

Dear Visitors:

Welcome to an open meeting of the Abington School Committee. This is the agenda that will be discussed this evening. Please note that Hearing of Visitors is included; and if you have a statement or question, please be kind enough to wait to be recognized by the Chair and give your name.

Chris Coyle, Chair

ABINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ABINGTON, MA 02351

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ABINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2022

ABINGTON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL – LIBRARY

6:30 P.M.

- I. CALL OF MEETING TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE
- II. HEARING OF VISITORS
- III. READING AND APPROVAL OF RECORDS
 - A. June 21, 2022.
- IV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT (C. Basta)
 - A. Introduction of Dr. Chris Basta, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
 - B. Update on Elementary Professional Development Plan.
- V. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES (J. Robbins)
 - A. 2022 Extended School Year Wrap Up.
 - B. 2022 Summer Program Review.
 - C. 2022-2023 Home School Requests.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (P. Schafer)

- A. Back-to-School Report.

VII. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT (F. Moschella)

- A. Update on Bus Registration/Busing.
B. Status Report on 2022 Summer Facility Projects.
C. Update on the Breakfast/Lunch Programs.

VIII. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

TBD

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Announcement of the First Annual *Deirdre Volunteer Service Award* Recipient given by the Townwide PTO to Pamela Neely
- MASC/MASS Joint Conference, November 2nd through November 5th
- 2022-2023 School Committee Meeting Dates
- 2022-2023 School Committee Subcommittee
- Welcome Back Letter to Staff
- **Dates to Remember**
 1. Mon., September 5 – Labor Day – All School Offices Closed
 2. Tues., September 6 – AEEP and Kindergarten Begin
 3. Wed., September 7 – Green Wave Boosters’ Meeting @ 7 p.m.
 4. Sun., September 18 – Abington COPEs Road Race and Walk @ Woodsdale School – 9 a.m. start
 5. Sun., September 18 – Music Parents’ Craft Fair @ AMS/HS @ 10 a.m.
 6. Thurs., September 22 – Inservice/Early Release Day for Students
 7. Tues., September 27 – Special Town Meeting @ AMS/AHS Auditorium @ 7 p.m.

- **Personnel Administration - Informational**

1. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Alyssa Barrientos as a paraprofessional within the Abington Public Schools.
2. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Neve Browne as a paraprofessional within the Abington Public Schools.
3. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Rachael Copenrath as a Specially Certified Tutor within the Abington Public Schools.
4. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Heather Cordaro as a 3-hour per day cafeteria worker within the Abington Public Schools.
5. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Janet Caron as a special education teacher/team chair within the Abington Public Schools.
6. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Amanda Darling as a special education teacher/team chair within the Abington Public Schools.
7. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Sharlene Fedorowicz as the Abington Public Schools' Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment within the Abington Public Schools.
8. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Andrea Freedman as a speech language pathologist within the Abington Public Schools.
9. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Victoria Garvin as a TLC paraprofessional within the Abington Public Schools.
10. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Holly Hynes as a special education teacher within the Abington Public Schools.
11. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Ceara Kelly as a tutor within the Abington Public Schools.
12. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Cheryl Kelly as an elementary teacher within the Abington Public Schools.
13. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Heather Sexton as a technology tutor within the Abington Public Schools effective August 29, 2022.

14. The Superintendent has appointed Dr. Christopher Basta as the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment effective August 1, 2022.
15. The Superintendent has appointed Kate Casey as the Interim Assistant Principal at Abington High School effective July 1, 2022.
16. The Superintendent has approved the reassignment of Ed Donahue as an elementary teacher at the Abington Middle School to an elementary teacher at the Woodsdale Elementary Schools effective in the 2022-2023 school year.
17. The Superintendent has approved the appointment of Marissa Hebert as a speech language pathologist assistant within the Abington Public Schools for the 2022-2023 school year.
18. The Superintendent has approved the reassignment of Nicholas Rodriques as a special education teacher at the Woodsdale Elementary School to a Team Chair at the Woodsdale and Beaver Brook Elementary Schools effective in the 2022-2023 school year.
19. The Superintendent has approved the appointment of Diane Salvetti as a substitute math teacher for Ms. Bates effective on September 6, 2022, and continuing to October 3, 2022.
20. The Superintendent has approved the appointment of Melanie Savicke as the Interim Assistant Principal at the Beaver Brook Elementary School effective August 17, 2022.
21. The Superintendent has approved the reassignment of the following paraprofessionals to a tutor position within the Abington Public Schools for the 2022-2023 school year:

Colleen Blanchard	Middle School Math Interventionist
Shannon Burke	High School Tutor
Melissa Manley	Middle School Tutor
Michelle Meehan	BBES/WES Technology Tutor
Susan Tirrell	Middle School Math Interventionist
22. On the recommendation of Jonathan Bourn, Principal of Abington High School, the Superintendent approved the appointment of the following staff for the 2022-2023 school year:
 - Shannon Burke Tutor
 - Frank Cormos One-Year Substitute Wellness Teacher
 - Allison Dennehy Math Teacher
 - Jamaal Dixon Special Education Teacher

- Catherine Ferris Math Teacher
- Philip Foley Math/Computer Science Teacher
- Matthew Henriksen Wellness Teacher for Middle/High School
- Moira Leon Special Education Teacher (CBV Program)
- Olivia Leonardo Math Teacher
- Rebekah Lish Biology/Environmental Science Teacher
- David Lyons Paraprofessional
- Julia Pendrak Tutor
- Beth Quinn EL Teacher
- Ross Weber Science Teacher
- Katrina Wilson World Languages Teacher

23. On the recommendation of Matthew MacCurtain, Principal of the Abington Middle School, the Superintendent approved the appointment of the following staff for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Connor Bennett Science Teacher
- Samantha Bollin Paraprofessional
- Carolyn Bunszell Paraprofessional
- Bridget Byrne Grade 5 Teacher
- Brennah Campbell School Psychologist
- Michael Caseley Math Teacher
- Joseph Costantino Digital Literacy/Computer Science
- Christen Couture .5 Art Teacher for Middle/High School
- Amy LeFort English Teacher
- Kyra Hockey Paraprofessional
- Lindsey MacNeil Geography Teacher
- Jill Meegan Special Education Teacher
- Katelyn Minnehan Specially Certified Tutor
- Laura Regan Grade 6 Teacher
- Susan Saunders Grades 5 & 6 Literacy Specialist
- Stephanie Shields Special Education Teacher
- Stephen Werra One Year Substitute Wellness Teacher

24. On the recommendation of Jennifer Barresi, Principal of the Woodsdale Elementary School, the Superintendent approved the appointment of the following staff for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Michelle Beatrice Special Education Teacher
- Jason Drinkwater EL Teacher
- Carol Duchaney Recess/Lunch Paraprofessional
- Cynthia Gannon Special Education Teacher
- Kristen Lewis .2 Music Teacher

- Amber McNamara Grade 3 Teacher
 - Melissa Moore EL Teacher
 - Susan Mullen Grade 3 Teacher
 - Kasey Zielinski Grade 4 Teacher
25. On the recommendation of Chris Basta/Julie Thompson, Principal of the Beaver Brook Elementary School, the Superintendent approved the appointment of the following staff for the 2022-2023 school year:
- Keila Alves EL Teacher
 - Claudia Barry 15-Hours Per Week Title One Para
 - Marisa Clougher One-Year Substitute Special Education Teacher
 - Ashley Cuomo Kindergarten Paraprofessional
 - Jessica Deery Paraprofessional
 - Donna Desmond Paraprofessional
 - Michele Donlon Speech Language Pathologist
 - Tessa Dracoules .4 School Nurse
 - Melissa Foley Special Education Teacher
 - Matthew Galvin Paraprofessional
 - Courtney MacFadgen Grade 2 Teacher
 - Katie McPhee Recess/Lunch Para
 - Sonia Nunes EL Tutor
 - Julie Porter Reading Teacher
 - Kristina Quigley Special Education Teacher
 - Brendan Remillard Paraprofessional
 - Susan Sayce Recess/Lunch Para
 - Julia Thompson Interim Principal
26. On the recommendation of Annie Robinson, Coordinator of the Early Education Program, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of the following staff member for the 2022-2023 school year:
- Taiylor DeMarco Paraprofessional
 - Michelle Hart Administrative Assistant
 - Stacey Roberts Paraprofessional
27. On the recommendation of Jean Connon, Director of Food Services and Custodial Services, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of the following staff Members for the 2022-2023 school year:
- Deidre Antes Manager of Nutrition & Food Services Operations
 - Karima Yakouty Cafeteria Worker
28. On the recommendations of Jonathan Bourn, Principal of Abington High School, and Peter Serino, Athletic Director, the Superintendent has approved the following coaches for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Kiana Bueno Fitness
 - Matthew Henriksen JV Golf
 - Samantha Zina JV Girls' Soccer
29. On the recommendations of Jonathan Bourn, Principal of Abington High School, and Peter Serino, Athletic Director, the Superintendent has approved the following volunteer fall coaches for the 2022-2023 school year:
- **Boys Soccer:**
Jose Andrade John Stark
 - **Girls' Soccer:**
Olivia Leonardo
 - **Football:**
Joe D'Antonio, Keith Faxon, Kalonji Kabongo and David Lyons
 - **Cheerleading:**
Jen Krouse and Sue Pack
30. The Superintendent has granted Ms. Katelyn Hawkes, a special education teacher within the Abington Public Schools, a parental leave of absence in accordance with Options B and A as stipulated in Article XXIV of the Unit A Agreement. This leave of absence will begin on August 29, 2022 and continue to on or about October 13, 2022.
31. The Superintendent has granted Mr. James Gorman, a wellness teacher within the Abington Public Schools, a career leave of absence as stipulated in Article XXV of the Unit A Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year.
32. The Superintendent has granted Ms. Melanie Savicke, a special education teacher within the Abington Public Schools, a career leave of absence as stipulated in Article XXV of the Unit A Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year.
33. The Superintendent has approved the following recommendations from principals for Professional Teacher Status beginning in the 2022-2023 school year:
- Jennifer Caseley – Abington Middle School
 - Orianne Greene – Abington High School
 - Katelyn Hawkes – Beaver Brook Elementary School
 - Sarah LaPointe – Abington High School
 - Rebecca Lennon – Woodsdale Elementary School
 - Timothy Leonelli – Abington Middle School
 - Patricia London – Abington High School
 - Kacie McCarthy – Early Education Program

- Daniel Murphy – Abington High School
- Alison Rand – Beaver Brook Elementary School
- Nicholas Rodriguez – Woodsdale Elementary School
- Melanie Savicke – Beaver Brook Elementary School
- Rebecca Selenow – Abington Middle School
- Mercy Vaillancourt – Beaver Brook Elementary School
- Bridget Wakelin – Abington High School

- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION by roll call vote for the purposes of presenting updates on negotiations with AEA Units A and B, and discussion of the Assistant Superintendent's contract and not to return to regular session.

I. **CALL OF MEETING
TO ORDER AND
FLAG SALUTE**

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the Library at the Middle/High School.

Present: Mr. Chris Coyle, Chair; Ms. Danielle Grafton, Vice-Chair; Ms. Heidi Hernandez, Secretary; Ms. Julie Groom, and Ms. Wendy Happel, Members. Also in attendance were Mr. Peter Schafer, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Felicia Moschella, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Elizabeth Lindo, Student Representative; and Ms. Theresa Minnehan, Administrative Assistant.

II. **HEARING OF VISITORS**

None.

Mr. Coyle stated that school security is on the agenda this evening and he will allow questions during that presentation, however, this evening's meeting is not a public forum and the Superintendent is available for questions on this topic.

III. **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. May 24, 2022.

VOTED: on motion of Danielle Grafton (Julie Groom) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022, as presented.

Mr. Coyle stated that we will skip around on the posted agenda this evening. The minutes will reflect the order of the posted agenda.

IV. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

A. *Jonathan Bourn – Abington High School*

1. Revisions to the 2022-2023 High School Student Handbook.

Mr. Bourn was present this evening to present the proposed revisions to the 2022-2023 high school student handbook. He stated that these revisions were submitted and approved by the High School's School Council on June 9, 2022. The proposed revisions include under Detention – page 8 - students *give their cell phone to main office staff member*; Explanation of Behavior and Consequences – pages 49-51 - add in potential consequences may include *E-Hallpass restrictions*;

Dress Code – page 74 - *students may request to meet with an administrator regarding any dress code concern*; Abington High School Statement of Academic Integrity – page 7 - *a student caught cheating will initially receive a zero for the assignment in question. Upon reflection and meeting with the teacher, guidance counselor, and/or assistant principal, another assignment may be offered for a student to earn back some or all credit for the initial assignment.* Absences page 8 - *it is important that families either call the high school to “report a student absence” or when the student returns to school from an absence, the student brings a note signed by the caregiver with the specific days and dates the student was absent and the specific reason(s) that the student was absent.* Attendance and Loss of Credit Due to Unexcused Absences – page 8 – replacing the word will with *may* throughout the paragraph.

School Committee members asked questions around excused absences vs unexcused, and Mr. Bourn stated the importance of parents communicating with the main office and that five consecutive days absent may require a doctor’s note. He stated that going on a family trip does not count as an excused absence, however, a phone call keeps the office informed to avoid a day-to-day call. Mr. Coyle asked about the buy back option and Mr. Bourn stated that the student who comes in on time and is in attendance for five consecutive days is allowed to buy back one unexcused absence. Members also asked about the wearing of hoods and Mr. Bourn stated the key word is “reasonable” and students are allowed to wear hooded sweatshirts. Members also asked about students who frequent the E-Hall pass and are out and about in the halls and bathrooms and Mr. Bourn stated that conversations with students are ongoing and communicating the number of minutes of instruction a student misses due to leaving the classroom is better received.

VOTED: on motion of Heidi Hernandez (Julie Groom) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the revisions to the 2022-2023 High School Student Handbook as presented.

V. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

A. Announcement of Special Education Educator of the Year Award by SEPAC.

Dr. Robbins, Director of Student Services, and Brenda Miele, SEPAC member, were present this evening to present the Excellence in Special Education Award to Margaret Cipriano, the inaugural winner. Dr. Robbins stated that the spirit of this award is to honor Special Educators who demonstrate advocacy, support, and partnership for students with disabilities. Margaret is recognized as a constant advocate for student needs, an exemplary practitioner of Physical Therapy, and a committed partner to families in order to achieve the best outcomes for children. He thanked Margaret for her years of improving outcomes for Abington’s students with disabilities as she retires from the Abington School District. Ms. Cipriano was grateful for this acknowledgement.

B. EL Department Update.

Dr. Robbins was present this evening to review and update the ELE (English Language Education) instruction for English language learners. He began with the number of staff at each building, teacher and tutors, as well as a Director for the program. These teaching staff members help students articulate English as a second language, facilitate growth in vocabulary, articulate thoughts, and the role of the tutor is to support EL students in the general population. He stated that two EL teachers will be added next school year one will be shared at the Woodsdale and High School and one for the Beaver Brook Elementary School. He defined terms such as EL, FELs (Former English learners) who are monitored for four years after exiting ELE services by ELE teachers, SLIFE are EL students with limited or interrupted formal education, and Sheltered English Immersion, an approach to teaching academic content in English to EL students. He reviewed the strengths of the program, such as strong relationships between student/EL teacher, programs for students such as after school tutoring, summer programs and field trips, and family engagement. Lastly, he reviewed the future direction for the ELE department including written curriculum, decreasing the EL drop out rate at the high school level, better servicing the SLIFE population and providing more social emotions support in their native language.

School Committee members asked questions around student/teacher ratio and number of the EL population entering the district, the curriculum for this population of students and inclusion in the general education and student mentors.

VI. **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

A. Update on School Security.

Mr. Schafer thanked Chief David DelPapa for attending this evening's meeting and for his department's collaboration. He stated that this evening we were asked to discuss safety and security in our schools. A number of years ago ALICE training began as well as the addition of cameras, upgrading locks on doors and the collaboration with the school department to keep our students and staff safe. He stated that some information we are unable to share to keep our school community safe from any potential harm. He shared that this is ongoing, and one can never feel completely safe. Chief DelPapa stated that school security is in the forefront of the department's mind and since taking over equipment upgrades have been made and regional training will take place this summer and he, too, cannot go into specifics but wants the community to be confident that the subject of safety is being addressed. Dr. Moschella spoke to a number of items such as recent capital upgrades and putting FOBs in all our schools for key FOB entry and there is no need to keep doors open or ajar. Staff are aware and check on doors regularly, a number of years ago the ALICE training was adopted, Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Countdown, Evacuate and those flyers are in our school buildings and students are taught the acronyms of ALICE based on age to help make decisions. All current and new staff have gone through training and/or watched videos and are refreshed yearly. In conjunction with our insurance company, we do a risk assessment such as remove high bushes from the building etc. to mitigate risk. The maintenance crew walk the buildings with the building department, fire

department and insurance company to make sure that all doors appropriately lock, fire doors close, and that lighting is appropriate. Chief DelPapa also addressed that safety starts with facilities, such as equipment, cameras, training, and the continuation of this process year after year and its success is based on communication between departments. Parents were present to ask questions, Shawna Torpey, Pinetree Lane, asked about the school resource officers and whether they will be in all our schools and Chief DelPapa stated that currently there are two SROs and they split up throughout the day to various schools and due to staffing they also respond to calls as necessary. He anticipates new hires in the department and will hopes for more coverage at the schools. The individual school Administration will communicate any issues to the SROs and one important piece is the transition to and from school and being visible at that time. She also asked about security consultants and Dr. Moschella spoke about that work with the insurance company around risk assessment such as school security, easy access in and out of the building, hardware of doors and locking mechanisms would be part of this assessment. Ms. Torpey asked how decisions are made to upgrade or for funding and Mr. Coyle stated that the school department budget is reviewed yearly, and that the town meeting could review any recommendations from the school department via a special town meeting. Dr. Moschella stated that recent upgrades to buildings went through a town meeting article and funded via town meeting. All our administrators except two and five police officers are ALICE trainers. Many of the upgrade suggestions have come out of the ALICE training such as additional cameras. Superintendent Schafer and Chief DelPapa encouraged any resident to reach out to them with additional questions. School Committee members recognized our current SROs for their hard work and presence throughout the community.

B. Consideration of Revisions to the Agreement Between the Abington Public Schools and the Abington Community Access and Media, Inc (CAM)

Mr. Schafer reviewed the Agreement with CAM, a five-year successor Agreement. He stated that we have student interns who benefit from working in the studio. A reduced rate of \$1,250 per month, was agreed upon due to expenses such as heat, lights, maintenance, custodial, and technical support. It is fiscally responsible and appropriate to present this Agreement as we work closely with cable to benefit the whole community. He stated that this Agreement was vetted by Town Counsel and that CAM is also in agreement with this successor Agreement. Mr. Schafer thanked Jessica Johnson and Peter Walters for working on this Agreement with the School Department. Mr. Coyle also thanked Kevin Tocci and the interns for building this program.

VOTED: on motion of Chris Coyle (Danielle Grafton) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the Agreement Between the Abington Public Schools and the Abington Community Access and Media, Inc. (CAM) as presented.

C. Revisions to the Abington Public Schools' Laptop Care and Use Policy Guide: A Resource for Students and Parents/Guardians.

Mr. Schafer reviewed the Laptop Care and Use Policy for grades 5-12. He stated that the document reviews care, precautions, expectations and common sense type of information on laptop care and use. He highlighted the costs for a new laptop and replacement parts stating that we have not had a lot of damage to our devices but there are a small number of individuals who run into problems and need to be accountable and this is for those individuals who struggle with responsible behavior with the laptop. School committee members asked about collection of laptops at the end of the school year and Mr. Schafer stated that there isn't a need to collect them and that upgrades are done once turned on and engaged in our WiFi. With the number of computers versus the number of staff this is the most effective way to manage them. School committee members agreed that students should take care of expensive equipment and it is a privilege to have this opportunity.

VOTED: on motion of Danielle Grafton (Heidi Hernandez) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the revisions to the Abington Public Schools' Laptop Care and Use Policy Guide: A Resource for Students and Parents/Guardians as presented.

Mr. Schafer at this time announced that Ms. Jessee Clements, Abington High School Assistant Principal, will leave to take a curriculum position in the Bourne Public Schools. He wanted to communicate that there will be an interim Assistant Principal search going on as we recently posted for this position. A thorough thoughtful search will happen next school year, early January. He hopes to have a person in place in the next week or two. The posting for an Interim Assistant Principal expired on June 17th.

VII. **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

A. Consideration of the Abington Cafeteria Association's Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Dr. Moschella reviewed the Cafeteria Association's Collective Bargaining Agreement stating that Bernie Darcy, the Food Service Director, is retiring at the end of this month and that Jean Connon, the Manager of Nutrition and Operations is replacing him in this role. Both have reviewed the job descriptions and acknowledge that responsibilities have changed since moving to 201 Gliniewicz Way. Therefore, there are job descriptions and salary scales to be reviewed and she is presenting this evening a fair compensation package and she noted that the Food Service program is self-funded. Ms. Happel asked about the next item, the increase of school lunches/breakfasts. Dr. Moschella stated that the state sets the price based on numbers of free and reduced lunches and reimbursement rates.

VOTED: on motion of Heidi Hernandez (Julie Groom) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the job description and the contract proposal for the Abington Cafeteria Association for fiscal years 23 through 25 as presented.

B. Consideration of School Lunch Price Increase for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Dr. Moschella reviewed the request for an increase in school lunches for the 2022-2023 school year. She stated that the last two years meals have been free for all students and at this point they will not be and we are looking for an increase for school lunch and breakfast. There are current bills at both the state and federal level for universal free lunch but as of today this is not happening and if it does happen it will automatically go into effect. Dr. Moschella encouraged parents/guardians to apply for free and/or reduced lunch and that the process is confidential and if you receive other subsidies from the state you are automatically qualified to receive free lunch. Dr. Moschella reviewed the application process for the free/reduced lunch program. Dr. Moschella stated the universal breakfast/lunch programs that some school districts qualify for are based on community reimbursement.

VOTED: on motion of Julie Groom (Chris Coyle) the members of the School Committee voted to approve the increase in school lunch and breakfast for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Yes:

Ms. Grafton
Ms. Groom
Ms. Hernandez
Mr. Coyle

No: Ms. Happel

C. FY-22 End of Year Budget Transfer.

Dr. Moschella reported that annually at this School Committee meeting she asks for a transfer of funds from the expense account to the salary account after all bills and staff have been paid. This year she is asking for a transfer from the expense account line to the salary account line making the salary account, \$19,941,217 and expense account, \$6,537,596, which does not change our budget amount for fiscal year 2022.

VOTED: on motion of Heidi Hernandez) the members of the School Committee

unanimously voted to transfer funds from the Expense Account line to the Salary Account line in the FY22 Budget as presented.

VIII. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

As needed
Wednesday, August 31, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. Regular Monthly Meeting

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- 2022-2023 School Year Bus Applications: it was brought to the community's attention that all bus applications are due by July 1, 2022. There is an on-line process for payment.
- Communication to Abington Music Parents Acknowledging Generous Donation: Mr. Schafer acknowledged the generous donation to purchase new uniforms for the growing band population.
- Powers & Sullivan, LLC, End-of-Year Financial Report, June 30, 2021
- READS Collaborative Quarterly Report
- North River Collaborative Quarterly Report
- 2022-2023 School Committee Meeting Dates
- Personnel Administration – Informational
 1. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Janet Campbell as a paraprofessional within the Abington Public Schools effective June 23, 2022.
 2. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Jessee Clements as the assistant principal at Abington High School effective June 30, 2022.
 3. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Elisa DiRito as a teacher within the Abington effective June 30, 2022.

4. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Lauren Dooley as a paraprofessional within the Abington Public Schools effective August 1, 2022.
5. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation for the purpose of retirement from MaryAnn Ofstein as a 202-day secretary within the Abington Public Schools effective June 30, 2022.
6. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Annalise Sherman as an elementary teacher within the Abington Public Schools effective June 2, 2022.
7. On the recommendation of Megan Tomlin, PreK-12 Site Coordinator and Academic Program Director, the Superintendent has approved the following staff for the 2022 Secondary Summer School Green Wave Academy Program:

Teachers:

Zachary Carey	High School History/Social Studies
William Caseley	High School Paraprofessional
Catherine Ferris	High School Mathematics
Joseph Genest	High School Interdisciplinary Learning
Erin Murphy	Middle School Math/Science
Victoria Tansey	High School English

Support Staff:

William Caseley	High School Paraprofessional
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8. On the recommendations of James Robbins, Director of Student Services, and Elizabeth Despres, Director of ELE Services, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of the following staff for the 2022 ELE summer program:

Teachers:

Dilene Barbosa
Beth Quinn
Fraser Toomey

9. On the recommendation of James Robbins, Director of Student Services, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of the following staff for the 2022 extended school year (ESY) program:

Teachers:

Clare Adamczyk
Carolyn Bunszell
Jennifer Casey
Taiylor DeMarco
Allison Dennehy
Caroline Donahue

Grace Fantoni
Melissa Foley
Victoria Garvin
Stephanie Glynn
Devon Malono
Caitlin McGillicuddy
Jill Meegan
Sandra Meegan
Megan Muise
Katrina Park
Ashley Patterson
Erin Turner
Jill Wainwright
Kristine Walker
Adrienne Whalen
Jennifer Worden

Support Staff:

Jessica Ebert
Andrea Freedman
Leann Hesselschwerdt
MeganWright

ABA Tutor
Speech Language Pathologist
Nurse
Occupational Therapist

Paraprofessionals:

Colleen Blanchard
Mallory Brink
Debra Buresh
Allison Doherty
Erin Doherty
Lauren Dooley
Donna Gendreau
Jillian Gonzalez
Susan Harrington
Allison Lindvall
Abbie Lyons
Matthew Lyons
Catherine Martin
Angela Nguyen
Abigail Odell
Jillian Park-Paige

10. On the recommendations of Jonathan Bourn, Principal of Abington High School, and Peter Serino, Athletic Director, the Superintendent has approved the appointments of the following fall and winter coaches for the 2022-2023 school year:

Jim Kelliher	Head Football
Jim Daly	Assistant Football
Ed Reilly	Assistant Football
Scott Pifer	Assistant Football
Mbela Kabongo	Freshman Football
Tom Shepherd	Assistant Freshman Football
Brian Claus	Head Boys' Soccer
William Caseley	Assistant Boys' Soccer
Kate Casey	Head Girls' Soccer
Kate Cawley	Assistant Girls' Soccer
Tim Hill	Head Golf
Matt Campbell	Head Cross Country
Mike Caseley	Boys' Indoor Track
Kristin Gerhart	Fall & Winter Cheerleading
Judy Hamilton	Varsity Volleyball
Matthew Cutter	JV Volleyball
Tom Carey	Freshman Volleyball
Peter Serino	Head Boys' Basketball
Jason Brown	Assistant Boys' Basketball
Tom Carey	Freshman Boys' Basketball
Dan Norton	Head Girls' Basketball
Jennifer Worden	Assistant Girls' Basketball
Bryan Woodford	Head Ice Hockey
Ed O'Neil	Auxiliary Ice Hockey

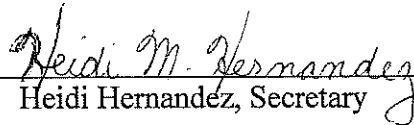
- **Dates to Remember**
 1. Thurs., June 23 – Last Day of School
 2. Mon., August 29 – Teachers Report
 3. Tues., August 30 – Professional Development Day for Teachers
 4. Wed., August 31 – Grades 1-12 Report Back to School
 5. Wed., August 31 – Regular Monthly School Committee Meeting
 6. Wed., August 31 & Thurs., September 1 – AEEP & Kindergarten Orientation
 7. Fri., September 2 – No School for Faculty and Students
 8. Mon., September 5 – Labor Day – All School Buildings & Offices Closed
 9. Sun., September 18 – Abington Music Parents' 42nd Annual Craft Fair

X. ADJOURNMENT
@ 8:33 p.m.

VOTED: on motion of Heidi Hernandez (Julie Groom) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting of June 21, 2022, at 8:33 p.m.

Yes:

Ms. Grafton
Ms. Groom
Ms. Happel
Ms. Hernandez
Mr. Coyle


Heidi Hernandez, Secretary

Subject:

Communication from the Townwide PTO



The Townwide PTO is pleased to announce that the winner of the first annual "Deirdre Volunteer Service Award" is:

Pam Neely

The Deirdre Volunteer Service Award was founded in the loving memory of a devoted Abington Public Schools parent volunteer. Deirdre devoted many hours to Abington and its school community to champion inclusion, expand programming, and improve childhood education. She was a constant presence at PTO and School Committee meetings, where she advocated passionately for full-day kindergarten and many other programs and activities that benefited Abington students. Her legacy will live on through the establishment of this volunteer service award.

The Deirdre Volunteer Service Award will be presented to a caregiver annually for their voluntary participation in service activities that help improve both the Abington Public Schools and its community in ways that emulate Deirdre's dedication. Examples of this type of dedication include:

- event creation or organization
- fundraising (creation, execution, organization)
- advocating for educational initiatives, school funding, or programming
- executing activities beyond the intended expectation

The Townwide PTO also wishes to congratulate all of the nominees for the award:

- Rachel Collins
- Melissa Merrick
- Susan Nash
- Melanie Whitney
- Katie Williamson

MASC/MASS 2022 Joint Conference

Promoting Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Join your colleagues from across the state at the **2022 MASC/ MASS Joint Conference in Hyannis (November 2-5, 2022)**. After the past two years of pandemic-related cancellations/reconfigurations, we are working to bring back a full-service, reinvigorated conference event. We are also designing our program to allow for contingencies, should we need to make accommodations for attendee safety in November.

2022 CONFERENCE DETAILS

November 2, 2022 - November 5, 2022

Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis
35 Scudder Ave, Hyannis, MA

Our theme this year is Promoting Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: Constructing the Narrative to Define the Message. We have planned an important and timely program that includes sessions to help you do your work more effectively, address equity issues, expand the diversity of your faculty, promote skill building, and learn about what may lie ahead economically and politically. Our web sites will provide regular updates on programming and speakers.

As in the past, we are once again offering you an opportunity to [register for the Joint Conference](#) on/before August 15, 2022, at a special “Early Bird Rate” of \$450.00 per registration. (Standard registration rate is \$545.00). This early bird registration rate is NONREFUNDABLE, but we will allow you to transfer the registration should you or your colleagues not be able to attend.

[REGISTER](#)



Dates for School Committee Meetings for the 2022-2023 SY
Tuesday Evenings @ 7:00 p.m. (unless noted)

- *Wednesday, August 31, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.*
- ~~September 27, 2022~~
- October 25, 2022
- November 29, 2022
- January 3, 2023 (*Preliminary FY-24 Budget Hearing*)
- January 24, 2023
- February 28, 2023
- March 28, 2023
- April 25, 2023
- May 23, 2023
- June 20, 2023

ABINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

2022-2023 Organization and Subcommittee Structure

Chair	Christopher Coyle
Vice-Chair	Danielle Grafton
Secretary	Heidi Hernandez
<i>Subcommittee Assignments:</i>	
Business and Finance	Danielle Grafton & Heidi Hernandez
Unit A & Unit B Collective Bargaining	Christopher Coyle & Julie Groom
Other Support Staff Collective Bargaining	Christopher Coyle
Non-Union – Bargaining	Wendy Happel
Policy Review and Update Subcommittee	Christopher Coyle & Wendy Happel
Health and Wellness Subcommittee	Heidi Hernandez
Social Emotional Learning Subcommittee	Julie Groom & Heidi Hernandez
Activities, Arts & Athletics Liaison	Wendy Happel & Heidi Hernandez
Abington Education Foundation Liaison	Danielle Grafton
School Council Liaisons	AHS: Wendy Happel (2) AMS: Danielle Grafton (1) WES: Christopher Coyle (1) BBES: Heidi Hernandez (2) Pre-Kindergarten: Julie Groom (1)



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"The mission of the Abington Public Schools is to provide all students with relevant, challenging educational experiences to prepare them to be engaged, responsible citizens and members of the global community."

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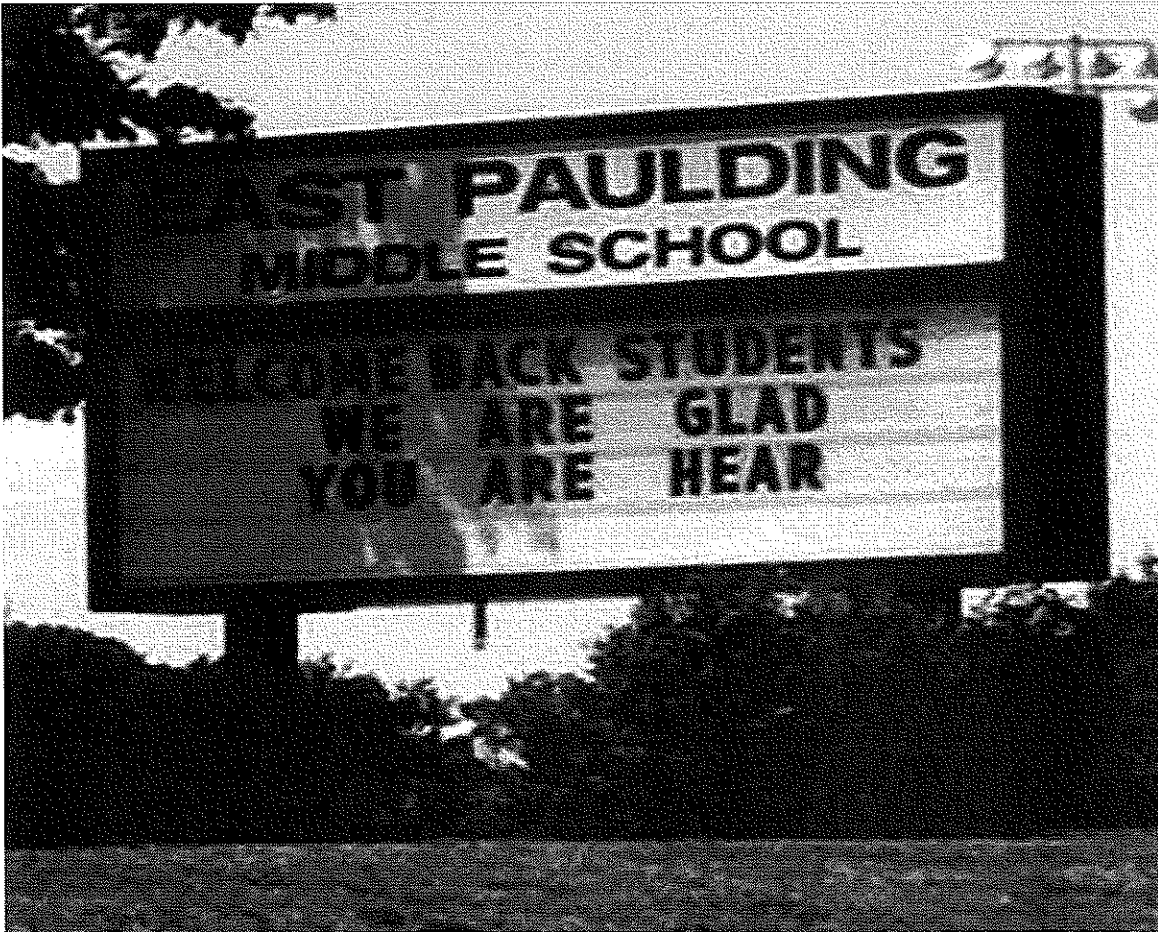
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August 17, 2022

Dear Colleague:

The "Back to School" sales and marketing pitches for clothing, materials and supplies began in early July this year. Regardless of consumer timeframe, we are actually welcoming all faculty and staff back on:

- Monday, August 29, at 8AM, at the Middle/High School Auditorium with our traditional coffee pastries, light snacks and opening preparation program. (see attached Program)
- On Tuesday, August 30, 8AM-10:30AM, we will continue with District-Wide Cultural Proficiency Training with Dr. Kalise Wornum at the Middle/High School Auditorium. The remainder of the day will be at the individual buildings in small group sessions and preparing for the opening. While this professional development is intended for the Abington Education Association's (AEA) Unit A, other members of the staff are always welcome to voluntarily attend.
- The Green Wave's students in grades 1-12 return to school on Wednesday, August 31.
- Our littlest Waves or Early Education and Kindergarten students begin on September 6th.



The work in the classroom is obviously what is most important. However, that cannot take place without the efforts of our administrative assistants, custodians, maintenance staff, technology office, transportation and food services personnel and administrators. Although a great deal of preparation for the opening has already occurred, it will continue up until we start school. All efforts to get us off to a good start are sincerely appreciated.

Please enjoy the remaining summer days, I look forward to seeing you on Monday, August 29th.

Sincerely,

Peter Schafer
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosures
cc: School Committee Members