

**THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*Our mission is for all students to be successful, engaged, lifelong learners.*

**School Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

District Office – Conference Room

7:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

Jonathan Pope, Chairman  
Kathy Clancy, Vice Chairperson  
Joel Favazza, Secretary  
Melissa Teixeira  
Tony Gross  
Michelle Sweet  
Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken

**Administration Present**

Dr. Richard Safier, Superintendent  
Dr. Arthur Unobskey, Asst. Superintendent  
Tom Lafleur, CPA, Director of Finance  
and Operations

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- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Pope called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.
- II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
- III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – Shayna Parisi addressed the committee on the subject of teaching CPR to high school students. She strongly believes that every high school student should be CPR certified and noted that they have the physical strength and mental capacity to perform CPR. She stated that CPR is very easy to learn and only takes an hour or two to become certified. She believes it should be part of the health curriculum and stated that she is in the process of trying to find registered nurses at her hospital who would give their time and resources in order to implement this program at all high schools in the area. Dr. Unobskey indicated that CPR is already part of the health curriculum for high school students. However, he is not sure if they become certified. He stated that he will look into it.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON** – None.
- V. RECOGNITIONS** – Mayor Theken recognized and thanked all of the high school students who helped with the Halloween party for interacting with all of the children in attendance.
- Dr. Safier recognized and thanked the Gloucester Education Foundation for holding a fundraiser to benefit the O’Maley music room. He also thanked Rick Doucette for acting as an auctioneer and noted that almost \$120,000 was raised.
- Ms. Teixeira recognized all of the Massachusetts residents that came out and voted “No” on Question 2.
- VI. GHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL** – Jarrod Martin and Roy Kirwa introduced themselves and updated the committee on the following events at Gloucester High School:

girls' field hockey playoffs, semiformal, Thanksgiving pep rally, and cheerleading team competition.

## **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

1. Joint City Council and School Committee of October 18, 2016
2. Building & Finance Subcommittee of October 19, 2016

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

### **C. Approval of Transfers**

### **D. Referrals**

### **E. Acceptance of Gift/Donation – \$1,000.00 from Tufts University to West Parish Elementary School in support of the 100 Mile Club Walking/Running Program**

### **F. Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip Request – JROTC to attend Region 1 National Qualifying Meet (Drill) in Reading, Pennsylvania from Friday, December 9 to Saturday, December 10, 2016**

Chairman Pope removed Item A.2 from the Consent Agenda.

After discussion, on a motion by Ms. Teixeira, seconded by Kathy Clancy, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** 7 in favor, 0 opposed to approve the Consent Agenda as noted above.

## **VIII. DELIBERATIONS ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Professional Development Report –** Dr. Unobskey presented a PowerPoint on 2016-2017 professional development, including District Improvement Plan priorities, particular areas of focus, and trainings held or to be held on the early release and professional days this year.

**B. Superintendent's Evaluation Form Review –** Chairman Pope stated that Dr. Safier will be submitting his documentation on November 30th and requested that all School Committee members submit an electronic copy of their individual summative evaluation report to him by December 9th. The superintendent's evaluation will take place on December 14th. Chairman Pope noted that the committee needs to notify Dr. Safier by January 1st if they are going to enter into negotiations to establish a new contract. Dr. Safier reviewed the evaluation form, which he revised to make it a little easier to follow.

**C. Superintendent's Report –** Dr. Safier updated the committee on the following matters:

1. FY18 Budget and Updated Capital Plan
2. Capital Plan
3. Measuring the Impact of Social Emotional Learning on Students
4. Survey Open on History and Social Science Framework Revision
5. School and District Report Cards
6. Implementation Date for Tenth Grade Next-Generation MCAS
7. Calendar

On a motion by Kathy Clancy, seconded by Ms. Sweet, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** 7 in favor, 0 opposed to accept the Superintendent’s Report.

Chairman Pope reminded the committee members that they are invited to the Veterans’ Day ceremony at the high school on November 11th at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Safier reminded the committee that the Sawyer Medal Award ceremony will take place on November 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the GHS lecture hall.

**IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – None.**

**X. ACTION**

- A. Approval of Grant –** DESE Title III English Language Acquisition Grant in the amount of \$26,835.00 – Tabled.

**XI. DISCUSSION/OTHER COMMUNICATION/OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. MSBA Project Update –** Dr. Safier reported that the contracts with respect to the high school roof project have been signed by the owner’s project manager and the designer and have been submitted to the MSBA. He noted that the building committee will be meeting briefly tomorrow to approve an invoice.
- B. Vocational Program Report –** Ms. Teixeira requested a report on the GHS vocational program in the near future.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT –** On a motion by Ms. Sweet, seconded by Ms. Teixeira, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** 7 in favor, 0 opposed to adjourn the School Committee Meeting of November 9, 2016 at 7:53 p.m.

*All reference documents and reports are filed in the Superintendent’s office.*

*Maria Puglisi  
Recording Secretary*