

# ACUSHNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2017

The Acushnet School Committee met in the John Tavares Library on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken and members present were Mr. Sumner, Mr. DeTerra, Mrs. Gomes, Mrs. Tavares and Mrs. Downing. Mr. Shea and Mrs. Flynn were also in attendance.

1. Call to Order.
2. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of minutes and payroll and warrants.

a. A motion was made by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mr. Sumner to approve the minutes of April 27, 2017. The committee approved unanimously

b. A motion was made by Mr. Downing and seconded by Mr. DeTerra to approve the minutes of May 2, 2017. The committee approved unanimously.

c. A motion was made by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mrs. Downing to approve the executive session minutes of May 2, 2017 to be released. The committee approved unanimously.

d. A motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mrs. Tavares to approve the minutes of May 22, 2017. The committee approved unanimously.

e. A motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mrs. Tavares to approve the executive session minutes of May 22, 2017 to be released. The committee approved unanimously.

f. A motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mrs. Tavares to approve all payrolls and warrants. The committee approved unanimously.

4. Delegation: None

5. Old Business:

a. Superintendent's Search, Mrs. Gomes. Mrs. Gomes introduced Mr. Jim Hardy from MASC who reviewed the process and the proposal for the upcoming superintendent's search. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Downing motioned to accept the proposal from MASC to do the search for the new superintendent and it was seconded by Mr. Sumner. Mrs. Gomes asked for a roll call vote and the committee voted unanimously to accept MASC's proposal.

Mr. Sumner	Yes
Mrs. Downing	Yes
Mr. DeTerra	Yes
Mrs. Tavares	Yes
Mrs. Gomes	Yes

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6. New Business:

a. School Election Site, Mrs. Gomes. Mrs. Gomes turned this over to Mr. Shea and Mr. Shea informed the committee that the town would like to use one of the schools as a possible election site for upcoming elections. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mr. DeTerra to approve voting at one of the schools but to also have additional conversations at a subsequent meeting.

b. AES School Improvement Plan, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea briefly reviewed the AES plan and asked for comments/suggestions if any be directed to the building principal at the next meeting.

c. FMS School Improvement Plan, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea briefly reviewed the FMS plan and asked for comments/suggestions, if any be directed the building principal at the next meeting.

d. Disposal of Property, Mrs. Flynn. Motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mrs. Tavares to approve the disposal of the property as described by Mrs. Flynn. The committee agreed unanimously.

e. Personnel Matters, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea informed the committee of the new hires, and transfers that have taken place since the last meeting.

f. Budget Transfers, Mrs. Flynn. Mrs. Flynn discussed four budget transfers to complete the end of year budget. Motion was made by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mr. DeTerra to approve all transfers as presented. The committee agreed unanimously.

g. Sewer Pump Upgrade Contract, Mrs. Flynn. After reviewing the bids for the school pump station pump upgrade, Mrs. Flynn asked the committee to approve the lowest bidder, Weston & Sampson of Peabody, MA. Motion was made by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mrs. Downing to approve Weston & Sampson as the contractor for the upgrade. The committee agreed unanimously.

7. Business by Members and Administration: Mr. DeTerra thanked Mr. Shea for the information and clarification he researched regarding our students attending Old Colony. Mr. Shea also gave an update of the new parking lot. In addition, Mr. Shea also informed the committee that the handbooks have been distributed through e-mail and thanked Mr. Oliver for handling this project. Mrs. Gomes discussed the various awards that are given out during and at the end of the school year and asked that the information be given to the students so they can aspire to receive them. Discussion ensued.

8. Communication and Information: As noted in packet.

9. Executive Session: None

10. Adjourn. The next meeting will be held in the John Tavares Library at the Ford Middle School at 5:30 p.m. on September 19, 2017. A motion was made by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mrs. Downing to adjourn the meeting. The committee unanimously approved by roll call.

Mr. Sumner	Yes
Mrs. Downing	Yes
Mr. DeTerra	Yes
Mrs. Tavares	Yes
Mrs. Gomes	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Mary E. Carter, Secretary

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