

# ACUSHNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2017



The Acushnet School Committee met in the John Tavares Library on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Mr. Sumner, Mr. DeTerra, Mrs. Gomes, Mrs. Downing, and Mrs. Tavares. Mr. Shea, Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Silvia, Dr. Greeson, Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Sheridan, Mrs. Curtis and Mr. Corrigan 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 by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mrs. Downing to approve the minutes of November 21, 2017. The committee approved unanimously.

b. A motion was made by Mrs. Downing and seconded by Mr. Sumner to approve the executive session minutes of November 21, 2017 not to be released until resolved. The committee approved unanimously.

c. A motion was made by Mr. DeTerra and seconded by Mrs. Downing to approve all payrolls and warrants. The committee approved unanimously.

4. Delegation: No comments.

Mrs. Gomes went out of order and asked both the Bristol Agricultural High School Superintendent and the Fairhaven Superintendent to give their presentations first.

a. Bristol Agricultural High School, Ms. Sands and Mr. Braga. Ms. Sands and Mr. Braga both described the programs and the happenings at the high school. Mr. Braga presented a brief slide show and invited the committee and the parents to visit their school.

b. Fairhaven High School, Dr. Baldwin and Ms. Kohler. Dr. Baldwin spoke about the collaboration and cooperation between the Fairhaven school system and the Acushnet school system and how well both districts are working together. Ms. Kohler briefly discussed the curriculum programs and activities at the high school and also showed two informational videos prepared by our former students, Kris Moore and Bethany Fernandes.

5. Old Business:

a. Superintendent's Search, Mrs. Gomes and Mr. Hardy. Mr. Hardy/MASC gave the committee an update regarding the superintendent's search, presenting the results of the online survey. As a result of the survey, the most significant current or future issues that the new superintendent will need to address are: educational leadership skills, curriculum development and instruction, school climate and culture, staff relations, communication with parents and community and academic standards/student assessment. Mr. Hardy mentioned that the next step in the search process would be to get together with the search committee and start interviews in February. Mrs. Gomes mentioned that the search committee has been formed, committee members are: Lisa Carvalho, Kristine Daniels, Jen Downing, Sarah Gomes, Kristin Flynn,

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Chris Oliver, Brian Noble, Susan Beck, Michelle Silvia, Debra Morrison and Maggie Lawrence. Motion was made by Mrs. Tavares and seconded by Mr. DeTerra to approve the selection of the 11 members to the search committee. The committee approved unanimously

b. Curriculum Update, Dr. Greeson and Mrs. Curtis. At the last meeting the committee asked for an update of the current curriculum in the district. Dr. Greeson, curriculum coordinator, discussed the curriculum revisions that have been made, and need to be made, to align with state standards in both the elementary school and the middle school. Mrs. Curtis, academic coach, focused on the writing skills and how we can improve in that area. Discussion ensued.

c. MCAS Update, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea introduced Mr. John Amaral, Educational Consultant, who presented data from 2013-2017 from the MCAS and PARCC testing. Mr. Amaral explained the achievement level definitions and reviewed the results from the math, ELA and science and tech/engineering tests. Discussion ensued.

#### 6. New Business:

a. Eighth Grade Update, Mr. Saulnier. Mr. Saulnier spoke on behalf of the eighth grade teachers mentioning that not only do the teachers provide educational support but they also stress the importance of students becoming positive members of society by participating in community service projects such as "Operation Shoebox" and "Gifts to Give".

b. Food Services Update, Mrs. Sheridan. Mrs. Sheridan opened her presentation by thanking the food services staff for all their work then mentioned all the special activities that have occurred this year and the many activities yet to come. Mrs. Sheridan also informed the committee of the financial status of the program. Discussion ensued.

c. Building and Maintenance Update, Mr. Corrigan. Mr. Corrigan gave the committee an update of all the projects that were worked on this past summer to include painting projects, security issues, technology updates and more. Mr. Corrigan also reviewed some of the upcoming projects that need to be completed in the upcoming months/years. Discussion ensued.

d. Personnel Matters, Mr. Shea. Mr. Shea informed the committee that Susan Vieira has been hired as the grade K-2 resource room teacher, effective January 15, 2018.

7. Business by Members and Administration. Mrs. Flynn informed the committee that the Bristol County House of Corrections will be working in the buildings over the winter break.

8. Communication and Information: As noted in packet.

9. Executive Session. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares and to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, not to reconvene.

10. Adjourn. The next meeting will be held in the John Tavares Library at the Ford Middle School on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Sumner and seconded by Mrs. Tavares to adjourn the meeting, not to reconvene. Vote was unanimous by roll call.

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

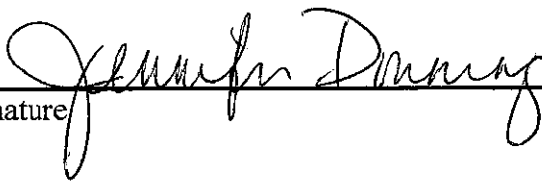
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Mary E. Carter, Secretary

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