

Attleboro Public Schools
Attleboro, Massachusetts
School Committee Spotlight Event
December 15, 2014
Auditorium - Coelho Middle School

Present: David Murphy, Chairman (At-Large); Lori Scales, Vice Chairperson (Ward IV); William Larson, Secretary (Ward II), Dianne Sawyer, (Ward I); Frances Zito (Ward V); Michael Tyler (Ward VI); Julienne Singer (At-Large); James Stors (At-Large).

Absent: Stephen Withers, Jr. (Ward III);

Attleboro City/Council Representatives: The Honorable Mayor Kevin Dumas; Frank Cook, City Council President (Ward 3)

Administration/Central Office Staff Present: Kenneth Sheehan, Superintendent; David Sawyer, Assistant Superintendent; Judy Nelson, Recording Secretary

The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. The Chairman led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the meeting was being electronically recorded. This meeting will focus on student leadership and community service.

Principal Boles welcomed all participants. The following entities and people were recognized:

Bristol County Savings Bank: Patrick Murray, President and CEO and Dennis Kelly, Chairman BCSB Charitable Foundation. The Superintendent provided a brief history of the continued generosity of Bristol County Savings Bank. A check was presented in the amount of \$20,000 and the following motion was made:

Motion to accept a \$20,000.00 donation from Bristol County Savings Bank for use in the piloting of the ST Math Program in all five (5) elementary schools, to be used in conjunction with additional grants to maximize the benefits enjoyed by Attleboro's students: Vote: 8-0

The Committee thanked Mr. Murray and Mr. Kelly for their continued support and generosity.

Feinstein Foundation: Amy Chauvin from the Acopia Harvest International was present and described their partnership with the Feinstein Foundation. Principal DiPalma and the Director of Special Education, Linda McSweeney were present and gave the historical background of the Feinstein Foundation and affiliation. The Committee thanked the Feinstein Foundation for their continued support and generosity.

Brennan Middle School: Leadership teams were recognized. The Student Council Advisors and Officers were present. Principal Saltzman describes the programs and initiatives at Brennan and the impact the leadership team has on the Brennan Community. The Committee recognized all participants thanking them.

Hill-Roberts: Mr. Johnson recognized Julie Cotsales and thanked her for going above and beyond. Ms. Cotsales spoke to the Committee. The Committee thanked her for being the "face of Hill-Roberts".

Hyman Fine: Ms. Martin acknowledged her Leadership Team: Kerri Craig, Theresa Mahoney, Jen Thibbetts, Brenda Richard, and Kate Wright.

Whitefield Foundation: The District recognized the Whitefield Foundation for their substantial contributions.

Jason Parenteau: The Director of Finance and Controller, Marc Furtado introduced Jason Parenteau. The District recognized Director of Facilities noting his continuous commitment to excellence and a willingness to ensure the school system's infrastructure is conducive to educational excellence.

Thacher Elementary School: Ms. Learned noted the difference made by community members, particularly retired educator, Evelyn Silva, and thanked her for sharing her insight and institutional knowledge.

Willett Elementary School: Mr. Cateon introduced and thanked Jim Laramie for his participation in the beautification project at Willett. Mr. Laramie is an example of the strength and culture of the Willett community.

Attleboro High School: the following individuals were recognized:

Eric Barrese was recognized as a DAR recipient for good citizenship. Mr. Runey elaborated on Mr. Barrese noting the high school benefited from students like this.

Cassandra Carreiro was acknowledged as the MIAA Athlete of the month and for her student leadership.

Kimberly Runey was acknowledged for her student leadership and for receiving the Wendy's Heisman Award.

Project Unite/Special Olympics: both Hunter Wain and Janessa Coburn were recognized for their participation and continued support to these events.

Rebecca Richard was thanked and commended for her induction into the Special Olympics Hall of Fame and for her continued efforts involving all students in these events.

Coelho Middle School: Mr. Souza noted the impact and role model that Ryan Gordon has had and acknowledged the National Young Leaders State Conference. Mr. Boles noted the difference Patricia Allard has made and commended her for the participation in the local food pantry, clothing, and gift drives for the needy families and past and present military members. Mr. Boles also recognized Tamie LaFleur and the student representatives who promote both academic excellence and community service at Coelho.

Wamsutta Middle School: Karol Coffin recognized the Sensata Corporation. Both Peter Weiss and Edward Nordberg were present. She noted the importance the robotics program has made at Wamsutta. Mr. Lamore recognized Karyn McGee and the 8th Grade STAR students.

The Committee wished Ms. Coffin well with her new endeavor as Superintendent of the Belchertown Public School System.

Tozier-Cassidy Field Concession Project: The Committee recognized the volunteers and introduced Mark Houle and Michael Strachen along with all volunteers present thanking them for the outstanding work ethics and noted the value of this community project.

Chairman Murphy made closing remarks thanking all participants. The Attleboro School Committee Spotlight Program is a series of special meetings of the governing body of the Attleboro School System convened specifically for to highlight and promote particularly noteworthy initiatives and efforts underway within the Attleboro schools. All Spotlight Meetings are broadcast periodically on the local Channel 9 and are also available for viewing, as are all meeting on www.attleboroschools.com

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Larson, Secretary

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Full Itinerary
- AACCS Disc – 12-15-14