

ACUSHNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2018



The Acushnet School Committee met in the Acushnet Town Hall Meeting Room on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. (actual start was 5:30 due to audio difficulties). Members present were Mr. Sumner, Mr. DeTerra, Mrs. Gomes, Mrs. Downing, and Mrs. Tavares. Mrs. Flynn and Mr. Oliver were in attendance as well as others.

1. Call to Order.
2. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of payroll and warrants. A motion was made by Mr. Sumner and seconded by Mrs. Tavares to approve all payrolls and warrants. The committee approved unanimously.
4. Delegation: None
5. Old Business: None
6. New Business:

a. School Bus Contract Award, Mrs. Flynn. At the last meeting Mrs. Flynn mentioned that Amaral Bus was the lowest bidder and that she would be reviewing all the documents submitted by Amaral Bus Company to determine if they had complied with all the requirements of the bid document. Mrs. Flynn determined that Amaral Bus was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and recommended the three year contract for student transportation be awarded to Amaral Bus Co. Motion was made by Mr. Sumner and seconded by Mrs. Downing to award the contract to Amaral Bus. Vote was unanimous by roll call.

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

b. Selection of Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Gomes. Committee members took the time to thank the members of the search committee for their efforts in completing the search. They also shared their thoughts regarding both candidates. Mrs. Gomes asked for a motion to nominate Dr. Bailey as the next Superintendent of Schools. Motion was made by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mrs. Downing. Vote was unanimous by roll call.

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

There was a brief recess, the committee reconvened and Mrs. Gomes informed the audience that Dr. Bailey had verbally accepted the position, pending contract negotiations. Mrs. Gomes nominated Mr. Sumner and Mrs. Tavares to serve on the negotiation subcommittee. Motion was made by Mr. DeTerra and seconded by Mrs. Downing to approve. The committee unanimously approved.

4. Adjourn. The next meeting will be a joint meeting between the school committee, the finance committee, and the selectmen's office to discuss the FY19 budget on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in the town hall meeting room at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the school committee will be held on March 20, 2018 in the John Tavares Library at the Ford Middle School immediately following the Public Hearing on the FY19 Budget, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. Motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mrs. Tavares to adjourn the meeting. Vote was unanimous by roll call.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Mary Carter, Recording Secretary

Signature Jennifer Downing 3/20/18 Date