

ACUSHNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2018



The Acushnet School Committee met in the John Tavares Library on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 immediately following the School Choice Hearing which began at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Mr. DeTerra, Mrs. Tavares, Mr. Sumner and Mrs. Downing. Mrs. Gomes was absent. Mr. Shea was in attendance as well as others.

Mrs. Tavares opened the public hearing on school choice at 5:30 p.m. There were no comments from the public. A vote will be taken later in the evening. The public hearing closed at 5:33 p.m.

1. Call to Order.

2. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of minutes, payrolls and warrants:

a. Motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mr. Sumner to approve the minutes of April 24, 2018. Mr. DeTerra abstained. The committee agreed.

b. Motion was made by Mr. Sumner and seconded by Mrs. Downing to approve all payrolls and warrants. The committee unanimously agreed.

4. Delegation: None

5. Old Business:

a. FY18-19 School Calendar. Mr. Shea informed the committee that Dr. Bailey had reviewed the district's calendar and made some minor changes to the professional development dates. Discussion ensued.

6. New Business:

a. First Grade Update, Jared Alves. Mr. Alves informed the committee of all the activities and programs that are happening in the first grade.

b. Personnel Matters, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea informed the committee of the recent personnel changes in the district.

c. School Choice, Mr. Shea. Earlier in the evening the public school choice hearing was held. Mr. Shea recommended we **not** participate. A discussion took place as to how school choice is determined. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mr. Sumner **not** to participate in school choice for the 2018-2019 school year. The committee unanimously agreed.

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

d. Out of State Field Trip Request, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea asked the committee to approve a request from the second grade to go to Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, Rhode Island. A motion was made by Mr. Sumner and seconded by Mrs. Downing to approve the request. The committee unanimously agreed.

e. Elementary Assistant Principal's Job Description, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea asked the committee to approve the job description for the assistant principal at the elementary school and reviewed minor changes. A motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mr. Sumner to approve the job description. The committee agreed unanimously.

7. Business by Members and Administration: Mrs. Tavares mentioned that some great articles were passed at the Town Meeting that was held on May 14th, and thanked everyone who worked on the committees to get those articles passed.

8. Communication and Information: See packet.

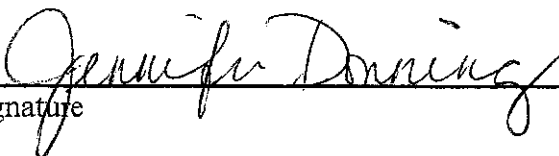
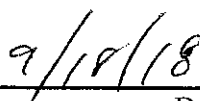
9. Executive Session: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel, not to reconvene.

10. Adjourn: The next regular school committee meeting will be held in the John Tavares Library in the Ford Middle School on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, immediately following the PRIDE Award Ceremony which will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Ford Middle School Cafetorium. A motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mr. Sumner to adjourn the meeting and to convene in executive session.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Mary E. Carter, Secretary

	
Signature	Date