



Town of Ashland

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School Committee

2/8/2017

Ashland Town Hall – Board of Selectmen’s Meeting Room

Ashland School Committee Meeting

February 8, 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
 - Discussion – Superintendent’s Mid-Cycle Review
 - Discussion/Vote - Additional Electric Metering Credits
 - Discussion – FY17 Budget Update
 - Discussion – ELA Curriculum Review Plan – Paul Vieira
 - Discussion/Vote – FY18 School Budget

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 Request – Middle School Grade 8 to Washington D.C.
 - Warrant Approvals - Kathleen Bates
 - Policy Updates

8:00 p.m.

6. Consent Actions
 - Approval of Minutes (O)
 - Minutes of January 25, 2017



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- Acceptance of Gifts (FR)
7. Committee Reports of Activities (O)
- 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 March 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

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