

MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2019 **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY20** **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

The Acushnet School Committee met in the John Tavares Library on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. for a public hearing on the FY20 school department budget. Members present were Mrs. Tavares, Mrs. Gomes, Mrs. Downing, Mr. Sumner, Mr. DeTerra. Dr. Bailey, Mrs. Flynn, Mr. Oliver were in attendance as well as others.

Mrs. Tavares opened the budget hearing, turning it over to Mrs. Flynn. Mrs. Flynn reviewed the budget process and timeline. The budget was presented to the committee in the amount of \$14,716,479, a 3.585% increase over last year's budget, maintains level services and includes the addition of a Supervisor of Curriculum, and an ELL teacher. The budget hearing closed at 5:59 p.m.

ACUSHNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE **MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2019**

The Acushnet School Committee met in the John Tavares Library on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 5:59 p.m. immediately following the open hearing on the FY20 school department budget. Members present were Mrs. Tavares, Mrs. Gomes, Mrs. Downing, Mr. Sumner, Mr. DeTerra. Dr. Bailey, Mrs. Flynn, Mr. Oliver were in attendance as well as others.

1. Call to Order -- This meeting is being video or audio recorded for future cable broadcast.
2. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Warrants:
 - a. Motion was made by Mrs. Gomes and seconded by Mrs. Downing to approve the minutes of February 14, 2019. The committee unanimously approved.
 - b. Motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mr. Sumner to approve all payrolls and warrants. The committee unanimously approved.
4. Delegation: None
5. Old Business: None
6. New Business:
 - a. **Superintendent's Report**
 - * Collaboration with Fairhaven Public Schools:
Tara Kohler (Fairhaven Teacher) and Diane Sullivan (Dir. Student Services-Fairhaven) spoke about their experiences of collaboration between Acushnet and Fairhaven and how we are all embarking on the same challenges and it is nice to be able to share views and thoughts. They also mentioned the past joint Professional Development days, and look forward to doing more. They also mentioned the starting of the SPED advisory Group.

* Personnel Update:

3 New hires

* Superintendent's Entry Findings Report:

Dr. Bailey reported that at the start of her employment she held 11 different group meetings with staff departments/areas, in order to get their various perspectives. From her findings she divided her report into 3 Categories: Strengths, Challenges, and Next Steps. Dr. Bailey's Action Steps will include to Create District Level Position, Create Communication Systems, and Develop a Committee. Mrs. Tavares praised the report and requested that Dr. Bailey find ways to pass the Findings Report for all to see.

* Middle of the Year Evaluation Update:

Dr. Bailey presented and reviewed her Mid-Year Evaluation update.

Although this was done at the last meeting, Mrs. Tavares had requested that give another briefing, for members that were not at the last meeting and for all viewers to hear through audio and video broadcast.

b. Business Manager's Report, Mrs. Flynn

* FY19 Budget Update:

Mrs. Flynn presented updated financials on the FY 19 Budget, after Feb looking at about a \$12,0000 surplus. Reminding all that we have more tuitions, ELL extended services and possibly 2 new students.

* School Lunch Update:

Mrs. Flynn reported the program is doing well and have increased sales. YTD Est.Net Inc \$20,687 after reimbursements.

Mentioned we will be doing an upgrade on the Point of Sale System.

All students will have breakfast before MCAS testing.

c. School Committee Member Reports:

- * Mrs. Gomes gave an update on the Little Toy Project, thanking everyone who attended the Comedy Night. Totals raised so far approx. \$15,168. The goal remains at \$100,000 for 2 structures.

7. Communication and Information: See Packet

8. Executive Session: None

9. Adjourn: The next regular school committee meeting will be held in the John Tavares Library in the Ford Middle School on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mr. Sumner to adjourn the meeting (not to reconvene) at 7:13p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Signature

Date