



## THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 25, 2011  
7:00 pm  
City Hall — Kyrouz Auditorium  
9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930

#### AGENDA

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
  - A. Scheduled Oral Communications
  - B. Unscheduled Oral Communications
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON
- V. RECOGNITIONS — Award of Certificates

1. Award of Certificates

Congratulations to the Gloucester High School Junior ROTC Team. The following students participated in the National High School Drill Team Championships in Daytona Beach, Florida during April 28 to May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The JROTC Team came in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall (Unarmed Division) out of 38 teams which represented 22 states and the United States Territory of Guam. The JROTC Team also came in 11<sup>th</sup> place overall (Armed Division). The JROTC Team had the top 10 finishes in Unarmed Exhibition Drill, Unarmed Personnel Inspection, Unarmed Color Guard, Armed Personnel Inspection, and Armed Exhibition Drill. Cadet Siennica Service placed 1<sup>st</sup> out of approximately 1,000 cadets in Unarmed Individual Drill Regulation.

*Lacey Aiello  
Daniel Barbre  
Heather Boudrow  
Taylor Cahill  
Quincy Carvino  
Kaleb Church  
Taylor Cinsneruli  
Aaron Dalmer  
Shannon Fahey  
Caitlyn Francis  
Evan Goss  
Jackie Gross*

*Devin Grover  
Rachel Hilshey  
Jessica Ingaharro  
Emily Jermyn  
Alex Kadim  
Brandon Leger  
Joshua Leissner  
Meagan Marchant  
Michelle Marshall  
Tasha Marshall  
Frank Militello*

*Alec Morrissey  
Jonathan Moulton  
Mai Okada  
SooHwa Ono  
Emily Saunders  
Miranda Schneider  
Christopher Schneider  
Siennica Service  
Katherine Stanton  
Yenshim Watanabe  
Kenneth Wheeler*

2. **Congratulations to GHS Senior Elizabeth MacDougal**

Congratulations to GHS Senior Elizabeth MacDougal for being chosen as winner of the sixth annual International Awareness Award presented by the Cape Ann Forum. Ms. MacDougal is president of the GHS Environmental Club, and has been instrumental in transforming the Amnesty International chapter into a local Human Rights Club. Elizabeth was chosen for her efforts to bring attention to global environmental and human rights issues. Under her leadership, the Environmental Club has organized clean-up efforts in Gloucester, participated in international environmental awareness events, planted raised beds with a district elementary school, researched sustainable energy for the high school, and collaborated with the Rockport High School Green Team. The Human Rights Club funded a microloan through the San Francisco-based organization Kiva, which provides loans to small businesses in 60 counties.

**VI. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Kelly Benson, Lauren Palazola, and Moriah O’Neill

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**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

- \*1. School Committee Meeting of May 11, 2011
- \*2. School Committee Executive Session meeting of May 11, 2011 — **Confidential**

**B. Acceptance of Grants**

- 1. **Gloucester Education Foundation Grants**, per approval of the GEF Board at their meetings on Monday, April 11, 2001, and May 16, 2011
  - a. To accept, in the absence of approval of The Navy Triathlon Proposal, that up to \$30,000 for the STEM Science Coordinator and STEM Tech Specialist Salaries for the Fall 2011 Semester (Note: This is dependent upon approval of their goals for the 2011-2012 school year).
  - b. To accept \$2,115 for the Vocational Education Softworks Software.
  - c. To accept \$1,000 to each of the five (5) elementary schools (migrants), totaling \$5,000 (Note: Each school must submit a description of the money’s use).
  - d. To accept \$81,000 provided to fund “rollover” programs.

- e. To accept \$4,000 for Summer Advanced Placement Preparation.
- f. To accept \$2,500 for bikes for Special Education.
- g. To accept \$11,000 for iPads to be used in Chemistry classes.
- h. To accept \$2,000 to help defray unexpected Elementary and Middle School Music Program costs.

**2. Gorton’s “Hooked on Cooking and Fitness” Grant**

To accept \$3,200 from Gorton’s for the “Hooked on Cooking and Fitness” Grant to provide students with an opportunity to participate in the program, “Hooked on Cooking and Fitness”. This program is administered by the North Shore ARC, Danvers. To make this program accessible to Gloucester students, Gorton’s has generously donated \$3,200 toward this activity. Ten GHS students will participate in this collaborative program during the summer from August 15 to 18 – 4 hours per day and 4 hours in the fall as follow-up. Teens will learn about proper nutrition, participate in hands-on activities, and exercise for a portion of each class. They will work with staff to develop individual fitness and nutrition plans to continue the benefits of the program after the grant period ends. The budget includes an ARC Recreation Director, ARC Recreation Specialist, YMCA Fitness Specialist, and a GHS Special Education teacher. Food and supplies are included, and the district will provide transportation.

**\*C. Acceptance of Scholarship**

To accept the Peter K. Prybot Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.

**D. Schedule of Future Meetings**

**Program Sub-Committee** – Friday, June 3, 2011, at 9:45 pm  
Location: Superintendent’s Conference Room

**School Committee** – Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at 9:45 pm  
Location: Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

**Building & Finance Sub-Committee** – Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 4:45 pm  
Location: Superintendent’s Conference Room

**School Committee** – Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at 9:45 pm  
Location: Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

**Special City Council Public Hearing on the FY 2012 Budget** – Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at 7:00 pm  
Location: Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

**NOTE:** *As in previous years, barring any unforeseen problems, there will be no meetings of the School Committee scheduled in July, reconvening on August 24, 2011.*

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**VIII. REPORTS/DELIBERATIONS ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES**

- \*A. Superintendent's Report**
- \*B. FY 2011 End-of-Year Projection Report**
- \*C. Update on FY 2012 Budget Planning Process**
- \*D. Food Service Monthly Report**

**IX. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- \*A. Personnel Sub-Committee Report of May 10, 2011 — Chairperson Teixeira**
- B. Program Sub-Committee Report of May 13, 2011 — Chairperson Garberg (*To follow*)**
- \*C. Building and Finance Sub-Committee Report of April 12 (*attached*) and May 18, 2011 (*To follow*)— Chairperson Clancy**
- D. Governance Workshop Report of May 21, 2011 — Chairperson Gilman**
- E. Ad Hoc City Charter Sub-Committee Report of May 23, 2011 — Chairperson Gross**

**X. DISCUSSION**

**XI. ACTION**

- A. Gloucester Fishermen's Athletic Association (GFAA) Advertising Signage**

To approve the contract between the Gloucester Public Schools and the GFAA for advertising signage to be extended for three years.

**\*B. Building Use Rate Schedule**

To approve the use of the October 2010 revised building use rate schedule until such time that a revised Building Use Policy be developed consistent with the terms of the MOU.

**\*C. GHS Wostrel Center**

To officially approve the naming of the Wostrel Center at GHS for Environmental and Adventure Education.

*Note: The Dedication will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 12:00 Noon (Please go to the GHS Main Office and you will be escorted to the GHS Clam Shack)*

**D. Health Insurance Audit**, as recommended by the Personnel Sub-Committee at its meeting of May 10, 2011

To approve that the School Department move ahead with a health insurance audit.

*\*Note: See attached information on Focus on Health Reform provided by Personnel Chairperson Teixeira*

**E. Charter School Funding Resolution**

To approve that a resolution regarding the Charter School funding be drafted and submitted to state officials.

*\*Note: Recently (in May), a resolution was passed at the Town Meeting in Pelham, Massachusetts calling upon the state of Massachusetts to fund Commonwealth charter schools directly out of a line item in the state budget (see attached email from Kathy Clancy dated 5/23/11)*

**XII. OTHER COMMUNICATION**

**A. For Your Information**

- \*1.** From Kathleen Clancy – Letter (4/25/11) to DESE Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and Email (4/21/11) from Barry J. Barnett to Tony Blackman.
- \*2.** FY 2012 Budget Slides presented to the City Council on May 12, 2011.
- \*3.** Letter from Mayor Kirk (5/20/11) regarding Year-End Business.

- \*4. Email from Chairperson Gilman (5/20/11) and attachments from DESE Commissioner Chester memo (5/20/11) and GCACS Year One Site Visit Report (4/8/11).

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- \*A. To receive an update on contract negotiations with union and non-union personnel.
- B. To receive an update on the current status of the negotiations on health insurance between the City of Gloucester and the Public Employees Committee.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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*For your planning, the following events are scheduled:*

**Gloucester High School Events**

Friday, June 10, 2011	5:30 pm	Grand Promenade
Saturday, June 11, 2011	7:00 pm	Senior Awards Night
Sunday, June 12, 2011	1:30 pm	Graduation

**O'Maley Middle School Events**

*Academic Recognition/Demonstration:*

Monday, June 20	8:00 to 10:30 am	Grade 6
	12:30 to 2:00 pm	Grade 7

*Closing Ceremony*

Tuesday, June 21	10:00 am	Grade 8
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\*Attachments