

THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

Special School Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2014

Superintendent's Conference Room – District Office

6:00 p.m.

Members Present

Jonathan Pope, Chairman
Melissa Teixeira, Vice Chairperson
Kathy Clancy, Secretary
Tony Gross
Michelle Sweet
Jack O'Maley
Mayor Carolyn Kirk

Administration Present

Dr. Richard Safier, Superintendent

Also Present

City Council President Paul McGeary

Recorded by Cape Ann TV

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- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Pope called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.
- II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG** – Waived.
- III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – None.
- IV. DELIBERATIONS ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES**
- A. Elementary Education Plan** – Michele Rogers of Dore & Whittier presented a slide show on the Masterplan Study of four of the elementary schools, namely Beeman, East Gloucester, Plum Cove, and Veterans. The presentation included the tasks and goals of the study, visual inspections, space use analyses, review of enrollment projections, facilities assessments, specific issues by school, and four options for addressing those issues:
- Option A Maintain all four buildings as they are with same number of classes per grade
- Option B Make additions and renovations at all four schools
- Option C Remove Plum Cove **or** Veterans and make additions and renovations at other three (2-3 classes per grade)
- Option D Remove Plum Cove **and** Veterans and make addition at Beeman (4 classes per grade), with 3 classes per grade at East Gloucester

The committee discussed the following matters:

- Code compliance
- Enrollment projections – used 1,375 for planning purposes
- The need for swing space under Option B
- Onsite parking

- Other possible locations for a new school
- Possibility of early childhood center and administration offices at Veterans
- Condition of modular units
- Parallel planning for short-term and long-term

Mayor Kirk suggested that this will not be a quick process and that the School Committee will need to recommend priorities and seek funding through her office and the City Council. Chairman Pope noted that there will also need to be community buy-in to the process.

V. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by Mr. Gross, seconded by Ms. Sweet, it was unanimously

VOTED: 7 in favor zero opposed, to adjourn the Special School Committee Meeting of October 16, 2014 at 7:18 p.m.

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

*Maria Puglisi
Recording Secretary*