

AUBURN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

School Committee Meeting of Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91741871547?pwd=OFRyVVNoY3c4a0ZKTi9QbDVuUHNOZz09>

In attendance:

George Scobie
Jessie Harrington
Gail Holloway
Dottie Kauffman
Meghan McCrillis

Maryellen Brunelle
Beth Chamberland
Cecelia Wirzbicki
Casey Handfield

Call to order: Checking that everyone was in attendance (via Zoom); Mr. Scobie called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Special Recognitions

Dr. Brunelle shared that Mr. Bill Shilale, longtime APS educator, had passed away on June 15th. Bill served as an Industrial Arts teacher, a driver education teacher, a Computer Science teacher and Department Head at AHS from 1964-1998, retiring after 34 years in the Auburn Public Schools.

Along with Art Brunell, Bill was very influential in bringing a branch of Bay State Savings Bank to Auburn High School in the mid-1980s. He was also very active in the Auburn Teacher's Association. Bill leaves behind his wife, daughter and son.

Dr. Brunelle asked that everyone join her in a minute of silence in his memory.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MEMO:

APS Return to School Team Update

Dr. Brunelle shared that the first meeting of the APS Return to School Team had been held remotely on Monday, June 15th. Dr. Brunelle shared that Dr. Chamberland and Dr. Handfield led the meeting after a brief introduction by her. She noted that it was made up of 32 people, a good cross section of the parent base as well as educators from each building, administrators and School Committee members. She noted they were a terrific group which plans to meet remotely each Monday over the summer. Their main focus will be on the social-emotional learning of students when school returns along with creating plans that keep student and staff safety as the top priority. She thanked everyone for their participation.

iPad Returns/Plans for Summer

Dr. Brunelle shared that due to the extended closure, the decision was made to allow students in grades 6-12 to keep their iPads throughout the summer. She shared a copy of a memo that was shared with families which gave them the option to return the iPad should they prefer to do so.

MIE Sustaining Partnership Program

Dr. Brunelle shared that after consulting with Dr. Handfield and Dr. Chamberland, and based on anticipated FY21 budget concerns, the decision had been made to *not* spend \$10,000 to participate in the Mass Insights program – this to support our Advanced Placement offerings at AHS. This will be covered internally, with Dr. Handfield having many ideas with regard to how this can be accomplished.

Appendix C Posting

Dr. Brunelle notified the Committee that until a determination is made regarding when and under what circumstances students and staff will return to school for the 2020-2021 school year, Dr. Handfield, Dr. Chamberland and she thought it wise to wait to post for the Appendix C positions (Department Heads, leaders of the various clubs and groups, athletic coaches and the like) until those determinations have been made. She noted that Dr. Handfield and Dr. Chamberland will provide the Committee with an update during a summer meeting when they do move forward with that posting.

Approval of Two Contingency Plans

As shared with the Committee previously, Dr. Brunelle noted that all members of the APS Team agreed to both Contingency Plan #1 (up to 3 furlough days on November 3rd, March 12th and the day after students' last day) and Contingency Plan #2 (up to a full year's salary freeze – in effect being paid in FY21 the same amount as in FY 20). To solidify this, she asked that the Committee approve these two contingencies:

Mrs. Holloway made a motion to approve, with sincere thanks to the APS Team for their support, Contingency Plans #1 and #2, understanding that when FY21 budget numbers are known, Dr. Handfield and Dr. Chamberland will work with those same APS Team members to determine which plan – or portions thereof – should be implemented, bringing those recommendation to the School Committee for final approval; Mrs. Kauffman seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken:

Roll call vote: Dr. McCrillis - Yes; Mrs. Kauffman - Yes; Mrs. Holloway - Yes; Mrs. Harrington - Yes; Mr. Scobie - Yes;

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

FY 2021 Budget Update

Dr. Brunelle shared some of the budget reduction scenarios; however, as the document was not shared with the Committee prior to the meeting, they asked that it be tabled and brought forward at the next meeting.

TEACHING/LEARNING REPORT:

Remote Learning Surveys Update

Dr. Brunelle shared that remote learning surveys were sent to students' parents and staff. She provided a preliminary report noting that overall the results from both families and staff were resoundingly clear: children have better learning experiences in the classroom. Parents overall were satisfied with the delivery of virtual education, which mainly provided maintenance of skills; however, some new skills were acquired. The staff were proud of their quick shift to virtual learning and while there were some initial technical glitches, Mr. Bouvier and his team had a

good plan in place for resolving those as quickly as possible. Dr. Chamberland will share more information at an upcoming meeting.

Summer Programming Location Update

Dr. Chamberland shared that although the District originally announced that summer programming would be held at AHS this year, the decision has been made to house the limited programming that will take place at Auburn Middle School for only a small amount of special need students. AMS' location close to Central Office makes much more sense.

BUSINESS/FINANCIAL REPORT:

Year to Date Budget Report

Mrs. Wirzbicki provided a year to date budget report as of June 15, 2020.

Omnibus Transfers #3

Mrs. Wirzbicki provided Omnibus Transfers for your information.

French River Supply Bids for 2020-2021

Mrs. Wirzbicki provided a memo informing the Committee of the approved bids through French River for 2020-2021 asked for the Committee's approval of them.

Mrs. Holloway made a motion the below-mentioned bids awards; Mrs. Kauffman seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken:

- Copy Paper awarded to Liberty Paper
- Computer/Technology Supply awards to Standard Stationery; Tree House and W.B. Mason
- School supply awards to W.B. Mason; School Specialty; Cascade; Scott Electric; Standard Stationery and National Art & School
- Athletic supply awards to BSN Sports; Gibney Sporting Goods; Masterman's; Mobile Sports Promotions, Pyramid, S&S Worldwide; Sportsmen's and Stadium Systems
- Custodian Supply awards to W.B. Mason; All American Poly; Central Poly; Simplex Janitorial; Mansfield; Masterman's; Pyramid; Top Notch and Uni-Pack.

Roll call vote: Dr. McCrillis - Yes; Mrs. Kauffman - Yes; Mrs. Holloway - Yes; Mrs. Harrington - Yes; Mr. Scobie - Yes;

Food and Non Food Bid Awards for 2020-2021

Mrs. King provided a memo informing the Committee of the approved bids for Food and Non-Food bids for 2020-2021 and Mrs. Wirzbicki asked for the Committee's approval of them.

Mrs. Holloway made a motion to approve the below-named bid awards; Dr. McCrillis seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken:

Grocery and Frozen Foods	Thurston Foods (one-year FY21)
Paper and Disposables	Mansfield Paper Company
Bread and Bakery	Duva Distributors
Milk and Dairy Products	New England Ice Cream
Water and Beverages	Polar Beverage Corporation

Roll call vote: Dr. McCrillis - Yes; Mrs. Kauffman - Yes; Mrs. Holloway - Yes; Mrs. Harrington - Yes; Mr. Scobie - Yes;

At 2:29 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with a motion from Mrs. Holloway and a second from Dr. McCrillis. A roll call vote was taken:

Roll call vote: Dr. McCrillis - Yes; Mrs. Kauffman - Yes; Mrs. Holloway - Yes; Mrs. Harrington - Yes; Mr. Scobie - Yes;

Before adjourning, Dr. Brunelle asked if the next meeting could be held on Tuesday, June 23rd at 1:00 p.m. and the members concurred.

Respectfully submitted,

Ailaine Zautner
Recording Secretary

Referenced Documents:

iPad information
FY 21 Budget Reductions
YTD Budget Report
French River Bid Memo
Food Services Food and Non Food Bid Memo
Omnibus Transfers