, Principal – AHS; Brian Hodges, Social Studies Teacher - AHS
Tobey Reed, Social Studies Coordinator – AHS; Glenn Weidner, Foreign Language Teacher - AHS

The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. The Chairman led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the meeting was being electronically recorded. A Moment of Silence was held for Sandy Devine a long-time teacher who succumbed to cancer.

This joint meeting of the Attleboro School Committee and Attleboro City Council was held regarding technology as it pertains to the School District. The two governing bodies were joined by Mayor Kevin Dumas, Superintendent Sheehan, and Assistant Superintendent, David Sawyer. A discussion was held regarding the current and future initiatives necessary to develop the school system's technology to support 21st Century technology.

Mayor Dumas discussed the partnership initiative between the School and Municipal Government. The goal to seek and secure state funding/reimbursement for the necessary infrastructure upgrades necessary to support internet access for all nine schools was reviewed. The Bandwidth capacity was discussed along with the fiber optic capabilities for both municipal and school buildings. The current and future costs were discussed. The sustainability of this process was talked about and importance was noted.

Assistant Superintendent, Sawyer facilitated a series of technology presentations. The changes and current dimensions of the technology system were described. Principal Runey reviewed technology-enhanced communication and community engagement via electronic forums and via social media. Mr. Weidner explained the Aspen program and how it pertains to administration and instructional communication. Both Mr. Reed and Hodges described how technology empowers an educator providing for a better executed, effective, and more efficient manner of teaching a lesson.

Student Representatives: Tyler Stowe and Jack Flynn offered the student perspective as to how the school system and community might view the expansion of technology capabilities and stressed the urgency of this particular need as it pertains to all students.

Chairman Murphy announced that the Spotlight Event would be replayed on DoubleACS in the coming days and would be accessible @ www.attleboroschools.com along with other School Committee Meetings and Spotlight

Events. The next School Committee Spotlight Event is planned for Monday, December 15th @ Coelho Middle School. This meeting will focus on student leadership and community service.

The Committee thanked all participants. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Larson, Secretary

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Power Point Presentation
- AACCS Disc – 11-13-14