



THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

7:00 pm

Superintendent Conference Room — District Office
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. Building & Finance Sub-Committee of March 18, 2015
- *2. Special School Committee Workshop of March 18, 2015
- *3. School Committee Public Hearing on Proposed FY16 Budget of April 1, 2015
- *4. Special Building & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting of April 2, 2015
- *5. School Committee & Executive Session (Confidential) of March 25, 2015

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

C. Approval of Transfers

D. Referrals

VIII. DELIBERATIONS ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. **Discussion of April 7 Technology/Inquiry Professional Development**

B. **Response to FY 2016 Draft Budget Hearing Questions**

*C. **Superintendent’s Report**

D. **Presentation on Space Issues at Plum Cove Elementary School** — Michele Rogers of Dore and Whittier

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

A. **Special Building and Finance Sub-Committee Meeting of April 2, 2015** — Kathy Clancy, Chairperson

Agenda: FY16 Budget Review – Department of Public Works School Facilities Proposed Budget and Review of Substitute Pay for Bus Monitors, Noon Supervisors, and Crossing Guards

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 2016 Budget Proposal**

1. To approve the FY 2016 Budget Proposal in the amount of \$39,814,690, as presented at the School Committee Public Hearing of April 1, 2015.
2. To approve the FY 2016 Budget Proposal for submission to the Mayor and the City Council.

B. **To increase the substitute pay for Bus Monitors, Noon Supervisors, Crossing Guards, and Cafeteria Workers to \$9.00 per hour** (As recommended by the Building & Finance Sub-Committee at its meeting on March 18, 2015)

*C. **2015-2016 Approval of School Calendar**

D. **Annual School Choice**

- E. **To instruct the Director of Finance and Operations and the Food Services Director to file small claims actions against all families of students who owe more than \$50.00 (As recommended by the Building & Finance Sub-Committee at its meeting on March 18, 2015)**

XI. DISCUSSION/OTHER COMMUNICATION/OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Massachusetts School Building Authority Project Update**
- *B. **Letter from Joseph Benevento to Mayor Romeo Theken**
- *C. **Letter from Kathryn Goodick**

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **To discuss negotiation strategies with the Gloucester Teachers Association**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

*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 subcommittee. 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 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.