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**ACUSHNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2017**

The Acushnet School Committee met in the John Tavares Library on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 immediately following the PRIDE Award Ceremony which began at 6:00 p.m. The school committee meeting convened at 6:45 p.m. Members present were Mrs. Gomes, Mr. DeTerra, and Mrs. Tavares. Mrs. Downing was absent. Dr. Donovan, Mrs. Flynn, Dr. Greeson, Mr. Oliver were also in attendance as well as many teachers and others.

1. Call to Order.
2. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Warrants.

a. A motion was made by Mr. DeTerra and seconded by Mrs. Tavares to approve the minutes of March 28, 2017. The committee approved unanimously.

b. A motion was made by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mr. DeTerra to process all payrolls and warrants. The committee approved unanimously

Mrs. Tavares addressed the committee and the public regarding her position on the school committee.

4. Delegation: Ms. Lisa Carvalho, ATA president and AES teacher addressed the committee regarding her concerns regarding committee members and their use of social media. Ms. Carvalho asked if "ATA members would be allowed to post their opinions on social media without any retaliation or ramification from said statements", and asked that if that was something the committee was willing to do. Ms. Carvalho also aired her concerns regarding a social media post indicating that our students not being prepared for high school. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Gomes said that the committee would review the policies in place and bring them for review and discussion at later meeting.

5. Old Business. None

6. New Business:

a. Budget Update, Mrs. Flynn. Mrs. Flynn presented the budget update as of June 8, 2017, reviewing surpluses and deficits. Discussion ensued.

b. Out of State Field Trip Request, Dr. Donovan. A motion was made by Mr. DeTerra and seconded by Mrs. Gomes to approve a request from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to go to Canobie Lake Park in New Hampshire. The committee unanimously approved.

c. Personnel Matters, Dr. Donovan. The following personnel actions have taken place since the last meeting: Maeghann Pineault resigned her position as grade 5/6 ELA support teacher; Brianne (Kierstead) Silva transferred to the kindergarten teaching; Joanne Masson, submitted her letter of retirement, effective October 23, 2017; Dora Cardoza was hired as a cafeteria worker. Dr. Donovan also noted that the district registrar/data analyst position, the occupational therapist assistant, pre-k teacher position, the FMS paraprofessional position, the FMS school adjustment counselor, and the district academic coach positions have all been posted.

d. End of Year Spending, Mrs. Flynn. Mrs. Flynn reviewed the remaining FY17 funds and also reviewed the end of year purchase requests.

7. Business by Members and Administration: Mr. DeTerra thanked Dr. Donovan for his service and dedication to the district as this was Dr. Donovan's last meeting. Mr. DeTerra also aired his concerns regarding school committee votes at town meeting and how they are recorded. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Tavares and Mrs. Gomes also thanked Dr. Donovan for his services to the district and wished him success in his future endeavors. Mrs. Flynn updated the committee on the sewer pump update. Dr. Donovan informed the committee that he met with Mr. Shea, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to help in the transition. Dr. Donovan thanked the school committee and staff for their support during his tenure. Mrs. Gomes thanked Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Flynn, Mr. Oliver, and all the staff members and teachers and again thanked Dr. Donovan for his dedication to the Acushnet School Department.

8. Communication and Information: As noted in packet.

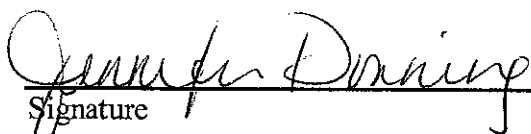
9. Executive Session/Adjourn: A motion was made by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mr. DeTerra to adjourn to executive session, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares, and not to reconvene in open session. Vote was unanimous by roll call. (7:40 p.m.)

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

The next meeting will be held in the John Tavares Library at the Ford Middle School on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Mary E. Carter, Secretary

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