

THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

Building & Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 17, 2019
District Office Conference Room
2 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA
5:00 p.m.

Members Present

Tony Gross, Chairman (5:09 p.m.)
Kathy Clancy, Vice Chairperson
Melissa Teixeira Prince, Alternate

Administration Present

Dr. Richard Safier, Superintendent
Gary Frisch, Director of Finance
and Operations
James Cook, GHS Principal
Lynne Beattie, O'Maley Principal
Bryan Lafata, Athletics Director
Cody Marshall, Accounts and Budget
Specialist

Also Present

Michelle Sweet

I. CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chairperson Clancy called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.

II. REPORTS/DELIBERATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. FY20 Budget Review

1. O'Maley Innovation Middle School – The committee reviewed and discussed the O'Maley proposed budget, specifically projectors, furniture, and the biolab. There was a discussion about moving the projectors to the IT budget.

(Mr. Gross joined the meeting at 5:09 p.m.)

Ms. Beattie requested an ELL paraprofessional and an additional .5 FTE teacher to reduce the librarian's teaching load. The committee discussed the role of the librarian and when students are able to go to the library. Ms. Beattie also reviewed the available specialist classes.

2. Gloucester High School – The committee reviewed and discussed the GHS and vocational proposed budgets, specifically contracted services for the Bridge Program, the Positive Alternatives to Suspension Program (PASS), and the Slow Down program to reduce vaping in bathrooms. Mr. Cook reported that there are 51 ELL students at the high school and requested an

additional .5 FTE for the ELL student coordinator, a PASS coordinator (possibly grant funded), and restoration of the library aide.

3. Athletics – Mr. Lafata reviewed and the committee discussed the Athletics proposed budget.

III. ACTION – None.

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

VOTED: 3 in favor, 0 opposed to adjourn the Building & Finance Subcommittee Meeting of January 16, 2019 at 6:38 p.m.

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

*Maria Puglisi
Recording Secretary*