



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

School Committee

Agenda

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

5:30 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Town Hall, 101 Main St, 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 is a forward thinking district that cultivates the academic and social-emotional growth of each student through a supportive, collaborative, innovative and challenging environment. Students will develop into self-motivated, resilient, life-long learners, who embrace their role as responsible contributors to a global community.

Announce: "This meeting (is/is not) being recorded by WACA cable TV."

Projected Time Line

Order of Business

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| 5:30 p.m. | Open Session - Call to Order |
| 5:31 p.m. | EXECUTIVE SESSION – Move to enter into executive session under MGL;CH30A;S21(a)2 To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Superintendent James Adams), with the intent of returning to Public Session. |
| 6:00 p.m. | Open Session - Call to Order
Opening Procedures
Agenda Review and adoption |
| 6:05 p.m. | Recognitions and Student Presentations - (C)
1. Student Presentations/Recognitions
a. Student Advisory Committee |
| 6:25 p.m. | Public Comment - Items of Interest to the Public (C, SA, O) |
| 6:30 p.m. | Administrative Items - Action and/or Information

2. Student Travel Request – AHS JSA Winter Congress February 2020(SA)
3. Superintendent’s Contract (O)
4. FY21 School Budget Process – To Date (FR)
5. FY21 School Bus Transportation Fees (FR)
6. Update on Mindess School Building Project (FR,O) |



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7. Superintendent's Report (O)
8. Assistant Superintendent's Report (O, FR)
9. Warrant Approvals - Kathleen Bates (FR)

7:45 p.m.

Consent Actions

10. Approval of Minutes (O)
 - a. Minutes of December 11, 2019
11. Acceptance of Gifts (FR)

Committee Reports of Activities (O)

12. Member Updates
13. Action Items

8:00 p.m. Adjournment

Next meeting of the Ashland School Committee is on January 22, 2020

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