

Attleboro Public Schools
Attleboro, Massachusetts
School Committee Meeting
Monday, May 7, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.
School Committee Conference Room - Attleboro High School
Minutes

Present: Michael Tyler, (At Large), Chairman, Brenda Furtado, (Ward IV), Vice Chairperson, Barbara Crow, (At Large), Secretary, Teri Enegren, (Ward I), William Larson, (Ward II), Christopher O'Neil (Ward III), Frances Zito, (Ward V), Kenneth Parent, (Ward VI), David Murphy, (At Large)

Also Present: Pia Durkin, Ph.D., Superintendent, Nancy Sprague, Director for Teaching and Learning Excellence, David King, interim Business Manager, Student Representative and Judy Nelson, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

Community Update: School Sponsored Events: Ms. Beland updated the committee on the upcoming events.

Mr. Tyler updated the community on the Reading Day that occurred at Thacher Elementary. He shared with the committee the many comments/recommendations that students had. Ms. Crow also noted she had the opportunity to read for the students. She noted this was a great event.

Open Forum: Mr. Tyler explained the guidelines of Open Forum. There were no participants.

Consent Agenda:

Special Olympics: Rebecca Richard, Community Service Coordinator was present. Shannon Walsh a student noted the Special Olympic Ceremony will be held on May 23, 2012 at North Attleboro High School. Check in for each athlete is scheduled for 8:00 a.m., the parade begins at 9:00 and the games begin at 10:00 a.m.

Request for Field Trip Proposal: Attleboro High School for School Committee Approval, three weeks prior, date(s) 06-15-12 for fifty (50) Grade 10/11 high school students to attend the Dialog in the Dark Exhibition and the Bodies Exhibition in New York City on 05-25-12 - student/parent funded: Vote: 8-0. Motion passes.

A donation in the amount of \$48.31 to Attleboro High School gifts/donation fund from the Coca Cola Company: Vote: 8-0. Motion passes.

A donation in the amount of \$4,024 from the Thacher PTO for the purchasing of document camera set ups for Grade 2 classrooms at Thacher Elementary School. Vote: 8-0. Motion passes.

Of note at 7:12 Ms. Enegren entered the meeting.

A donation of one (1) girl's bike from Dunkin Donuts of 290 South Main Street, Attleboro, Luis Oliveira for the Inter National Walk to School Day Event (The Walking School Bus) held at the Thacher Elementary School: Vote: 9-0. Motion passes.

A donation of one (1) boy's bike and two (2) helmets from the Attleboro Police Association for the International Walk to School Day Event (The Walking School Bus) held at the Thacher Elementary School. Vote: 9-0. Motion passes.

New Business:

Trimester Scheduling: Jeff Newman, Principal; David Sawyer Assistant Principal. Mr. Newman introduced the following teachers: Norma Kozacka, Nancy Krieger, and Kevin Deschene (see Power Point presentation attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof).

Mr. Sawyer summarized the pros of trimesters: more strategic use of time; more access to programs; more flexibility of scheduling; and compliance with the anticipated changes to state assessments. The administration believes this will be an

improvement for students. MCAS will most likely be replaced by the PARCC exams and the trimester scheduling will better prepare students.

Ms. Kozacka, Ms. Krieger, and Mr. Deschene explained the faculty perspectives for example: increased participation in Advanced Placement, CTE, and other programs. The increased time for the CTE programs is important. This will give students a better chance to meet the pre-requisite expectations. In the past students have shied away from CTE programs due to the restrictive scheduling. Trimester will provide more continuity and increase the opportunity for students to participate in the coop program. This will bring the physical education and health programs into compliance.

Mr. Newman noted the options would be to successfully reach an agreement with the AEA on the proposed trimester schedule, find alternatives within the current contract language, and avoid delaying the change. Mr. Newman noted concerns with the possible upcoming implementation of the PARCC which is scheduled for implementation in 2014.

The committee asked when a decision was needed.

The AEA has a scheduled meeting on May 15th. The school committee vote would allow the process to move forward.

The committee inquired about the consensus amongst union members.

Mr. Newman noted the last indication from staff was positive. This has been a two-year process. Staff brought these changes forward. There were a few options. Trimester was the first choice.

The committee noted trimester scheduling appears to address the changing variables.

Mr. Newman noted block scheduling has been in place for approximately ten years. Schedule needs have changed.

Mr. Sawyer noted the multiple components of PARCC testing. There are four components: two required and two optional. Mr. Sawyer noted the increased participation in Advanced Placement courses and the need to find a balance in scheduling.

The committee asked for a better explanation of the PARCC testing.

Mr. Sawyer noted these are performance-based assessments. They are summative at the year-end. There would be a diagnostic test at the beginning, formative testing half-way through, and a summative test at year-end. He noted this is helpful in defining the needs of the student.

The committee thanked the presenters.

School Committee Vote: Amendment to the Collaborative Agreement: Dr. Durkin explained the following amendments to the Bi-County Agreement require a vote by each member School Committee. Inactive memberships on the part of a few member districts have negatively impacted the Collaborative's ability to achieve a quorum from time to time and therefore the ability to conduct business.

Motion was made to adopt Amendment One: Inactive Membership and Amendment Two: Board Meeting Schedule to the Collaborative Agreement (a copy of which is attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof): Discussion: None; Vote: 9-0

FY 13 Budget: David King, Interim Business Manager: Mr. King explained the changes in an effort to dispel any questions. The budget will address the increased enrollment. The priorities can still be maintained. There will be no cutbacks and there is no effect on the FY12 budget. There is not nor never was a deficit. The bottom line figure has not changed (\$62,557.102).

The committee asked what the scale-backs or cuts would be. Mr. King noted this would be addressed in the presentation (attached hereto and therefore made a part hereof). The contracted pay increases were explained. The major components are mandated contractually. Teacher step raises average around 4.5%. The step ranges are from three to 10% with the 1% increase added to Step 12. Other significant increases: health benefits, retirement contributions, and vocational out-of-district tuition. Mr. King broke down the Special Education Tuitions.

Ms. Sprague explained the staffing and requests.

The committee noted this involved fewer positions.

There were still +11.5 positions from this year. This is the first time in four years that the district has been able to increase staff numbers. The general school budget adjustments included the level funding of the per pupil expenditures. The increase in after school offerings at the middle school remained. The implications for the future: the FY13 budget would allow for the initiation of Full-Day Kindergarten and address the enrollment issues. The FY14 Budget should sustain existing positions. There should be an increase in Chapter 70 funds due to Full-Day Kindergarten which is estimated at \$700,000, and this would provide the ability to negotiate new contracts.

The committee had asked the administration to provide a list of additional funding priorities: (1) elementary special subject teacher (\$65,000); English Language Learner Teacher (\$65,000); a .5 plumbing teacher (\$32,500) to allow to keep Attleboro students in-district; middle school teacher (\$65,000); and textbooks and supplies (\$123,000).

Mr. Parent noted ELL took a big hit. The .5 plumbing teacher would help because this would mean \$15,000/student for every student who remains in-district.

It was noted accreditation for the plumbing program is a four-year process. This would be an investment in the future.

The committee voiced concerns with the numbers at the middle school. It was noted the district had to re-district due to over-population at Brennan.

The trend at Brennan Middle School has been reviewed. Currently we are contractually compliant. The administration will continue to monitor this trend.

The budget timeline was noted. A finance sub-committee meeting would be needed before the meeting on May 21st to meet time restrictions. This will be reviewed and decided. It was noted the committee votes on a bottom line figure.

Ms. Furtado noted the importance of the committee being apprised of any information regarding this process. She stated the committee should have been informed as a whole on the possible "error" in the budget.

Mr. Tyler reiterated to the full committee he was not aware of this and not sure why it was not brought to the attention of the full committee.

The superintendent noted her contact with the Chairman. She respectfully disagreed with the recounting of the circumstances. This information was presented at the Finance Committee on Tuesday night.

Mr. Tyler noted when there is something of this magnitude all members should be informed.

Ms. Craw noted this is a committee of nine and better communication is needed.

Superintendent's Request for the School Committee to grant authority to the Interim Business Manager, Dave King, to make budget transfers necessary during this time of year without School Committee approval. The Superintendent noted this has been common practice in the past. This is necessary to close out the budget. Once complete the committee would be provided a copy of the transfers.

A motion was made to grant authority to the Interim Business Manager, David King, to make budget transfers necessary during this time of year to close out the budget: Discussion:

The committee voiced concerns with the process due to the interim position.

Mr. Parent noted willingness to work with Mr. King and review the transfers before moving forward. This would allow for a second set of eyes during this process.

Mr. King stated he had no problem with this process. Of note bills need to be paid in a timely manner.

Vote: 0-9 – Motion fails

A motion was made to grant authority to the Interim Business Manager, David King, to make budget transfers necessary during this time of year to close out the budget in conjunction with the Finance Chairman's review: Vote: 9-0 Motion passes.

Personnel Report: Pia Durkin, Ph.D., Superintendent: Dr. Durkin reported one retirement and three resignations. Lucille Proia the senior clerk typist at Brennan Middle School after 18-years of services. She will be sorely missed.

Lisa Martiesian, Director for Special Education and Support Services tendered her resignation to pursue other personal interests. The Superintendent commended Ms. Martiesian on her work ethics.

Catherine White, Principal at Hyman Fine will resign to pursue other personal interests. The Superintendent noted Ms. White has made a significant difference at Hyman Fine.

John Neiratko resigns after a year long administrative leave to pursue administrative work in another district. He has chosen to pursue other career options.

Ms. Furtado asked what the process would be to move forward for Special Education Director.

Mr. Tyler noted this had not been decided at this time.

Ms. Craw asked the time frame.

Dr. Durkin notified the Chairman of the two resignations. Concerns were voiced regarding the timing. The Superintendent recommends that the district move forward to put an interim Special Education Director in place. Internal posting was done to meet the requirement to see if there were any internal candidates certified for this position. There are 17 school districts searching for a Director at this time. The Superintendent voiced the SPED PAC concerns. Two members have volunteered to assist with the process. As done in the past an AEA member, a principal who has many special education programs in their building, parents, and school committee members will serve on this search committee. A preliminary date of May 16th has been set up.

Ms. Furtado stated the school committee oversees the hiring of the Assistant Superintendent, Business Manager, and Director of Special Education. The committee is in charge of the search committees. The process has been the same. This process should not have changed.

The Superintendent noted contact with the Chairman and voiced concern with the time constraint and limited pool.

Mr. Tyler stated the need to find out the availability of the committee members. Mr. Tyler will contact members.

Ms. Craw noted the pre-set date may need to be changed due to the need for the additional finance meeting.

Ms. Enegren mentioned the date of the Friday before Memorial Day may also need to be changed.

Mr. Parent respectfully asked to be considered for the screening committee.

Committee Reports

Finance, Facilities and Procurement Sub-Committee: Mr. Parent reported on the Finance Meeting held on May 2, 2012.

Bus Contract Discussion: The taxes have been paid in full. The Inspector General noted if the tax amendment was signed in good faith, the district could go forward with the bid choice.

Ms. Enegren voiced serious concerns with the amendments made to the RFP without school committee approval.

Mr. Parent noted if the district were to go back out to bid, the amendments would need to be discussed.

A motion was made to go back out to bid with a three (3) year contract with two (2) one (1) year renewal options and a three (3) year contract with seven (7) one (1) year renewal options: Discussion:

Mr. Parent received correspondence from the city government that the committee is within its rights to go back out to bid. The committee will need city council approval to move forward with the longer contracts.

Mr. Murphy asked if there was a downside to going back out to bid.

Mr. Parent stated the committee needs to decide if a better contract price could be achieved.

Ms. Enegren stated one bid is dangerous. There is no choice and forces the committee's hand.

Mr. Tyler noted the Inspector General stated a district could not reject one bid. The bid must be rejected if it is in the best interest of the district.

Ms. Enegren noted the guidelines set by the school committee for the bid process were altered without committee approval.

It was noted four (4) changes were made to the RFP. The committee would need to review these changes if they were to proceed with going back out to bid.

Mr. Murphy voiced concerns about the timeline. This was thought to be a competitive bid. He voiced concerns about the cost to the city if the price came back higher.

Mr. Larson agreed the numbers were researched by Mr. King and the numbers are very competitive.

Mr. O'Neil asked how the two (2) options would benefit the district.

Mr. Parent noted a bus company would be more willing to come long-term because of the money invested in a fleet.

Mr. O'Neil asked if there would be a 3:1:1 option in the bid if went back out.

Mr. Larson stated City Council could turn down the longer contract. We could go back out and the bid comes in higher.

Ms. Craw noted it was not the lowest price out there.

Mr. Murphy understood the analysis, but asked if we were guaranteed a better price.

The committee asked the timeline.

Mr. King noted if we were to go back out to bid an advertisement could be done for Tuesday or Wednesday; two weeks from that date for a pre-bid which would be May 16th. A vote would be needed and this process could be done at the earliest by June 1st.

The committee asked the advertisement costs incurred.

Mr. King noted the Central Register was at no cost. The advertisement in the local paper was minimal.

A motion was made to go back out to bid on the transportation contract with a three (3) year contract with two (2) one (1) year renewal option and/or a three (3) option with a seven (7) one (1) year renewal option:

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| Mrs. Zito: | No |
| Mr. Larson: | No |
| Mr. Parent: | Yes |
| Ms. Craw: | Yes |
| Mr. Tyler: | Yes |
| Ms. Furtado: | Yes |
| Mr. Murphy: | No |

Ms. Enegren: Yes
Mr. O'Neil: No

Vote: 5-4: Motion Passes

The committee reviewed the amendments made to the RFP.

Bus Route Development:

Section 1.20: Development of routes is the responsibility of the Attleboro Public Schools. The committee would like to keep the original language.

Ms. Enegren noted the district is in the business of education. The vendor is paid a lot of money and should be responsible for the routes.

The committee asked Mr. King to retrieve documents from his Office.

A recess was held at 9:28 p.m.

At 9:36 p.m. the meeting was called back to order.

The committee discussed the reason for having the routes configured by the vendor. We do not want to micro-manage the transportation vendor. The vendor needs to be held accountable. The new 45 minute route requirement was noted. The committee questioned the ability to enforce this policy if they too created the routes. The vendor needs to be held accountable.

Ms. Sprague noted a few incidents occurred this year with overcrowding. Transportation office was extremely helpful. Arrangements were made at no cost to the district. She noted the importance of continued cooperation. She stressed the importance of our in-house staff having the information readily available to them, noting this was not the case in the past.

Ms. Enegren agreed the in-house staff should have this information. She reiterated they should not have a hand in the development of these routes. Once the routes are developed the transportation department should have these routes as well as a copy to the principals.

Ms. Sprague stated it was her understanding that this was not the case in the previous contract.

The Superintendent noted prior to the current vendor there was no formalized information regarding the routes provided to administration.

Ms. Enegren noted it was her previous experience that the principals were given a list.

Dr. Durkin noted she found this shocking as well and this was the first district in which she incurred this problem.

A motion was made to return Section 1.20 back to the original language approved by the School Committee: Vote: 7-2 (Larson; Murphy). Motion passes.

Age of Vehicles:

A motion was made to amend the Addendum Section 2.6: the language to read: "nor may they use any bus or mini-bus that manufacturer's model year is more than twelve (12) years old at any time during the contract"

The committee discussed the safety reasons and rationale. By law the vehicle would have to pass inspection.

Vote: 9-0: Motion passes.

Radio Frequency:

The committee discussed the vendor use of Attleboro's radio frequency. There were concerns voiced with the overlapping of this use.

Ms. Enegren stated the vendor should have a separate frequency. The Attleboro Public School Bus frequency should not be shared with the vendor. She noted the guidelines involved.

Ms. Furtado noted if the vendor were using the frequency the terminal manager would have to be onsite to do so.

Mr. Parent stated this was a question posed during the pre-bid process.

Ms. Enegren stated the school committee should have been asked to provide an answer. This is something they would need to authorize.

Mr. Murphy stated when this was discussed at Finance, he believed it was determined that no one was using this frequency. He stated perhaps there are two (2) frequencies available to Attleboro Public Schools.

Mr. Larson noted it was his understanding from the previous conversation that there was a frequency available for the bus vendor to use. He believed it was our frequency available for our vendor to use.

Mr. King noted during the pre-bid questioning this question was asked.

Ms. Enegren stated it was her understanding that historically the vendor did not use this frequency. She stated the committee should stick with the historical process.

Ms. Furtado again noted if the vendor were using the frequency, they would have to be in the building.

Ms. Enegren did not know the logistics. Historically a vendor's bus could not communicate with an Attleboro Public School bus. They were not on the same frequency and would need to go through their dispatch to make any contact.

Mr. Parent stated the committee should clarify this information through a motion.

A motion was made to that the Attleboro Public Schools does not share their frequency with Bus Vendor that the Bus Vendor have their own frequency:

Discussion:

Mr. Murphy stated the concern is not to have the vendor on the same frequency as the Attleboro Public School buses. He asked if the committee would have a problem allowing the vendor to use a frequency if that frequency were dedicated exclusively to the vendor company. Mr. Murphy asked if this would have any impact on a bus company bidding.

It was noted they have their own frequency. Ms. Furtado asked why the committee would want to incur that cost. Ms. Furtado questioned what would happen if that frequency went down, we would be liable.

Mr. Murphy stated if we had two (2) frequencies wouldn't this make it more attractive to a vendor to bid. It would be available for their exclusive use.

Ms. Enegren stated if there were a cost, we would not want to incur this. The vendor should incur any cost. The vendor should supply the bus services. We do not want to micro-manage or supervise them.

Mr. Murphy again reiterated that it was his understanding from previous discussions that we had another frequency available exclusively for the bus vendor that is currently not being used. This would be something that potential bidders would not need to have if we already have it available.

Ms. Enegren stated it was her understanding that the current vendor had their own frequency.

Ms. Craw noted the costs incurred to also have their own dispatcher are included in the contract costs.

Mr. O'Neil questioned the reliability of a frequency that might not have been used for sometime. There may be problems with the possible interferences in the area. Mr. O'Neil stated he did not want this to become a safety issue.

Ms. Enegren stated it is the responsibility of a dispatcher to communicate any safety issue to their buses.

Mr. Larson stated it would be safe to say the successful contractor can use an Attleboro frequency as long as it is not the same frequency that the Attleboro Public School system utilizes. Mr. Larson stated Attleboro may have multiple frequencies assigned from the FTC. Mr. Larson stated to resolve it the following language could be used: if Attleboro has a frequency available, the vendor could use that frequency, as long as they are not using the same frequency Attleboro uses for their buses. If we do not have a frequency, the vendor would need to use their own.

Ms. Enegren asked what would happen if something were wrong with our frequency, who has to pay for the repairs or what happens if something is wrong with ours, what do we do?

Mr. Larson stated the City of Attleboro has approximately 24 frequencies. He reviewed a list.

Ms. Enegren noted she was just seeking clarification.

Ms. Furtado voiced concerns for accountability if there were a problem with the frequency, how do you hold a vendor accountable for our frequency.

Mr. Larson noted at the pre-bid meeting it was his understanding that the vendor would prefer to use one of Attleboro's frequencies.

The motion was repeated:

A motion was made to that the Attleboro Public Schools does not share their frequency with Bus Vendor that the Bus Vendor have their own frequency:

Mr. Murphy noted if the motion is to eliminate the frequency being used by Attleboro Public Schools, if there is another frequency controlled by the Attleboro Public Schools, this would not eliminate the vendor using a frequency.

Ms. Enegren stated she was stating she did not want the frequencies overlapping.

Mr. Murphy agreed and noted as long as the frequency is being used exclusively by the vendor, just the vendor.

Ms. Enegren asked if there was a need for two separate motions.

Ms. Furtado reiterated her concerns of liability if the frequency went out.

A motion was made to amend the motion for clarification: the vendor will be allowed to use an Attleboro Public School frequency provided that that frequency is for the exclusive use of the bus vendor: Discussion:

Ms. Enegren noted there are two points to the motion: one that the frequencies do not overlap and two is that the frequency is separate. She stated some people don't mind the overlapping, but mind the other.

Mr. Parent stated this is not how the Addendum reads.

Ms. Enegren stated if we are going back out to bid clarification is needed.

Ms. Craw noted the committee is not certain there are two separate frequencies.

Ms. Enegren noted Mr. Larson explained there are many frequencies available to the district. She restated her concerns. Ms. Enegren did not want them overlapping on the Attleboro Public Schools frequency. She restated her motion:

A motion was made that the successful bidder/vendor does not overlap and use Attleboro Public School bus frequency (they would not be allowed to be on the same frequency):

Mr. Parent noted a vote of "yes" would mean we would not overlap the two frequencies: A vote of "no" would allow for overlapping:

Roll Call:

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| Mrs. Zito: | Yes |
| Mr. Larson: | Yes |
| Mr. Parent: | Yes |
| Ms. Craw: | Yes |
| Mr. Tyler: | Yes |
| Ms. Furtado: | Yes |
| Mr. Murphy: | Yes |
| Ms. Enegren: | Yes |
| Mr. O'Neil: | Yes |

Vote: 9-0: Motion Passes

Mr. Murphy noted the issue he would have is that we do not definitely know if we have a frequency.

Mr. Parent noted if we did not clarify it any more at this point. It would safe to say that the vendor could not use Attleboro Public School frequency.

Ms. Enegren stated what we are saying is that if we have an available frequency that could be dedicated to the vendor, it could be used.

Mr. Murphy stated the only reason he is discussing this is that this must have been important enough to one of the vendors to inquire before bidding.

A motion was made that it would be part of the RFP: if we have an available frequency, Attleboro would allow the frequency to be used exclusively by the bus vendor:

Discussion:

Ms. Furtado stated she would not be voting for this because she feels we would not be able to hold the vendor accountable if something were to happen to the frequency. The frequency would be in our building and would not allow us to hold the vendor accountable if something were to go wrong with the frequency.

Mr. Murphy believed we would be able to hold the vendor accountable for this or anything else by exercising our legal rights as a district.

Ms. Furtado asked for clarification of this statement.

Mr. Murphy noted if a bus company were to do anything the school district could hold that vendor accountable as we would any other party.

Mr. Parent stated what is being said if it is our frequency and we cannot get the word out; the bus company would say it was because our frequency was out.

Ms. Furtado stated for the money Attleboro is paying, let the vendor do the routes, let them be accountable for the services.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Zito: No
Mr. Larson: Yes
Mr. Parent: Yes
Ms. Craw: No
Mr. Tyler: No
Ms. Furtado: No
Mr. Murphy: Yes
Ms. Enegren: No
Mr. O'Neil: No

Vote: 5-4: Motion fails - The vendor will have to use their own frequency.

Fuel: Adjustment Clause: it was agreed that this clause should be removed.

A motion was made to remove the Fuel Adjustment Clause from the RFP: Vote: 9-0

Mr. King asked that the language in Section 2 regarding Appendix F, Subsection 7b be removed as this does not follow policy and/or laws.

A motion was made to remove Section 2(b): Discussion: None: Vote: 9-0

Facilities Discussion: It was noted there was one bid received. This was from Sodexo. All documentation was in line: The price was a fair price.

A motion was made to award the facilities bid to Sodexo with a length of the contract to be determined: Discussion:

Ms. Enegren noted the bid could be awarded and a time decided.

Ms. Furtado noted the options were three, five, or ten years.

Mr. Parent noted this would be discussed at the next Finance Meeting and brought back to full committee for approval.

Vote: 9-0 Motion passes.

Policy: JQ-E1: Mr. Parent noted this was brought to the finance, but there was no quorum to approve. The reason this was being brought forward was that the Lacrosse Fee needed to be added to the list. The Athletic Director asked that this be approved.

It was noted the fee was determined for the Lacrosse as followed: 1/3 being paid by the district; 1/3 fundraised; and 1/3 would be a fee for the student/family.

Motion: to bring to the full School Committee to approve the user fee schedule listed in File: JQ-E1 as is with the amendments noted: Vote: 9-0. Motion passes.

Notification of bills and warrants:

Warrant: 5BS042: 04-25-12: \$711,775.58

Warrant: 5BS043: 05-02-12: \$240,462.86

The next meeting is scheduled for 5-23-12 @ 7:00 p.m., but another meeting will be scheduled beforehand to allow for the budget and bid items to move forward with the timelines.

Ms. Craw asked to bring a motion forward regarding Full-Day Kindergarten:

A motion was made to provide Full-Day Kindergarten to all eligible Attleboro students starting in September of 2012: Discussion:

Mr. Murphy asked how this was different from what the committee already decided on.

Mr. Parent noted this would guarantee a line item for this program. At this time this is a committee goal and is a preliminary line item.

Mr. Larson stated it was a committee goal. He noted the state has not finalized its budget at this time. Should the committee make a decision without the final budget figures?

Mr. Parent explained some constituents have noted they will seek full-day kindergarten elsewhere because they were not confident the committee would implement this program.

Ms. Furtado noted a vote would move this forward and allow families to plan.

Vote: 9-0 Motion passes.

Curriculum and Instruction Sub-Committee: The next meeting will be held on 05-16-12 @ 6:30 p.m.

Policy Sub-Committee: The next meeting will be held on 5-14-12 @ 7:00 p.m. Ms. Furtado noted the nutritional bill will be placed on the Agenda. The sub-committee at this time plans to recommend the 30 minutes before/and 30 minutes after.

Ms. Furtado asked the Chairman to act on the following motion: A motion was made to solicit bids legal services for the Attleboro Public Schools: Discussion:

Ms. Furtado noted legal services are very expensive. All vendor contracts are overseen by the committee. It would be in the best interest of the district to solicit bids to see what the options are. It is the committee's duty to seek all options.

Mr. Murphy didn't disagree, but noted the current legal counsel has been with Attleboro for a significant amount of time. He noted this item was not planned on the Agenda. He asked if it shouldn't be tabled and discussed at the next meeting.

Ms. Furtado noted she was asking to solicit bids, not make any changes at this time.

Mr. Murphy reiterated the long relationship with the current counsel and was hesitant to solicit bids in this manner as it might send the wrong message.

Ms. Furtado noted in order to review the options; we need to solicit bids to compare.

Mr. Murphy asked what the process was for soliciting bids for municipal counsel. He noted this should be researched before it is acted upon.

Mr. Tyler stated he believed an advertisement is placed.

Mr. King will review this process.

Ms. Furtado noted time is needed to explore other avenues of savings. It is the job of the school committee to get the best price for the district.

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| Mrs. Zito: | No |
| Mr. Larson: | No |
| Mr. Parent: | Yes |
| Ms. Craw: | Yes |
| Mr. Tyler: | Yes |
| Ms. Furtado: | Yes |
| Mr. Murphy: | No |
| Ms. Enegren: | Yes |
| Mr. O'Neil: | No |

Vote: 5-4: Motion Passes

Executive Session: Mr. Tyler asked the committee to entertain a motion to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel.

Ms. Enegren asked why the committee was entering executive session. Ms. Enegren noted the committee received by mail correspondence from the Superintendent. In this correspondence the Superintendent rejected the terms of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Tyler stated the committee needs to enter executive session to discuss the parameters and how the committee will move forward with this process.

Ms. Enegren noted the Superintendent respectfully declined the offer. There was an absence of a counter offer. Ms. Enegren stated she understood it as that negotiations are complete. The committee needs to move forward with a search committee for this position.

Dr. Durkin asked that the committee discuss this with her Attorney rather than assume her employment ends on June 30th.

A motion was made to have the school committee appoint a search committee for the position of Superintendent for the School Year beginning July 1, 2012:

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| Mr. O'Neil: | No |
| Ms. Enegren: | Yes |
| Mr. Murphy: | No |
| Ms. Furtado: | Yes |
| Mr. Tyler: | No |
| Ms. Craw: | Yes |
| Mr. Parent: | No |
| Mr. Larson: | No |
| Mrs. Zito: | No |

Vote: 6-3: Motion fails

A motion was made to enter executive session to discuss the parameters of the Superintendent's Contract: the committee will not be returning to open session:

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| Mr. O'Neil: | Yes |
| Ms. Enegren: | No |
| Mr. Murphy: | Yes |
| Ms. Furtado: | Yes |
| Mr. Tyler: | Yes |
| Ms. Craw: | Yes |
| Mr. Parent: | Yes |
| Mr. Larson: | Yes |
| Mrs. Zito: | No |

Vote: 7-2: Motion passes.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Craw, Secretary

Attachments:

1. Agenda dated: 05-07-12
2. Memorandum: BICO Agreement dated 05-04-12
3. Power Point: School Sponsored Events – 05-07-12
4. AHS Field Trip Request: 04-05-12
5. Trimester Power Point dated 05-07-12
6. FY13 Superintendent's Revised Preliminary Budget – 05-07-12
7. Proposed APS FY13 Operating Budget
8. Personnel Report: 05-07-12
9. Addendum to Bid: April 9, 2012 – Transportation of Pupils
10. Memorandum: Proposals for Facilities Maintenance Services: 05-04-12 (with attachments)
11. File: JQ-E1: User Fee Schedule
12. Warrant: 5BS042: 04-25-12
13. Warrant: 5BS043: 05-02-12
14. Special Olympics Flyer: 05-23-12