

THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Building & Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 16, 2019
District Office Conference Room
2 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA
5:00 p.m.

Members Present

Tony Gross, Chairman (5:07 p.m.)
Kathy Clancy, Vice Chairperson
Jonathan Pope, Member

Administration Present

Dr. Richard Safier, Superintendent
Gary Frisch, Director of Finance
and Operations
Grant Harris, IT Director
Brenden Henry, IT Operations Manager
Kathy Verga, Director of Transportation
Dr. Telena Imel, West Parish Principal
Cody Marshall, Accounts and Budget
Specialist

Also Present

Melissa Teixeira Prince
Michelle Sweet

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- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Vice Chairperson Clancy called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.
- II. REPORTS/DELIBERATIONS/DISCUSSIONS**
- A. FY20 Budget Review**

(Chairman Gross joined the meeting at 5:07 p.m.)

1. West Parish Elementary School – The committee reviewed and discussed the West Parish proposed budget. Dr. Imel discussed the Artsonia website, which provides Amazon gift cards to the art teacher based on sales of students' artwork on products like tee-shirts and mugs. This matter was referred to the Building & Finance Subcommittee.
2. Beeman Memorial Elementary School – Dr. Safier reported that Ms. Gennodie was not feeling well and could not make it to the meeting. The committee reviewed and discussed the Beeman proposed budget, including copier usage.

3. Technology – Dr. Safier reported that the IT proposed budget is about \$190,000 above last year’s budget. He indicated that even though that budget is justified, it is not anticipated to fit with the allocation provided by the mayor. Mr. Harris reviewed and the committee discussed the proposed tiers to the IT budget, and there was a discussion about asking the city for a separate appropriation for classroom phones.

(Ms. Verga joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.)

4. Transportation – The committee reviewed and discussed the Transportation proposed budget.

III. ACTION – None.

V. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by Kathy Clancy, seconded by Mr. Pope, it was unanimously

VOTED: 3 in favor, 0 opposed to adjourn the Building & Finance Subcommittee Meeting of January 16, 2019 at 6:31 p.m.

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

*Maria Puglisi
Recording Secretary*