

ACUSHNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

The Acushnet School Committee met in the John Tavares Library on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Mrs. Tavares, Mrs. Downing, Mrs. Gomes, Mr. Sumner, Mr. DeTerra, Dr. Bailey, Mrs. Flynn, Mr. Oliver as well as Mrs. Silvia, Mrs. Beck, and Ms. Bettencourt. Also in attendance were Dr. Fran Roy and several members of the Acushnet Teachers Association and members of the community.

1. Call to Order – This meeting is being video or audio recorded for future cable broadcast.
2. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Warrants:
 - a. Motion was made by Mrs. Gomes and seconded by Mr. Sumner, to approve the Minutes of August 20, 2019, August 21, 2019, September 4, 2019, and September 17, 2019. The committee unanimously approved.
 - b. Motion was made by Mrs. Gomes and seconded by Mr. Sumner to approve all payrolls and warrants. The committee unanimously approved.

Mrs. Tavares requested that the meeting Agenda be amended in order that the introduction of the SEPAC Chairperson could take place at this time.

Ms. Kim Bettencourt, Director of Student Services, introduced Ebony McGlynn as the new SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council) Chairperson. Ms. McGlynn stated that this organization was formed in the best interests of children with special needs. She encouraged parents to join the group and is looking for input.

4. Delegation: Mrs. Tavares reiterated the policy regarding public comment.

Ms. Lisa Carvalho, President of the Acushnet Teachers Association addressed the Committee. She shared her concerns, and those of her union members, regarding the issues involved in contract negotiations. The union members have been working without a contract since their contract expired at the end of the previous fiscal year. Ms. Carvalho was supported by many union members in attendance. Committee members did not offer a response to Ms. Carvalho's comments.

5. Old Business:

a. School Committee Policies – Sections E, F, G & H

Committee members conducted a second reading of School Committee Policies E, F, G, & H and took the following action:

Motion was made by Mrs. Gomes and seconded by Mrs. Downing to approve School Committee Policies E, F, G, & H, in form, as presented and reviewed. The committee unanimously approved.

6. New Business:

a. Superintendent's Report

*** Personnel Matters:**

Dr. Bailey reported that since the last School Committee meeting, we have had one resignation of a Social Studies teacher at FMS. The position has recently been filled. In addition, Dr. Bailey reported that she will have a new Administrative Assistant effective October 21st.

*** School Committee Policies – Sections I and J (First Reading)**

Dr. Bailey reported that the Policy Sub-Committee is continuing to work with MASC on revising the district's policies. She presented Sections I and J for a first reading. These sections will be presented again at the next School Committee meeting for a second reading and vote. If Committee members have any requested changes to either of the policies, please advise Dr. Bailey.

*** Spring 2019 MCAS Results:** Dr. Bailey was pleased to introduce Dr. Fran Roy who has been assisting the district as a consultant. Dr. Roy is currently working in several districts including New Bedford where she is the receiver at the Parker School. She previously worked as Assistant Superintendent in the Fall River Public Schools. Dr. Bailey stated Dr. Roy has a very strong background in the area of Mathematics.

Dr. Roy provided Committee members and the audience with a power point presentation on the Spring 2018 MCAS results, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Following the presentation, Dr. Bailey stated, "we cannot continue to do the same. We are looking at curriculum districtwide. I believe Acushnet kids can do this work."

b. Business Manager's Report, Mrs. Flynn

*** Capital Improvement & Maintenance Plan:**

Mrs. Flynn provided Committee members with the five (5) year Capital Improvement and Maintenance plan of school facilities. These projects are planned through fiscal year 2024. (A copy of the plan is attached hereto.)

*** FY 20 Budget Update:**

Mrs. Flynn also provided Committee members with the status of the FY20 budget to date.

*** Facilities Update including AES Roof Project:**

Mrs. Flynn provided Committee members with a summary of the projects currently being worked on along with issues that have been experienced. She was pleased to report that the school grounds are in good shape thanks to the efforts of Mr. Corrigan, our summer workers, BSCO workers and Lawn and Order. Many projects have been undertaken over the course of the summer and completed successfully in an effort to keep our facilities in good working order.

c. School Committee Member Reports:

Mrs. Gomes reported she will be meeting with town officials to learn how to write the article for the Little Toy. Information will be on the PTO website.

7. **Communication and Information:** None

8. Executive Session: None

9. Adjourn: The next regular school committee meeting will be held in the John Tavares Library in the Ford Middle School on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Motion was made by Mrs. Gomes and seconded by Mr. Sumner to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call: Mrs. Gomes-Yes

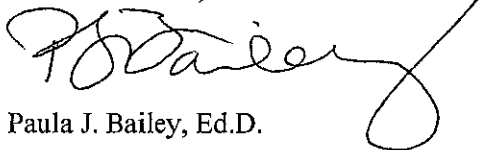
Mrs. Downing - Yes

Mr. Sumner-Yes

Mr. DeTerra-Yes

Mrs. Tavares-Yes

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Bailey', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Paula J. Bailey, Ed.D.