

Attleboro Public Schools
Attleboro, Massachusetts
School Committee Meeting
Monday, June 3, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m.
School Committee Conference Room - Attleboro High School
Minutes

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

Absent: Teri Enegren, (Ward I) and Barbara Craw, (At Large)

Also Present: Pia Durkin, Ph.D., Superintendent, Tom Rose, Business Manager, and Judy Nelson, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Tyler opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Salute to the Flag: Mr. Tyler led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notice of Electronic Recording: Chairman Tyler noted the meeting was being electronically recorded.

Public Hearing: School Choice 2013-2014 School Year @ 6:30 p.m. in Room 178E at Attleboro High School
Chapter 76, Section 12 of the Massachusetts General Laws requires that school districts hold a public hearing on School Choice every year. The School Committee must then vote on the issue. If a vote does not take place, the state assumes that School Choice exists in the district.

Superintendent Durkin recommended that the Attleboro Public Schools *not* participate in School Choice program for the 2013-2014 School Year due to the challenging budgetary times.

1. The FY 14 Preliminary Budget will not accommodate the costs for additional staff associated with School Choice.
2. Historical data indicates that the limited availability of seats in the Career and Technical (CTE) program yielded minimum interest.
3. The Attleboro Public Schools could risk financial exposure in that once a student is accepted under School Choice s/he remains a student throughout his/her entire school career, thereby incurring additional costs to the district for all mandated special education and/or other services that may be deemed appropriate for the student.

Open Forum: No one came forward to speak either for or against School Choice for the school year 2013-2014. The Chairperson asked if Committee members had any questions.

Mr. Tyler declared the Public Hearing on School Choice for the 2013-2014 School Year closed at 6:55 p.m. The vote will be taken later this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Tyler, Chairman

Attachments:

1. Agenda dated June 3, 2013
2. Superintendent's Recommendation

School Committee Approved: 08-12-13