

THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

School Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Gloucester High School Library
32 Leslie O. Johnson Road, Gloucester, MA
6:00 p.m.

Members Present

Jonathan Pope, Chairman
Kathy Clancy, Vice Chairperson
Tony Gross, Secretary
Melissa Teixeira Prince

Administration Present

Dr. Richard Safier, Superintendent
Gregg Bach, Asst. Superintendent
Gary Frisch, Director of Finance
and Operations

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Pope called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.
- II. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
- III. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – None.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON** – None.
- V. **RECOGNITIONS** – Chairman Pope noted that a number of GHS students have received fall sports awards. He suggested that those students be invited to the next School Committee meeting to be formally recognized and presented with citations. In addition, Kathy Clancy reported that she attended the high school play and it was very enjoyable.
- VI. **GHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL** – Elizabeth Schuster introduced herself and updated the committee on the following events at GHS: football playoff game on Friday in Woburn, lobster roll fundraiser, and Thanksgiving pep rally.
- VII. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. School Committee of September 26, 2018
 - 2. Building & Finance Subcommittee of September 19, 2018
 - B. **Approval of Warrants**
 - C. **Approval of Transfers**
 - D. **Referrals**

E. Acceptance of Gifts

1. \$175.39 from Ohiopyle Prints, Inc. to Gloucester High School
2. \$2,000.00 from Cape Ann YMCA to Gloucester High School
3. \$1,100.00 from Harbor Voices to Veterans' Memorial Elementary School

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

VOTED: 4 in favor, 0 opposed to approve the Consent Agenda as noted.

VIII. DELIBERATIONS ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Superintendent Evaluation Process** – Dr. Safier reported that he will submit his evidence on December 12, 2018, and Chairman Pope stated that the superintendent's evaluation will take place on January 9, 2019. Chairman Pope requested that all School Committee members submit their individual evaluation to him by January 2, 2019.

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

VOTED: 4 in favor, 0 opposed to request that Superintendent waive the requirement in his contract stating that his evaluation must be done in December and to request an extension until January.

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

1. Senate Bill S.215 Civics Education
2. School Expenditure Data and the New Report Cards

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

VOTED: 4 in favor, 0 opposed to accept the Superintendent's Report.

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

X. ACTION – None.

XI. DISCUSSION/OTHER COMMUNICATION/OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. MSBA Project Update** – Chairman Pope reported that Dore & Whittier has been hired as the designer and will introduce themselves to the building committee at tomorrow's meeting. They will also set up a timeline for going forward with the project. Chairman Pope also noted that a kickoff meeting with MSBA is in the process of being set up at East Gloucester School. The possible dates for the kickoff

are December 4, 5, 12 or 13. Finally, there was a discussion about the timing of a debt override vote and whether or not a special election would be needed.

- B. Naming New Facilities Policy, File FF** – Chairman Pope reported that he received a proposal to rename Nate Ross Field and stated that he would like to refer this policy to the Building & Finance Subcommittee. After discussion, Chairman Pope indicated that he will do some research into whether the field was ever officially named before the policy is referred to subcommittee.
- C. Drug Education Curriculum** – Ms. Teixeira Prince requested a presentation at a future meeting on the district’s drug education curriculum.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – On a motion by Ms. Teixeira Prince, seconded by Kathy Clancy, it was unanimously

VOTED: By Roll Call Vote

Kathy Clancy – yes
Mr. Gross – yes
Chairman Pope – yes
Ms. Teixeira Prince – yes

To enter into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a GTA Level III grievance and to enter back into regular session only to adjourn.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by Mr. Gross, seconded by Chairman Pope, it was unanimously

VOTED: 4 in favor, 0 opposed to adjourn the School Committee Meeting of November 14, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.

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

*Maria Puglisi
Recording Secretary*