



Town of Ashland

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School Committee

Agenda

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

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 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.

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Projected Time Line

Order of Business

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 Council

6:25 p.m.

Public Comment - Items of Interest to the Public (C, SA, O)
Administrative Items - Action and/or Information

1. Director of Finance and Operations Recommended Appointment – Mr. Christopher Mathieu
2. In-House Therapy Team – Huxley and Ms. Pavia-Shiels
3. Mindess School Building - Grade Configuration Recommendation/Vote
4. Public Hearing on FY'21 Superintendent's Recommended Budget
5. Student Opportunity Act – Chapter 70 School Funding
6. Student Travel Request – AHS Amnesty International to NYC April 3, 2020



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7. Policy Updates
 - a. IMG - Animals in Schools
8. Superintendent's Report (O)
9. Assistant Superintendent's Report (O, FR)
10. Warrant Approvals - Kathleen Bates (FR)

8:30 p.m.

Consent Actions

11. Approval of Minutes (O)
 - a. Minutes of January 22, 2020
 12. Acceptance of Gifts (FR)
- ### Committee Reports of Activities (O)
13. Member Updates
 14. Action Items

8:45 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 (Director of Finance and Operations); and not to return to open session.

9:00 p.m. Adjournment

Next meeting of the Ashland School Committee is on March 11, 2020

See full School Committee Goals (C, SA, O, FR, and SP)

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