School Committee

Agenda

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

5:00 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 Order of Business

5:00 p.m. Open Session – Call to Order

5:01 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Move to enter into executive session under section 21 (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 (James Adams); and to return to open session at 6:00 PM.

5:25 p.m. Adjourn from Executive Session

5:30 p.m. Reception for Retirees

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. 2019 Retirees
   b. Student Advisory Council

6:25 p.m. Public Comment - Items of Interest to the Public (C, SA, O)
2. School Improvement Plan – Warren &Pittaway
3. School Improvement Plan – High School
4. Acceptance of Superintendent’s Evaluation
5. Superintendent’s Contract
6. Student Travel Request
   a. AHS Model UN Club to Exeter, NH October 27, 2019
   b. AHS Model UN Club to Lowell, MA Nov. 8-9, 2019
   c. AHS Model UN Club to Miami, FL March 5-9, 2020
   d. AHS Model UN Club to Boston, MA March 20-22, 2020
7. School Committee Calendar
   8:15 p.m. Administrative Items - Action and/or Information
   8. Superintendent's Report (O)
   9. Assistant Superintendent’s Report (O, FR)
   10. Warrant Approvals - Kathleen Bates (FR)
   11. Policy Updates
      a. JKAA – Physical Restraint of Students – 1st Reading
   8:30 p.m. Consent Actions
   12. Approval of Minutes (O)
      a. Minutes of May 22, 2019
   13. Acceptance of Gifts (FR)
   Committee Reports of Activities (O)
   14. Member Updates
   15. Action Items
9:00 p.m. Adjournment

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