

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; and Mr. Chris Coyle, Member. Absent: Ms. Wendy Happel, Member. Also in attendance were Mr. Peter Schafer, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Felicia Moschella, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance; Dr. Dymrna Thomas, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services; and Ms. Theresa Minnehan, Executive Secretary.

II. **HEARING OF VISITORS**

Mr. Russo expressed his concern about the North River Collaborative vans taking parking spaces at the Beaver Brook Elementary School. Ms. Moschella will look into this concern. Another concern is the time frame for parents picking up students from the Woodsdale School then making dismissal at the Beaver Brook School with a ten minute window. Mr. Schafer stated that there is a scheduling committee looking at all options for school start and end times. Ms. Papadopoulos expressed her concern with the numbers in the afternoon kindergarten class and the impact on the students.

III. **READING AND APPROVAL OF RECORDS**

A. August 29, 2017

VOTED: on motion of Mike Kurowski (Jannette Leary) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of August 29, 2017, as presented.

IV. **PRINCIPAL REPORT**

A. *Matthew MacCurtain – Abington Middle School*

1. Consideration of an Overnight Field Trip for Grade 8 Students to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in June 2018.

Mr. MacCurtain was present this evening as was Mr. Regalbuto, the contact person and coordinator of the field trip to Philadelphia. This trip would be the third year offering students the opportunity to explore the city of Philadelphia and experience history by attending the places where America was formed. This trip aligns with the 8th grade American History curriculum as well as the excerpts from Benjamin Franklin's works covered in English classes. The trip

mirrors the past two trips with the exception of one change in a dining venue. Members asked about the student/chaperone ratio as well as financial assistance for students. It was also noted that students who do not attend the Philadelphia trip will have the opportunity to go on a field trip to Boston to visit the Freedom Trail.

VOTED: on motion of Chris Coyle (Mike Kurowski) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the field trip for Grade 8 students to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from June 7-9, 2018, as presented.

V. COMMUNICATION

A. Abington Public Schools' Curriculum Night, September 27, 2017.

Mr. Schafer noted that the curriculum night will take place on September 27, 2017, at 201 Gliniewicz Way beginning in the Seminar Room and continuing with breakout sessions by building. This is an opportunity to receive an overview of the new Reading/ELA program, along with current and new curriculum and instruction initiatives used in the elementary classroom.

B. Community Forum on Education, MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, October 11, 2017.

Mr. Schafer shared with the committee members as well as the audience that the acting commissioner of education, Jeff Wulfson, will be holding a regional town hall meeting to discuss the successes and challenges of the state's K-12 public education system. This forum will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at 201 Gliniewicz Way, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A Constant Contact will be sent out inviting the Abington community to attend. Area school districts have also been invited to attend.

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

Ms. Bailey reminded school committee members that they are still able to register for the conference. She also stated that a voting delegate will need to be selected this evening to vote at the annual business meeting of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

VOTED: on motion of Jannette Leary (Mike Kurowski) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to appoint Kathy Bailey as the voting delegate for the 2017 MASC/MASS Joint Conference.

VI. **REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

A. Policy Review and Update Subcommittee.

- Consideration of Revised Field Trip Policy, IJOA.

Mr. Schafer thanked Ms. Happel and Ms. Bailey, the members of the policy subcommittee and members Mike Kurowski and Jannette Leary for their work on the policy document, IJOA. The main focus and concern was around international trips. Mr. Coyle asked about student/chaperone ratios and Mr. Schafer stated that it is flexible and depends on the type of field trip. The revisions to the field trip policy also included submittal and approval cycles.

VOTED: on motion of Mike Kurowski (Chris Coyle) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to amend the Field Trip Policy, IJOA, as presented.

VII. **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

A. Announcement of Laura Louko as the Assistant Principal of Abington High School effective Monday, October 2, 2017.

Mr. Schafer was pleased to introduce Laura Louko as the new Assistant Principal at Abington High School. He gave a profile of Laura's academic and educational background. Ms. Louko thanked the school committee for the opportunity to be a part of the administration leadership in the Abington Public Schools.

B. Consideration of an Overnight Field Trip for the Music and Art Departments to New York.

Mr. Schafer reviewed the materials for the music and art departments' request for a field trip to New York from April 27, 2018, through April 29, 2018. The request provided an itinerary of events including city tour, museum tours and live musical performances. Students not attending will be provided work to complete.

VOTED: on motion of Mike Kurowski (Chris Coyle) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the field trip for the music and art departments to New York from April 27, 2018, through April 29, 2018, as presented.

C. Town of Abington Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy.

Mr. Schafer reviewed the Town of Abington's draft policy entitled, Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy. He stated that the Town's Board of Selectmen recently approved this policy, and he is recommending that the School Committee members do the same. The purpose of the policy is to establish a requirement that the Town of Abington purchase only fuel efficient vehicles for municipal/school use whenever such vehicles are commercially available and practicable.

VOTED: on motion of Chris Coyle (Jannette Leary) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the Town of Abington Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy as presented.

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

A. Professional Development/Inservice Update.

Dr. Thomas reported that the September 14th professional development/inservice day focused on technology across the district; however, there was training around the new Reading/ELA program, Wonders. Technology professional development will be ongoing throughout the year as well as individual department/school building professional development.

B. Coordinated Program Review.

Dr. Thomas reported that Coordinated Program Review will take place from March 26, through March 29, 2018. This will be an extensive audit of the following programs in the Abington Public School District: ELL, Special Education, Civil Rights, and Title One. The review recognizes what we do and what needs work.

IX. **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

A. School Building Committee Update.

Ms. Moschella reported on the successful open house at the new Pre-k/middle/high school building that took place on Saturday, September 16th. Mr. Coyle recognized the student helpers and thanked them for their time. Ms. Moschella was also pleased to report that the dismissal at 201 Gliniewicz Way is improving and will hopefully improve with the additional 125 parking spaces once all work is complete around the building. She also stated that the town continues to discuss an access road but this was not part of the school project.

B. Control of Center School Building and Grounds.

Ms. Moschella reported that with the completion of 201 Gliniewicz Way, the school department is ready to turn both Center and North Schools over to the Town of Abington. Center School is in the final stages of a clean out and all staff should be moved out of North School to the Frolio building by the end of the month, Friday, September 29, 2017. She requested that the members of the School Committee take individual votes to turn the buildings back to the Town of Abington.

VOTED: on motion of Mike Kurowski (Chris Coyle) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to transfer control of Center Elementary School, 65 Thaxter Avenue, to the Town of Abington, Board of Selectmen, effective October 6, 2017.

C. Control of North School Building and Grounds.

VOTED: on motion of Chris Coyle (Mike Kurowski) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to transfer control of North Elementary School, 171 Adams Street, to the Town of Abington, Board of Selectmen, effective October 27, 2017.

X. **ESTABLISHING OF NEXT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Monthly Meeting

XI. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

• **Dates to Remember**

1. Wed., September 27 Curriculum Night at Abington High School, Seminar Room at 6:00 p.m.
2. Monday, October 2 "Special Education Rights and Responsibilities" Location TBD @ 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
3. Tues., October 3 – Abington Music Parents Meeting in the Middle/High School Cafeteria @ 7:00 p.m.
4. Wed., October 4 – Green Wave Boosters' Meeting in the Middle/High School Library @ 7:00 p.m.

5. Mon., October 9 – Columbus Day – All Schools and School Offices Closed
6. Wed., October 11 – Community Forum on Education, MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education @ Abington High School Auditorium @ 6:00 p.m.
7. Wed., October 18 – Abington School Building Committee, Middle/High School Library @ 6:00 p.m.
8. Tues., October 24 – Next Regularly Scheduled School Committee Meeting in the Middle/High School Library at 7 p.m.
9. Tues., October 31 – All Day Professional Development – No School for Students
10. Wed., November 8 – National Honor Society in the High School Auditorium at 6 p.m.

- Communication to the Abington Board of Selectmen
- Private/Non-Private School Summary, September 2017
- Report of the MASC Resolutions Committee

- **Personnel Administration - Informational**

1. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Kimberly Querzoli as a paraprofessional effective September 22, 2017.
2. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Dianne Robinson as a special education tutor within the Abington Public Schools effective immediately.
3. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Edith Shanks as a cafeteria worker within the Abington Public Schools effective immediately.
4. On the recommendation of Catherine Zinni, Principal of the Beaver Brook Elementary School, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of the following 15-hours per week recess/lunch paraprofessionals within the Abington Public Schools:
 - Carol Davey
 - Regina Fullerton
 - Amy Smith
5. On the recommendation of Jonathan Hawes, Principal of the Woodsdale Elementary School, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of the following 15-hours per week recess/lunch paraprofessionals within the Abington Public Schools.
 - Courtney McCleary
 - Lauren Sweeney

6. On the recommendation of Jonathan Hawes, Principal of the Woodsdale Elementary School, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of the Erin Trabucco as a substitute paraprofessional within the Abington Public Schools effective August 28, 2017, and continuing for approximately six weeks.
7. The Superintendent has granted Jillian Smith, a .4 Spanish Teacher at Abington Middle School, a parental leave of absence in accordance with Option B as stipulated in Article XXIV of the Unit A Agreement. This leave will commence on or about October 2, 2017, and continue until to on or about October 31, 2017.
8. On the recommendation of Bernie Darcy, Food Service Director, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of the following crossing guards within the Abington Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year:
 - Mary Ann Mattes
 - Donna Sullivan
9. On the recommendation of Teresa Sullivan, Principal of Abington High School, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of Judith Buckley as a special needs tutor within the Abington Public Schools effective on Monday, September 22, 2017.
10. On the recommendation of Teresa Sullivan, Principal of Abington High School, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of Jaclyn Farias as a Producer with the drama program for the 2017-2018 school year.
11. On the recommendation of Teresa Sullivan, Principal of Abington High School, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of Kimberly McHugh as the Yearbook advisor for the 2017-2018 school year.

Abington Public Schools Employee Grid of FTE

<i>2017-2018</i>	<i>updated</i>			<i>Additional</i>
	<i>Paras</i>	<i>Tutors</i>	<i>Teachers, Nurses, Psychologists and Guidance</i>	
Early Education Program	9	0	4	
BBES	13	2	28	
Woodsdale	7	2	22	
Middle School	14	4.5	43.3	
High School	4	4	42	
District Wide	1		18	
	48	12.5	157.3	

**Reduction from Contracted Services*

XII. ADJOURNMENT

@ 8:08 p.m.

VOTED: on motion of Jannette Leary (Chris Coyle) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:08 p.m.



Jannette Leary, Secretary