School Committee

Agenda

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

9:00 AM

Warren Conference Center

529 Chestnut Street, Ashland, MA 01721

School Committee
Laurie Tosti, Chair,
Marc Terry, Vice Chair
Kathleen Bates, Secretary
Erin Williams, Member
Paul Kendall, Member

School Administration
Jim Adams, Superintendent
Barbara Durand, Asst. Superintendent
Paul Vieira, Assistant Superintendent

Vision Statement

The Ashland Public Schools will be a model district that embraces the academic and social-emotional growth of all students, through a supportive, collaborative and challenging experience. Our students will develop into life-long learners who will contribute positively to society.

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Projected Time Line       Order of Business

9:00 a.m.                 Open Session - Call to Order
                          Opening Procedures
                          Agenda Review and adoption

9:05 a.m.                 Items of Interest to the Public (C, SA, O, FR)
                          • Mindess Academic Study Discussion
                          • Blueprint for Continuous Student Improvement
                            • Review Core Values
                          • School Committee Goals
                          • Communication Strategies/Survey
                          • Calendar Holidays – Renaming of Columbus Day
                          • Contract - Nutrition Services Personnel
                          • Pittaway - New ELL ESP Position
                          • FY 20 Budget Update – Request to Transfer Funds

12:00-1:00 p.m. LUNCH BREAK

1:00 p.m.                 Items of Interest to the Public (C, SA, O, FR)
                          • Athletic and District Fee Structure/Analysis
                          • Safer School Grant – Use of Funds
                          • Mindess Building Project Update
• Warrant Approvals - Kathleen Bates
  Consent Actions
  • Approval of Minutes (O)
    o Minutes of July 30, 2019
  • Acceptance of Gifts (FR)
  Committee Reports of Activities (O)
  • Action Items

2:45 p.m. Adjournment

Next meeting of the Ashland School Committee is on September 11, 2019

See full School Committee Goals (C, SA, O, FR, and SP).
Agenda is posted in accordance with Provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Sections 18-25.

School Committee Goals

Culture (C): Strengthen the culture of inclusiveness that extends to not only students, but administration, town boards, committees and the community at large that nurtures our students. Mental health should be paramount in these policy decisions.

Student Achievement (SA): Continuously evaluate the current curriculum, resources and technology dedicated to improving student outcomes, closing achievement gaps, and supporting a 21st century education

Operations Communication and Stakeholder Engagement (O): Openly and effectively communicate the committee's goals, benchmarks and policies, to the community and select sitting members to serve in liaison positions that connect the committee personally to town wide initiatives

Fiscal Responsibility (FR): Be prudent supervisors of the district's financial resources, budget allocations, and union negotiations

Strategic Plan (SP): Support the Superintendent's development of a district strategic plan, ensuring alignment to the districts most pressing needs, and create an evaluation process against the plan. Ensure alignment of School Committee goals with the Superintendent’s