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**ACUSHNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2018**

The Acushnet School Committee met in the John Tavares Library on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Mrs. Gomes, Mrs. Tavares, Mr. Sumner and Mrs. Downing. Mr. DeTerra was absent. Mr. Shea, Mrs. Flynn, and Mr. Noble, (Town Administrator) were in attendance as well as others.

1. Call to Order.

2. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Reorganization of the School Committee: According to Policy BC "the committee shall reorganize at the first scheduled meeting after the annual town election, Mr. Shea asked for nominations for Chairperson. Mrs. Gomes nominated Mrs. Tavares to become Chair for the 2018-2019 school year and Mr. Sumner seconded the nomination. Vote was unanimous by roll call.

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

Mr. Shea turned the meeting over to Mrs. Tavares who then asked for nominations for Secretary. Mrs. Gomes nominated Mrs. Downing for the position of secretary and Mr. Sumner seconded the nomination. Vote was unanimous by roll call.

Mrs. Tavares mentioned that according to policy the previous chair would become the vice chair, therefore, Mrs. Gomes would become the vice chair.

Mrs. Tavares also noted that sub-committee positions would now need to be filled and asked for nominations for the negotiations subcommittee. Mrs. Gomes nominated Mrs. Downing to be on the subcommittee and it was seconded by Mr. Sumner. The committee agreed unanimously. Mrs. Gomes also nominated Mr. Sumner to be on the negotiation subcommittee and it was seconded by Mrs. Downing. The committee agreed unanimously.

Mr. Sumner then nominated Mrs. Gomes to be on the budget subcommittee and it was seconded by Mrs. Downing and approved unanimously by the committee. Mrs. Gomes then nominated Mrs. Downing to fill the second position on the budget subcommittee; it was seconded by Mr. Sumner and approved unanimously by the committee. Mrs. Gomes then nominated Mrs. Tavares to be on the policy subcommittee and it was seconded by Mr. Sumner and approved unanimously by the committee. Mrs. Downing nominated Mrs. Gomes to be on the policy subcommittee. It was seconded by Mr. Sumner and approved unanimously by the committee.

Mrs. Downing nominated Mr. Sumner to the Old Colony Vocational Appointment Committee; it was seconded by Mrs. Gomes. Mrs. Gomes nominated Mr. DeTerra, it was seconded by Mr. Sumner. Mrs. Gomes was nominated by Mr. Sumner to fill the third seat; it was seconded by Mrs. Downing. The committee unanimously approved all three positions.

Lastly, Mrs. Gomes was nominated by Mr. Sumner as the SMEC board representative, seconded by Mrs. Downing and unanimously approved by the committee.

The regular session of the school committee closed at 5:42 p.m.

4. Appointment: At 5:43 p.m. Mr. Gaspar motioned to open the joint meeting of the Acushnet School Committee and the Select Board. Mr. Cioper seconded and it was unanimously approved. The Town Moderator asked for nominations to the Old Colony Vocational Committee Board. Mr. Gaspar nominated Mr. Maurice Armand and it was seconded by Mr. Cioper. Vote was unanimous by roll call.

Mr. Gaspar	Yes
Mr. Cioper	Yes
Mrs. Downing	Yes
Mrs. Tavares	Yes
Mrs. Gomes	Yes
Mr. Sumner	Yes

Motion was made by Mr. Gaspar and seconded by Mr. Cioper to close the meeting at 5:44 p.m. VOTE was unanimous.

5. Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Warrants.

a. Motion was made by Mr. Sumner and seconded by Mrs. Downing to approve and minutes of March 20, 2018. The committee approved unanimously

b. Motion was made by Mr. Downing and seconded by Mr. Sumner to approve the minutes of April 3, 2018. The committee approved unanimously.

c. Motion was made by Mrs. Gomes and seconded by Mr. Downing to process all payrolls and warrants. The committee approved unanimously.

6. Delegation:

7. Old Business:

a. Policy and Evaluation Subcommittee Mrs. Shea. At the last meeting Mr. Shea presented policy IGBI-Preschool with changes for a first reading. A motion was made by Mr. Sumner and seconded by Mrs. Gomes to approve the changes to the policy. The committee agreed unanimously.

8. New Business:

a. Soccer Field Renovation, Mr. Macaroco. Mr. Macaroco, AYSA President gave an update on the status of the soccer field renovations. Discussion ensued.

b. Fourth Grade Update, Ms. VanVoorhris. Mrs. VanVoorhris informed the committee of all the activities that are going on in the fourth grade.

c Personnel Matters, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea informed the committee that Ms. Erin Sylvia will be filling the long term substitute position for the grade K-2 special education position at the elementary school. She will remain in the position until the end of this school year.

d. Permission Not to Maintain a High School, Each year the committee is required to formally request an exemption from the provisions of Chapter 71, Sections 1, 4 and 6. Mr. Shea recommended the committee vote to request a waiver to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 71, Sections 1, 4 and 6. Motion was made by Mrs. Gomes and seconded by Mr. Sumner to request a waiver requesting permission not to maintain a high school. Vote was unanimous by roll call.

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

e. FY18 Budget Update, Mrs. Flynn. Mrs. Flynn updated the committee on the budget as of April 24, 2018 reviewing anticipated surpluses and deficits. The total anticipated surplus as of April 20, 2018 is \$109,086.

f. FY19 Budget – Capital Requests, Mrs. Flynn. Mrs. Flynn reviewed some of the school department's capital requests for FY19 which results in the estimated cost of \$505,000. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Mrs. Gomes and seconded by Mr. Sumner to approve the capital requests. The committee agreed unanimously.

g. Out of State Field Trip Requests, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea presented two requests for field trips out of state; one from the eighth grade to Canobie Lake Park in New Hampshire; the other from the Kindergarten to the Children's Museum in Providence. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Mrs. Gomes and seconded by Mr. Sumner to approve both requests. The committee agreed unanimously.

h. School Physician, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea informed the committee that Dr. Hausladen would not continue her contract at the end of this year. Dr. Trivedi would like to assume the position. A motion was made by Mr. Sumner and seconded by Mrs. Downing to approve the selection of Dr. Trivedi to the position. The committee agreed unanimously.

i. PRIDE Awards/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation/Last Day of School, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea asked the committee to set the date for the PRIDE Awards as June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. The regular school committee meeting would follow. Also, he mentioned that the last day of school would be Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and eighth grade graduation would be Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Discussion ensued.

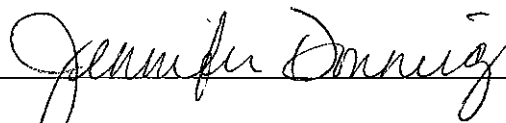
9. Business by Members and Administration: Mr. Shea informed the committee of the various end of year activities at both schools and also mentioned the town meeting being held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Flynn also informed the committee of various maintenance and building projects that continue to be worked on. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Gomes discussed PTO activities.

10. Communication and Information: Included in packet.

11. Executive Session: None

12. Adjourn: The next meeting will be held in the John Tavares Library at the Ford Middle School on May 15, 2018, immediately following the SCHOOL CHOICE HEARING which will begin at 5:30 p.m. Motion was made by Mrs. Gomes and seconded by Mr. Sumner to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. VOTE was unanimous by roll call.

Respectfully submitted:  
Mary E. Carter, Secretary

  
Signature

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Date