



THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

7:00 pm

Central Office – Superintendent’s 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. Special Building & Finance Sub-Committee Minutes of March 5, 2014
- *2. Special School Committee Workshop Minutes of March 5, 2014
- *3. Special Building & Finance Sub-Committee Minutes of March 6, 2014
- *4. Special Building & Finance Sub-Committee Minutes of March 10, 2014
- *5. School Committee Minutes of March 12, 2014
- *6. Special Program Sub-Committee Minutes of March 18, 2014
- *7. Building & Finance Sub-Committee Minutes of March 19, 2014

***B. Approval of Warrants – Cover Sheets**

***C. Acceptance of Gloucester Education Foundation Grants**

- 1. Career Initiative Award to Amy Donnelly in the amount of \$1,000.
- 2. Elementary Science and GHS Drama in the amount of \$14,307.

VIII. DELIBERATIONS ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. **Gloucester U Presentation** — Samantha Whitney and Mark Kelsey
- *B. **Gloucester School Committee Operating Protocols**
- *C. **District Improvement Plan**
- D. **1:1 Digital Environment Initiative Update**
- *E. **Superintendent’s Report**

IX. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS (Items listed under X. ACTION may be brought forward with reports)

- A. **Special Program Sub-Committee Meeting of March 18, 2014** — Chairperson Sweet
Agenda: FY 2014/2015 School Calendar and Receive a Report and Recommendation on the Implementation of Audio and Video Recording of Meetings.
- B. **Building & Finance Sub-Committee of March 19, 2014** — Chairperson Clancy
Agenda: DPW Budget, Food Service Report, Review Status of Revolving Accounts, Student Reimbursement for Travel to Regional Student Advisory Council Meetings, FY15 Budget, including Public Hearing, Budget Review Process and Procedures, and Review of City/School Facilities MOU.
- C. **Special Building & Finance Sub-Committee of March 25, 2014** — Chairperson Clancy
Agenda: Discuss Communication and Process regarding Budget Development

X. ACTION

DISCLAIMER: Listed below are all known items that may require action but action may not be taken on all items listed; i.e., action items that are known including all votes taken by all sub-committees previous to the Friday before a Wednesday School Committee meeting and items that may flow from the Superintendent’s Report

- *A. **FY 2014-2015 School Calendar**
 - 1. To approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar with the following exceptions (As recommended by the Program Sub-Committee at its meeting on March 18, 2014)

- (a) The November 4 Professional Development PreK-12 early release day will be moved to December 9, 2014.
- (b) The November 6 parent conference PreK-8 early release day will be moved to November 4, 2014.
- (c) April 3, 2015, will be a full day of school.
- (d) The last day for students will be on June 16, 2015, subject to snow days.

2. To add December 22, 2014 and December 23, 2014, as vacation days and to change the last day of school for students to June 18, 2015, pending the outcome of a community survey. (Note: The survey is complete and is attached)

B. Nurses Contract

To approve the Massachusetts Nurses Association Agreement, effective September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2015.

XI. DISCUSSION/OTHER COMMUNICATION/OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Massachusetts School Building Authority Project Update

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

List of upcoming meetings – Meetings will be held at the District Office, Superintendent’s Conference Room unless otherwise noted:

- April 1 – Personnel Sub-Committee @ 4:45 pm
- April 2 – Public Hearing on the FY 2015 School Budget @ 7 pm (GHS Lecture Hall)
- April 3 – Program Sub-Committee @ 5 pm
- April 4 – Special Building & Finance Sub-Committee @ 4 pm
- April 9 – School Committee Meeting @ 7 pm
- April 16 – Building & Finance Sub-Committee @ 4:45 pm
- April 30 – School Committee Meeting @ 7 pm