

**ACUSHNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2017**



The Acushnet School Committee met in the John Tavares Library on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Mr. DeTerra, Mrs. Gomes, Mrs. Downing, and Mrs. Tavares. Mr. Sumner was absent. Mr. Shea, Mrs. Flynn, Dr. Barboza, Mrs. Beck, Dr. Greeson, and Mr. Oliver were also in attendance as well as others.

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

a. A motion was made Mr. DeTerra and seconded by Mrs. Downing to approve the minutes of September 19, 2017. The committee approved unanimously.

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

4. Delegation:

5. Old Business:

a. Superintendent's Search, Mrs. Gomes. Mrs. Gomes has been in contact with MASC and provided an update on the on-line survey, mentioning that there were 43 responses from parents/guardians, 32 responses from employees, and two responses from residents. Mrs. Gomes mentioned that the survey will be sent out again to see if it would generate more responses. Mrs. Gomes again reviewed the timeline for the superintendent search.

b. OT Request to Joint Union, Mr. Shea. At the previous school committee meeting, members asked for more information regarding this request. Mr. Shea sought legal counsel and he informed the committee that this item will be discussed in executive session at the next meeting.

6. New Business:

a. Welcome New Staff Members, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea introduced many of the new staff members to the committee and the public.

b. New Bedford High School Presentation, Dr. Durkin and Dr. DeFalco. Dr. Durkin and Dr. DeFalco provided a power-point presentation to the committee and the public. Dr. Durkin and Dr. DeFalco discussed many of the current programs at New Bedford High School as well as mentioning the many clubs, activities and athletic programs. Dr. Durkin invited students and parents to visit the high school to see for themselves the changes happening at the high school. Discussion ensued.

c. FMS School Update, Ms. Cote. Ms. Cote, Ford Middle School computer teacher, provided an update of all the computer activities going on in the middle school such as keyboarding, word processing skills, internet safety, keyboarding, word processing skills, coding, cyber-bullying, digital citizenship, social networking and more. Discussion ensued.

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d. AES School Update, Mrs. Dumas and Mrs. Downey. Mrs. Dumas, physical education teacher at the elementary school, discussed the PBIS program and performed the PBIS rap school dance for the committee. Mrs. Downey, computer teacher, informed the committee that at the elementary school they are working on internet and digital safety, and teaches the children to be responsible, respectful, and safe on line. She also provided a video regarding coding and how it is being taught at the elementary level. Discussion ensued.

e. Policy and Evaluation Subcommittee, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea brought several policies to the committee for elimination/revision. The following policies were recommended for elimination: DJG – Vendor Relations, HA – Negotiation Goals, IJJ – Textbook Selection and Adoption, and JR-A-R – Student Records. The following policies were recommended for revision: BC – Reorganization of the Acushnet School Committee, BDE – Subcommittees of the School Committee, GCE – Substitute Teachers, and JEB Policy on Entrance Age of Children to K and First Grade. These policies will come back for a second reading at the next meeting.

7. Business by Members and Administration: Mrs. Flynn gave an update on the pump station upgrade and mentioned that there are significant delays in the pumps being fabricated and the time frame for installation will most likely take place during February vacation, if there are no further delays. Mrs. Flynn also provided information to the committee and community regarding the construction on Main Street as well as giving an update on the elementary school roof. Mr. Shea mentioned upcoming school activities and also mentioned that MCAS results were being released and would provide a full MCAS presentation at the next meeting. Mr. DeTerra asked that curriculum development also be added in to the MCAS presentation. Mrs. Gomes suggested that Fairhaven, Old Colony, and Bristol Aggie also be invited to present at an upcoming meeting and Mr. Shea said he would make contact with all three schools.

8. Communication and Information: As noted in packet.

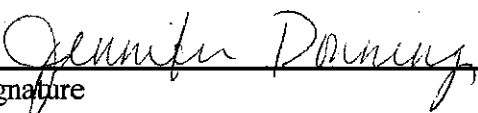
9. Executive Session: None

10. Adjourn. The next meeting will be held in the John Tavares Library at the Ford Middle School at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 21, 2017. A motion was made by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mr. DeTerra to adjourn the meeting. The committee unanimously approved by roll call.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Mary E. Carter, Secretary


Signature

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Date