School Committee

Agenda

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

6:00 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 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

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

6:25 p.m.  Public Comment - Items of Interest to the Public (C, SA, O)
2. Pittaway School Programmatic Change Recommendations for Wee Watch and PreK for the 2019-20 School Year - Sara Davidson and Kathy Silva
3. Student Travel Request-AHS JSA Winter Congress Feb 2019
4. Ashland Cable Access Board Vacancy Appointment

8:15 p.m.  Administrative Items - Action and/or Information
5. Superintendent’s Report (O)
6. Assistant Superintendent’s Report (O, FR)
7. Warrant Approvals - Kathleen Bates (FR)
8. Policy Updates
   a. JLCEE - Management of Chronic Illness
   b. JLCEE-R - Guidelines for Managing Chronic Illness

8:30 p.m.  Consent Actions
9. Approval of Minutes (O)
   a. Minutes of December 12, 2018
   b. Minutes of December 15, 2018 Budget Workshop
10. Acceptance of Gifts (FR)

Committee Reports of Activities (O)
11. Member Updates
12. Action Items

9:00 p.m. Adjournment

Next meeting of the Ashland School Committee is on January 23rd
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