



# Town of Ashland

## MASSACHUSETTS

School Committee

1/25/2017

Ashland Town Hall – Board of Selectmen’s Meeting Room

### Ashland School Committee Meeting

**January 25, 2017**

Ashland Town Hall  
101 Main Street  
Ashland, MA

#### 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.*

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

#### Projected Time Line

#### Order of Business

6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Procedures

Agenda Review and adoption

6:05 p.m.

3. Recognitions and Student Presentations - (C)

6:15 p.m.

4. Public Comment

Items of Interest to the Public

- FY18 Budget Hearing
- Presentation - AEFI Grants - Adam Elbirt
- Discussion/Vote - Full Day Kindergarten Tuition 2017-2018
- Discussion/Vote - Community Outreach Sub Committee
- Discussion - Town of Ashland Strategic Plan Update
- Discussion/Vote - Solar Project Consent Agreements

7:45 p.m.

5. Administrative Items - Action and/or Information

- Superintendent’s Report (O)
- Assistant Superintendent’s Report (O, FR)
- Student Programs and Services
  - Student Travel Requests
    - AHS Junior State of America to Arlington, VA
    - Breaking the Barriers Club to Washington DC for CADCA
- Warrant Approvals - Kathleen Bates
- Policy Updates



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- 8:00 p.m.
- Policy - New - Authorized Use of School Vehicles (2nd reading)
  - Policy - Revised ADC-Smoking on School Premises
  - Policy - Revised GBED-Tobacco Use On School Property
6. Consent Actions
- Approval of Minutes (O)
    - Minutes of January 11, 2017 Regular Session
    - Minutes of October 26, 2016 Executive Session Approve & Retain
  - Acceptance of Gifts (FR)
7. Committee Reports of Activities (O)
- Update - Safety Sub Committee
  - Member Updates
  - Action Items

8:30 p.m. Executive Session: Move to enter into executive session under section 21 (a) (3) to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.; and not to return to open session. (Ashland Educators Association – Teachers’ Contract)

8:45 P.m. Adjournment

*Next meeting of the Ashland School Committee is on February 8, 2017*

**See full School Committee Goals (C, SA, O, FR, and SP) on back.**

**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



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**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