

THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

Special School Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Gloucester High School Library

5:00 p.m.

Members Present

Jonathan Pope, Chairman
Val Gilman, Vice Chairperson
Kathy Clancy, Secretary
Melissa Teixeira
Roger Garberg
Tony Gross

Administration Present

Dr. Richard Safier, Superintendent
Asst. Superintendent Shayne Trubisz
Ann-Marie Jordan, Student Health & Emergency
Services
Debra Lucey, O'Maley Principal
Tammy Morgan, Plum Cove Principal
Ellen Sibley, Beeman Principal

Others Present

Craig Hovey, O'Maley Asst. Principal
Patricia Wegmann, O'Maley Sped Coordinator
Barbara Sachs, GHS Sped Coordinator
Janell Andrews, GHS Sped Teacher
Linda Petrino, GHS Sped Teacher
Jaclyn Baldassano, Beeman Teacher

Recorded by Cape Ann TV

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pope called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Pope stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

IV. PUBLIC INTERVIEW – The three finalists for the Assistant Superintendent position were interviewed by the School Committee, namely Theresa McGuinness Darby, Maryann Perry, and Gregg Bach. All three were asked the same questions, as follows:

- What qualifications do you possess that make you an excellent candidate for this position? In so doing, please characterize your management and leadership style.
- As the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, you will be required to supervise the district's implementation of the Common Core Standards. Please describe your understanding of the Common Core and explain how you will make them a daily part of instruction.

- The new evaluation regulations must be implemented in the Gloucester Public School system. What is your understanding of the new regulations, and what steps will you take to implement them?
- In your current position, what have you found to be your most effective strategies in raising student achievement (particularly as measured by student performance on standardized tests like the MCAS), and how do you see these strategies impacting what you would do as an assistant superintendent here in Gloucester?
- In past positions, how have you utilized community resources and/or fostered community initiatives and collaborations? What do you know about the Gloucester community, and how would you initiate and foster such relationships in our community?
- As we know, technology is going to play a significant role in the work and personal lives of students. Looking to the future, in what ways should technology play a role in teaching and learning?
- What would be the first few things that you would do if you were to be Gloucester's next new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction?
- How will you maintain lines of communication between you and all of the administrators, program leaders, and supervisors in the school district, and how will you do the same with the School Committee and the superintendent?
- What is the best way that you can have an impact on instruction through the district?
- What has been your involvement with professional development initiatives, both within individual schools and district-wide? What were some of the challenges that you experienced in developing those initiatives? How will you establish priorities for professional development/in-service for pre-K through Grade 12?
- Two very important issues in this district are customer service/satisfaction and staff buy-in. Please discuss these two important elements.
- Describe how data should be used in schools and district-wide. Please provide specific examples.

V. ACTION – None

VI. DISCUSSION/OTHER COMMUNICATION/NEW BUSINESS – None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Pope thanked Cape Ann TV.

On a motion by Mrs. Gilman, seconded by Kathy Clancy, it was unanimously

VOTED: 6 in favor zero opposed, to adjourn the Special School Committee Meeting of March 27, 2012 at 9:00 p.m.

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

*Maria Puglisi
Recording Secretary*