

Attleboro Public Schools
Attleboro, Massachusetts
School Committee Meeting
December 8, 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)

Administration Present: Kenneth Sheehan, Superintendent; David Sawyer, Assistant Superintendent; Tyler Stowe, Student Representative, and Judy Nelson, Recording Secretary.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 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. There were no participants.

Around Attleboro: Tyler Stowe, SAC Student Representative to the School Committee briefed the Committee on the upcoming events.

Student Recognition: The School Committee recognized students whose artwork has decorated the walls of the Conference Room throughout 2014. It was noted that all nine schools were represented. Chairman Murphy thanked Facilities Manager, Jason Parenteau for his assistance and commended Susan Casey the Art Instructor for the District. The students present were recognized and commended by the Superintendent as well.

New/Old Business:

Wamsutta Middle School: Principal: the Superintendent announced the appointment of Ronald Struminiski as interim Principal of Wamsutta Middle School. Mr. Struminiski's credentials were given. Mr. Struminiski is a retired Attleboro educator and community member. The committee congratulated and welcomed Mr. Struminiski.

Envisioning 2020: School Committee Strategic Planning Initiative was presented by Lori Scales, Vice Chairperson and David Sawyer, Assistant Superintendent. The presentation focused on the work of the Vision/Mission subgroup. The Draft "essential beliefs" were presented as well as the Draft Mission/Vision statement. The community was informed of that information for this process could be accessed through: www.aps2020weebly.com

Middle School After-School Programming Opportunities: Glenn Bryant (Assistant Principal - BMS); Ray Lamore (Assistant Principal - WMS); and Fred Souza (Assistant Principal - CMS) gave an overview of the current afterschool middle school programs and the process that was being conducted to develop the future after-school programs. This presentation was done in follow up to the school committee's request to have the administration provide a timeline and cost analysis going forward.

Elementary Report Card Structure: the Assistant Superintendent gave an overview of the changes and updates that took place with regard to the elementary report cards that will be issued next week (a copy of which is attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof).

Accelerated Math: 7th – 9th Math Curriculum: the Assistant Superintendent reported on the contemplated changes for the current math programs. The expansion to these programs is in response to the growing concerns of the overcrowding at the high school level with regard to the math sections at the high school. This will provide greater flexibility and capacity for students. The committee asked to be kept informed of the status of developments in this area.

Personnel Changes – APS Transportation Office: the Director of Finance/Controller gave an overview of the proposed changes and establishment of an Operations Manager for the Transportation Department. This will alleviate the challenges faced due to the changes in personnel in the transportation department.

Motion was made to establish the position of operations manager for the transportation department. Vote: 8-0

School District Utilities Expenses (Electric): the Director of Finance/Controller explained the request to ratify a contract extension. This would lock the district in at a favorable electricity rate effective July 1, 2015. The pros and cons of this request were discussed: Vote: 8-0.

Budget Transfer Request: the Director of Finance/Controller explained the request which would be resolve the unanticipated CTE tuitions from FY14: Vote: 8-0

Winter/Spring 2015 School Committee Calendar: The Chairman presented the School Committee and Sub-Committee Calendar dates for January – August 2015: Vote: 8-0

Subcommittee Reports: The Committee was briefed on the recent Policy and Infrastructure/Facilities Sub-Committee meetings. Possible changes to the fee-for-service process were discussed. The following motion was approved:

Motion to approve the Critical Incident Policy which has been approved by legal counsel with the designation to be determined: Vote: 8-0

The Chairman announced the School Committee Spotlight Meeting – Leadership and Community Service in the Attleboro Schools which will be held on Monday, December 15, 2015 at 7:00pm at Coelho Middle School.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Larson, Secretary

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Proposed School Committee Meeting Schedule
- Memorandum: Middle School Student Interest Survey: 12-05-14
- Memorandum: Elementary Report Cards and Accelerated Math: 12-03-14
- Sample: Elementary Report Card
- Draft: Mission/Vision Statement
- Draft: APS Essential Beliefs
- Proposed Critical Incident Policy
- Policy EEA: Student Transportation
- School Committee Personnel Report: 12-08-14
- AACS Disc – 12-08-14