

Abington, Massachusetts

June 20, 2017

Regular Meeting

I. **CALL OF MEETING
TO ORDER AND FLAG
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A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the Cotter Room at the Abington Town Hall.

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. Dymphna 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. May 22, 2017 Executive Session.

VOTED: on motion of Mike Kurowski (Wendy Happel) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the executive session minutes of May 22, 2017, as presented.

B. May 22, 2017.

VOTED: on motion of Wendy Happel (Chris Coyle) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of May 22, 2017, as presented.

C. May 23, 2017.

VOTED: on motion of Mike Kurowski (Wendy Happel) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of May 23, 2017, as presented.

IV. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

A. *Jonathan Hawes – Woodsdale Elementary School*

1. SY 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan

Mr. Hawes was present this evening to present his first School Improvement Plan as the Principal of the Woodsdale Elementary School. He stated that this plan reflects an overlap of the Beaver Brook and Woodsdale Schools and has three goals: *implement practices to challenge, support and celebrate the achievement of students and staff; create opportunities for increased community connections; and provide a healthy and safe learning environment through effective leadership and operations.* He thanked Catherine Zinni, the Beaver Brook Principal as well as parents and staff for their support of this document.

B. *Catherine Zinni – Beaver Brook Elementary School*

1. SY 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan

Ms. Zinni was present this evening to highlight the accomplishments of the 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan which included maximizing the use of technology, a curriculum night, improving communication using the Broadcaster, spirit days and charitable activities. She thanked the school council members for their work on the 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan, specifically, the Center, Woodsdale and Beaver Brook Schools joining together and working on developing the three goals: *provide rigorous and relevant curriculum and instruction in an optimal learning environment; continue the development of a positive climate and sense of belonging for students, families and staff; and improve communication within the Beaver Brook Elementary School community, as well as the local and global community.*

V. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

A. Subcommittee Reorganization.

School Committee members received a draft of the subcommittee structure for the 2017-2018 school year which included membership on the business and finance subcommittee, wellness subcommittee and school council liaisons.

B. Superintendent of Schools' Evaluation Mid-Cycle Goals.

Ms. Bailey stated that Mr. Schafer's goals were set in January and his mid-cycle goals seem to be on track to complete his goals by December.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. Abington Public Schools' Technology Goal Action Plan.

Mr. Schafer introduced Richard Bykowski, the Abington Public Schools' Director of Technology, to review the strategic plan's technology goal action plan. The strategic goal, to maximize opportunities provided by technology to transform teaching and learning has four strategic objectives: provide all staff and students access to current hardware and software, achieving one to one computing ratios; develop and implement a technology literacy curriculum for all students; implement appropriate professional development in instructional technology and commit to a regular plan to evaluate, consider and acquire emergent technology. Mr. Bykowski reviewed the actions steps and status of each objective. He also outlined some of the technology improvements and tasks undertaken by the technology department throughout this past school year. A few of the accomplishments named were new laptop devices for teaching staff to deliver instruction; interactive projectors for 99% of the district classrooms; wireless access available in all classroom spaces across the district and professional development for new hardware and software technologies.

B. Consideration of An International Field Trip to Greece in April 2018.

Mr. Schafer provided the members with materials to consider an international field trip to Greece in April 2018 due to the cancellation of the trip to the Scandinavian Capitals. Materials provided outlined the cost, the educational objective, and sample itinerary. Members also were given a handout on the application and selection process for international study abroad trips and after discussion members decided to re-visit the selection process next year.

VOTED: on motion of Chris Coyie (Mike Kurowski)
the members of the School Committee
unanimously voted to approve the
international field trip in April 2018 to
Greece for juniors and seniors who meet the
criteria.

VII. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

A. Extended School Year Program.

Dr. Thomas updated the status of the extended school year program stating that 140 students were referred. The final numbers will be determined when students arrive for the program on July 10th. The purpose of this program is to avoid regression and will run Monday through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for four weeks. Any questions can be referred to Sarah McGinness, the Director of the Program.

B. Professional Development Update.

Dr. Thomas thanked everyone involved in this year's professional development which included focusing on technology, the new ELA pilot and K-2 focus in Literacy.

VIII. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCE

A. School Building Committee Update.

Ms. Moschella was pleased to report once again that the school project is near completion and is three weeks away from owner occupancy. Ninety five percent of the furniture and equipment has been delivered and she reported that the yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, July 8th.

B. Proposed Job Descriptions for the Food Service Department.

1. Supervisor/Lead Cook (7 Hours Per Day)

Ms. Moschella stated that the supervisor/lead cook position is the responsibility of manager at the high school. The person is responsible for menu development, supervising the kitchen at 201 Gliniewicz Way and record keeping.

2. Supervisor/Cook (6 Hours Per Day)

The supervisor/cook, 6 hours per day position at the Woodsdale School, will be responsible to supervise and participate in all aspect of the food service operation and the food will be shipped to the Beaver Brook Elementary School.

3. Supervisor (6 Hours Per Day)

The supervisor position at the Beaver Brook Elementary School will supervise and participate in all aspects of the food service operation at the Beaver Brook School including menu and production planning, supervising staff, order meal production and record keeping.

Ms. Moschella reviewed the three job descriptions and stated that these capture what we have been doing and helps with our vision for next year. She thanked Virginia Coburn for her many years of service and wished her well in her retirement years.

VOTED: on motion of Mike Kurowski (Jannette
Leary) the members of the School
Committee unanimously voted to approve

the job descriptions and hourly rates for all three job descriptions as presented.

C. FY-17 Budget Transfer.

Ms. Moschella requested that the school committee approve a transfer of \$125,000 from the expense account line to the salary account line in the FY17 budget allocation.

VOTED: on motion of Chris Coyle (Mike Kurowski) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the transfer of \$125,000 from the expense account line to the salary account line as presented.

Ms. Leary requested an update on the recycle bins at the schools at the next scheduled school committee meeting.

Prior to adjourning a parent requested that the school committee consider the starting times at the schools due to her difficulty in getting to work. Mr. Schafer stated that they had just secured the breakfast program start times to help working parents and that students can be dropped off at 7:00 a.m. at Abington High School; 7:46 a.m. at the Middle School; 8:30 a.m. at Woodsdale and 8:40 a.m. at the Beaver Brook School.

IX. ESTABLISHING OF NEXT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Tuesday, August 29, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Monthly Meeting

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- READS Quarterly Report
- International Study Abroad Application and Selection Process
- MASC/MASS Joint Conference 2017
- Dates to Remember
 1. Tues., July 4 – Fourth of July – All School Offices and Buildings Closed
 2. Wed., August 23 – New Teacher Orientation @ 8:00 a.m. at Abington High School
 3. Mon., August 28 – Teachers' Meeting @ AHS 8:00 a.m.
 4. Tues., August 29 – Students, Grades 1-12 Return
 5. Mon., September 4 – Labor Day – All School Offices and Buildings Closed
 6. Tues., September 5 – Pre-School and Kindergarten Begin

• Personnel Administration – Informational

Abington Public Schools Employee Grid of FTE

<i>2016-2017 March 23, 2017</i>				<i>Additional</i>
	<i>Paras</i>	<i>Tutors</i>	<i>Teachers, Nurses, Psychologists and Guidance</i>	
Center	14	1	13	
BBES	13	3	44	
Woodsdale	8	3	21.9	
Frolic	6	2.5	26	
High School	4	4	47	
	45	13.5	151.9	

1. On the recommendation of Matthew MacCurtain, Principal of the Abington Middle School, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of Nicholas DiPrizio as a full-time temporary one-year substitute history teacher within the Abington Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year.

2. On the recommendation of Brian Lanner, Director of the Abington Secondary Academic Summer School, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of the following teachers contingent on adequate enrollment:
 - Megan Tomlin Grades 7 & 8 Integrated Course
 - Nicole LoPorto English
 - Eric Lee Science
 - Joseph Costantino Math
 - Jillian Smith Spanish I & II
 - Steven Butler History

3. On the recommendation of Dymrna Thomas, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services, the Superintendent has approved the following staff for the 2017 extended school year summer program:
 - Kristen Lasky Teacher
 - Mary Maguire Teacher
 - Taren Whitman Teacher
 - Lori Comer Teacher

• Jennifer Whitman	Teacher
• Jeffery Boudreau	Teacher
• Kalen Samsel	Teacher
• Jana Onyiriuka	Teacher
• Catherine Spaziani	Teacher
• Carla Brisson	Teacher
• Kristen Grady	Teacher
• Michelle Jacobs	Teacher
• Stephanie Glynn	Teacher
• Adrienne Whalen	Teacher
• Pam Safrine	Teacher
• Diane Robinson	Paraprofessional
• Janet FitzGerald	Paraprofessional
• Melissa Odell	Paraprofessional
• Stacey Russo	Paraprofessional
• Nancy Ingemi	Paraprofessional
• Lynne Moodoyan	Paraprofessional
• Alexa Monachino	Paraprofessional
• Allison Sideropoulos	Paraprofessional
• Catherine Martin	Paraprofessional
• Nikiasha Whitman	Paraprofessional
• Brenda Smyth	Paraprofessional
• Kristine Walker	Paraprofessional
• Debra Buresh	Paraprofessional
• Donna Gendreau	Paraprofessional
• Katherine Sullivan	Paraprofessional
• Colleen Greenlaw	Paraprofessional
• Kerri Ranous	Paraprofessional
• Sandra Meegan	Paraprofessional
• Tijen FitzPatrick	Speech and Language Pathologist
• Vida Ziangra	Speech and Language Pathologist
• Heather Blue	Speech and Language Pathologist
• Melanie Peterson	Nurse

- XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** @ 8:32 p.m. by roll call vote for the purpose of discussing the litigation Furness v. The Town of Abington and not to return to public session.

Yes: Ms. Happel
Mr. Coyle
Mr. Kurowski
Ms. Leary
~~Ms. Bailey~~



Jannette Leary, Secretary