

ACUSHNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2019

The Acushnet School Committee met in the John Tavares Library on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. 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. The Ford Middle School Chorus sang the Star Spangled Banner and God Bless America for everyone's enjoyment.
3. **School Choice Hearing:** Committee members discussed the possibility of the district's participation in the School Choice program for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Gomes, seconded by Mr. Sumner to notify the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that the Acushnet Public Schools will not participate in the School Choice Program for the 2019-2020 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Warrants:
 - a. Motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mrs. Gomes, to approve the minutes of April 9, 2019. The committee unanimously approved.
 - b. Motion was made by Mrs. Gomes and seconded by Mrs. Downing to approve all payrolls and warrants. The committee unanimously approved.
5. Delegation: None
6. Old Business:
 - a. **2019-2020 School Calendar:**

Dr. Bailey reported that the administrative team prefers the Christmas holiday recess period remain as recommended (December 23, 2019-January 1, 2020) to allow for the summer vacation to begin at the close of the school day on June 15, 2020, if no cancellation days have been necessary.

Motion was made by Mrs. Gomes, seconded by Mr. Sumner, to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

7. New Business:
 - a. **Superintendent's Report**

* AES – Student Council Presentation:

Dr. Bailey introduced Susan Campinha-Beck, Principal at Acushnet Elementary School. Mrs. Campinha-Beck was pleased to introduce Student Council members Ethan Bryant, Lyla Dorschied, Jayden Le-Tieu, and Leigha Nightlinger. The students highlighted accomplishments at AES during this school year. They were excited to announce the new school store, Wildcats Den

which will be operational very soon. Dr. Bailey was very impressed with the leadership skills exhibited by the students.

*** FMS – Fine Arts Performance**

Dr. Bailey was pleased to introduce Mrs. Michelle Silvia, Principal of the Ford Middle School. Mrs. Silvia introduced Lucas DeCosta who treated Committee members to an amazing rendition on the keyboard. Lily Lafontaine and Alexa Cabral both individually gave beautiful vocal performances. Committee members were very pleased with the musical performances. Mrs. Tavares stated that is important for the community to know how much talent is in the district. “We are very proud of all of you!” Dr. Bailey also thanked the students and their parents for allowing them to participate in this evening’s meeting.

*** Lunch Super Heroes**

Mrs. Jeanne Sheridan, Food Service Director, was present to notify School Committee members of the outstanding work being performed by our cafeteria workers. Mrs. Sheridan is very proud of the efforts of the cafeteria workers on behalf of our students. She stated, “8,000 more meals have been served this year over last year!” Mrs. Sheridan stated, “every student was given a full breakfast during MCAS testing periods. Thirty-seven (37%) percent of the student body are eligible for free and reduced meals. Dr. Bailey thanked Mrs. Sheridan for her efforts. “You always have a positive attitude. Thank you for all you and your staff do for our students.”

Mrs. Gomes thanked Shelly Mello for her assistance in ordering the food for Hot Dog Day at AES.

*** AYSA – Information regarding next phase of fields**

Mr. Paulo Macaroco and Mr. Paul Fonseca were present to discuss the next steps necessary for the completion of the AYSA fields. Mr. Fonseca informed Committee members that approval for the irrigation of the fields is the next step necessary in the process. Dr. Bailey stated she will have the district’s legal counsel review the proposed agreement. Mr. Fonseca stated that AYSA will pay the cost of all water supplied to the fields and will be responsible for their upkeep. Mrs. Tavares stated that “everyone is excited with the fields project”. Mr. Fonseca agreed and stated, “it is important to AYSA for the kids to have good fields to play on”. Discussion continued with the following action taken:

Motion was made by Mr. Sumner, seconded by Mrs. Gomes to approve, pending legal approval, of the irrigation construction phase of the soccer fields. The motion carried unanimously.

***Personnel Matters:**

Dr. Bailey reported that she has received the resignation of an evening custodian. She also shared the proposed job descriptions for three new district positions, i.e., English Learning Teacher, Director of Student Services, and Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. Dr. Bailey reported that having a full time English Learning Teacher on board will save the district \$12,000.

Motion made by Mrs. Gomes, seconded by Mrs. Downing, to approve the job description for English Learning Teacher, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Downing, seconded by Mrs. Gomes, to approve the job description for Director of Student Services, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Gomes, seconded by Mr. Sumner, to approve the job description for Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

***Superintendent's End of Year Evaluation:**

Dr. Bailey provided Committee members with an end of year update regarding her goals for the 2018-2019 school year. Her goals were in the following categories:

Student Learning Goal:	To promote ongoing student achievement by conducting a comprehensive review of the current K-8 curricula;
Professional Practice Goal:	To apply lessons/activities from the New Superintendent's Induction Program and build my capacity as an effective leader within the Acushnet Public School District.
Leadership Goal/District Improvement Goal:	To ensure the integration of social and emotional learning in teaching and learning in all aspects of the Acushnet Public Schools.
Leadership Goal/District Improvement Goal:	To coordinate the negotiation process for all contracts expiring at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Dr. Bailey reported that she has met Goals I and II and has made significant progress with Goals III and IV. She provided Committee members with End-of-Cycle Summative Evaluation Report forms which she asked for them to complete and submit to Mrs. Boucher for compilation. The final evaluation of the Superintendent will be presented at the next School Committee meeting.

b. Business Manager's Report, Mrs. Flynn

*** FY19 Budget Update:**

Mrs. Flynn presented the Warrant Article Requests for FY20 approved at the recent Town Meeting. The approved requests include the following:

- Curriculum - \$50,000
- Upgrade Burglar Alarm - \$35,000
- AES Server Room AC - \$6,000
- Technology Equipment - \$25,000
- Driveway Repair - \$20,000
- Upgrade Fire Alarms - \$40,000
- Replace Roof Condensers at AES - \$30,000
- Preventative Maintenance – Roof - \$15,000
- Upgrade HVAC Server - \$9,000

Mrs. Flynn reported that the district is experiencing a difficult financial period due to an increase in student population and out-of-district tuitions.

Mr. DeTerra expressed his concern regarding residency issues in the district. Dr. Bailey suggested discussion take place on this issue at a workshop meeting.

c. School Committee Member Reports:

* Mrs. Gomes reported that the Little Toy Committee will be meeting on May 23rd at 9:15 a.m.

8. Communication and Information:

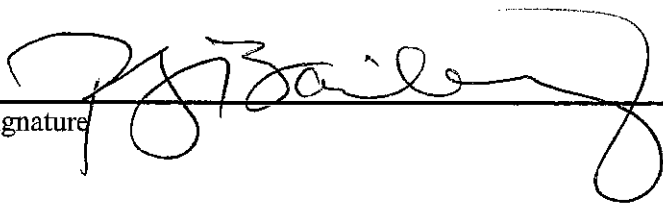
- a. Letter dated April 30, 2019 from DESE stating that Acushnet qualifies for Circuit Breaker relief in the amount of \$32,639.
- b. Dr. Bailey reported a tree dedication ceremony in honor of Mary Carter will be held on Friday, May 24th at 10:15 a.m. All monies have been donated to honor a very special member of the Acushnet Public Schools family. Dr. Bailey thanked everyone for their efforts on Mary's behalf.

9. Executive Session: None

10. Adjourn: The next regular school committee meeting will be held in the John Tavares Library in the Ford Middle School on Tuesday, June 11, 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 7:05p.m.

Roll call: Mrs. Gomes-Yes
Mrs. Downing - Yes
Mr. Sumner-Yes
Mr. DeTerra-Yes
Mrs. Tavares-Yes

Respectfully Submitted:

Signature 

6/7/19
Date