

Abington, Massachusetts

August 29, 2017

Regular Meeting

I. **CALL OF MEETING
TO ORDER AND FLAG
SALUTE**

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the Library at 201 Gliniewicz Way.

Present: Ms. Kathy Bailey, Chairperson; Mr. Mike Kurowski, Vice-Chair; Ms. Jannette Leary, Secretary; Ms. Wendy Happel, and Mr. Chris Coyle, Members. Also in attendance were Mr. Peter Schafer, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Felicia Moschella, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance; Dr. Dympna Thomas, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services; and Ms. Theresa Minnehan, Executive Secretary.

II. **HEARING OF VISITORS**

None.

III. **READING AND APPROVAL OF RECORDS**

A. June 20, 2017 Executive Session.

VOTED: on motion of Mike Kurowski (Jannette Leary) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the executive session minutes of June 20, 2017, as presented.

B. June 20, 2017.

VOTED: on motion of Jannette Leary (Chris Coyle) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of June 20, 2017, as presented.

IV. **COMMUNICATION**

A. MASC/MASS Annual Joint Conference (November 1-4, 2017) at Resort Conference Center Hyannis, MA.

Mr. Schafer asked members to let Mrs. Minnehan know if they are interested in attending the joint conference in November and she will register those interested.

VII. **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES**

A. 2017-2018 Home School Approval Requests.

Dr. Thomas stated that five families, with ten school-aged children, have submitted the appropriate materials for approval to home educate their child(ren). They are in compliance with the procedures set forth by Massachusetts State Law, Chapter 71, Section 1, 2, and 3, Chapter 76, Section 1, and the Abington Public Schools. She recommended this evening that the school committee approve their request to home educate their child(ren).

VOTED: on motion of Jannette Leary (Mike Kurowski) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the recommended Home Education Programs for the 2017-2018 school year as recommended by Dr. Dympna Thomas.

B. Update on FY 2018 Federal and State Grants.

Dr. Thomas reported that allocations are coming in on a rolling basis and that the Title One allocation and the Title IIA, Teacher Quality, are in at a higher balance than in FY17. She will continue to update members on the status of the grants and allocations.

C. 2017 Extended School Year Program.

Dr. Thomas updated the committee on this past summer's extended school year program stating that 124 students actually attended. Sarah McGinness, the Director of the Program, stated that there was positive feedback on the four week session and that the program was a success including the changes to the drop off at the Beaver Brook School. Student services included special education as well as speech and occupational therapy,

D. 2017-2018 Professional Development Focus Areas.

Dr. Thomas stated that his year's professional development focus area will be district-wide in the area of technology. She also stated that time will be given to the Coordinated Program Review that will take place in the Spring of 2018 as well as the beginning of NEASC accreditation work. Good use of time will be made at all professional development, inservice days as well as during common planning time.

Dr. Thomas will hold a special education parent advisory council (SEPAC) meeting on the afternoon and evening of October 2, 2017, and she is still looking for a parent chairperson.

3. Wed., September 6 – Green Wave Boosters’ Meeting at the Abington High School Library at 7:00 p.m.
4. Thurs., September 14 – Inservice/Early Release Day for Students
5. Sat., September 16 – Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the New Abington Pre-Kindergarten/Middle/High School @ 201 Gliniewicz Way, at 2:00 p.m.

• **Personnel Administration - Informational**

1. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Michelle Amirault as a wellness teacher within the Abington Public Schools.
2. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Nancy Bloom as an Orton Gillingham Tutor within the Abington Public Schools.
3. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Doreen Lucas as an instructional paraprofessional within the Abington Public Schools for the purpose of retirement.
4. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Allison Lydon as a special education teacher within the Abington Public Schools.
5. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Paula Magnasco as a school nurse and head nurse within the Abington Public Schools.
6. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Jessica Sullivan as the Assistant Principal at Abington High School effective August 28, 2017.
7. The Superintendent has granted Patricia Magee, and elementary teacher within the Abington Public Schools, a leave of absence for the 2017-2018 school year.
8. On the recommendation of Bernie Darcy, Food Service Director, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of William Perez as a lead cook/supervisor within the Abington Public Schools effective August 28, 2017.
9. On the recommendation of Teresa Sullivan, Principal of Abington High School, the Superintendent approved the appointment of the following staff for the 2017-2018 school year:
 - Adrienne Edwards Special Education Teacher
 - Nicole LoPorto Substitute Math Teacher
 - Kristin Reardon Substitute Tutor

- Matt Holzman
- William Siegel

Drama Production Staff:

- Steve Shannon
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- Joyce Harrington
- Henry Beckvold
- Denise Feeney
- Jaclyn Farias
- Michelle Poirier
- Kim McHugh & Jason Scott
- Lauren Bates & Megan Tomlin
- Cara Howell & Megan Kenealy
- Seanna O'Donnell & Susan Peck
- Karin Daisy
- Brian Lanner
- Michelle Poirier
- Janet Meehan
- Janny Kelliher

Mathematics Team
HS Peer Advisor

Drama Society
Director of Spring Musical
Music Director/Conductor
Technical Director
Art Director/Scenic Design
Costumer
Literary Arts Magazine
Honor Society Co-Advisors
Senior Class Co-Advisors
Junior Class Co-Advisors
Sophomore Class Co-Advisors
Gay Straight Alliance Club
Anti-Bullying Club
Visual Art/Media Club
International Club
HS Student Account
Bookkeeper

16. On the recommendations of Teresa Sullivan, Principal of Abington High School, Peter Serino, Athletic Director, and Kate Casey, Associate Athletic Director, the Superintendent has approved the following coaches for the 2017-2018 school year:

- James Kelliher Head Football
- James Daly Assistant Football
- Scott Pifer Assistant Football
- Edward Reilly Assistant Football
- Jason Brown Freshman Football
- Michael Bruning Assistant Freshman Football
- Alyssa McSharry Fall and Winter Cheerleading
- Benjamin Green Head Boys' Soccer
- Steven Wakelin Assistant Boys' Soccer
- Tim Hill Golf
- Brian Lanner Boys' and Girls' Cross Country
- Kate Casey Head Girls' Soccer
- Kristin Reardon Assistant Girls' Soccer
- Kelsea Cheney Varsity Volleyball
- Natalia Maccarone JV Volleyball
- Peter Serino Head Boys' Basketball
- James Smith Assistant Boys' Basketball

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Jannette Leary, Secretary