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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 14, 2018
7:00 pm
District Office – Conference Room
2 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930

AGENDA

Meetings are recorded

- I. CALL TO ORDER/Statement of Mission
- II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- **III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON
- V. RECOGNITIONS
- VI. GHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
 - *A. Approval of Minutes
 1. Personnel Sub-Committee of December 11, 2017
 2. School Committee of December 13, 2017
 3. Building & Finance Sub-Committee of December 20, 2017
 4. School Committee and Executive Session of January 10, 2018
 - *B. Approval of Warrants – Cover Sheets
 - C. Approval of Transfers
 - D. Referrals
 - *E. Out of State Field Trip Request — GHS Cheerleading Nationals in Florida from Thursday, March 22 to Monday, March 26, 2018

***F. Acceptance of Gifts**

1. Coca Cola Gift — \$27.87 to Beeman Memorial Elementary School
2. Hockmeyer Studies, Inc:
 - Preschool \$385.58
 - Beeman Memorial \$814.87
 - Veterans’ Memorial \$815.81
 - Plum Cove \$925.82
 - O’Maley \$2,072.85
3. Donation of Building Materials to the GHS Carpentry Program in the amount of \$570 from Nick Polland

VIII. DELIBERATIONS ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. **SAT/Advanced Placement Report** — Principal James Cook

B. **Summative Evaluation of the Superintendent**

C. Superintendent’s Report*IX. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Items listed under X. ACTION may be brought forward with reports)

A. **Building & Finance Sub-Committee of January 30, 2018** — Chairperson Tony Gross
Agenda Item: FY19 Level Service Budget and Athletics

B. **Program Sub-Committee of February 1, 2018** — Chairperson Kathy Clancy
Agenda Item: Therapy Pet in School Policy

X. ACTION***A. Approval/Acceptance of Grants**

1. Gloucester Education Foundation in the amount of \$18,725.00
2. Massachusetts Cultural Council “Big Yellow School Bus Grant” in the amount of \$200 to Beeman Memorial Elementary School
3. ExxonMobil Foundation Grant in the amount of \$500.00

***B. First Reading of Use of Therapy Dogs in Schools Policy** (*as recommended by the Program Sub-Committee on 2/1/18*)

XI. DISCUSSION/OTHER COMMUNICATION/OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Massachusetts School Building Authority Project Update**
- *B. **Letter from Chairperson, Colleen C. Coogan, Rockport Public Schools**
- *C. **Draft Letter to Senator Tarr and Representative Ferrante regarding School Choice Payment Formula from Tony Gross**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Action items may include motions that come out of sub-committees.

*Enclosures

**Oral Communication: The public shall have the opportunity at every regular School Committee meeting to be heard under Oral Communications. Oral Communications shall allow any resident who has a request or complaint of any nature relative to the School Committee business to appear before the School Committee, state their problem without debate, and the matter may be referred to the proper sub-committee.

For items that are on the agenda, members of the public may address the Committee with the permission of the Chair. Persons speaking under Oral Communications shall be limited to three (3) minutes each and shall submit a copy of their prepared communication to the Recording Secretary. The School Committee Chair shall not allow complaints as to individual performance or character.