

Auburn School Committee Meeting Agenda
5 West Street, Auburn, Massachusetts 01501

December 15, 2021- 6:00 p.m.

Television: Charter Channel 194

YouTube: ACTVAUBURN

zoom: <https://auburn-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/85933688244>

CALL TO ORDER:

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

Mark Blazis, beloved teacher, scientist, writer, sportsman and bird enthusiast, passed away on November 17, 2021. Mark dedicated over 40 years to the students of Auburn as an educator, and later as a tour facilitator. Leading many of our students and family members to his beloved Ecuador. He oversaw numerous expeditions to Ecuador. Over the years he brought 24 medical teams to help the Kichwa in the rainforest along the Napo River. For this, he and his wife Helen were awarded the American Red Cross Hometown Hero Award. His son Mathew said it best, "We lost a true hero".....

MINUTES: 12/1/21 for approval

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COVID Update

Information

Dr. Handfield will provide an update on COVID cases and other pertinent details since our last meeting.

Part I of FY '23 Budget Kick-Off

Information

Tonight the administration and Program Directors will review their anticipated accomplishments for this year and next and discuss their draft budget requests for FY '23. The second portion of the draft budget requests for FY' 23 will be presented on January 5th, with a draft number needing to be voted on to send to Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

TEACHING AND LEARNING REPORT:

None

BUSINESS/FINANCIAL REPORT:

Grants Receipts for Committee Approval

Action

Auburn Public Schools has been approved for the Federal ESSER III Grant in the amount of \$1,411,780.00 as part of the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA). This grant amount is to be used to continue with the Salaries of Counselors and Social Workers in addressing the Social Emotional needs of our students, as well as a Teacher and support staff salaries to continue to address learning loss related to the Pandemic. Funds will also be used for Summer School funding to continue to address learning loss and a small amount for Staff Professional Development. The remainder of the grant will be used to update the core Elementary Math and Literacy curriculums for the District.

Recommended Motion.....to accept the Federal ESSER III Grant as presented by the Business Manager.

Auburn Public Schools has also been approved for the FY2022 COVID-19 Summer Programming Reimbursement grant in the amount of \$50,000 which Dr. Chamberland applied for submitting actual expenses utilized this past summer for programming.

Recommended Motion.....to accept the FY2022 COVID 19 Summer Programming Reimbursement grant as presented by the Business Manager.

All districts in Massachusetts received Federal Monies related to Administrative costs for EBT work in their Districts. Auburn Public Schools received an amount of \$3,070.

Recommended Motion.....to accept the Federal grant for EBT Administrative costs as presented by the Business Manager.

Major David Brodeur Memorial Foundation Grant has been awarded to Amanda Green for her "Wellness Wednesdays" initiative, which is geared to the Primary Schools and will enhance the school day by enabling students to take part in structured yoga and mindfulness lessons during PE classes and adaptive PE classes. The amount of the grant award was \$400.

Recommended Motion.....to accept with gratitude the grant awarded to Amanda Green from the Major David Brodeur Memorial Foundation in the amount of \$400.

The Auburn Chamber of Commerce has once again awarded their Chamber Mini Grants for a grant total of \$1,232.50 to the following Auburn staff members for projects they submitted for consideration:

Dawn Fenuccio - Bryn Mawr School - Books and Beyond for \$241.86

Amanda Green - Bryn Mawr School - Wellness Wednesdays for \$241.00

Kerry LeBreton - Bryn Mawr School - iPads Aren't Everything for \$130.93

April Bouzan - Bryn Mawr School - What Zone Are You In for \$182.00

Julie Benoit - Pakachoag School - Books and Beyond for \$241.86
Alisa Lemire - Pakachaog School - Poppin Numbers for \$194.85

Recommended Motion.....to accept with gratitude the Chamber Mini Grants totaling \$ 1,232.50 as presented by the Business Manager.

Year to Date Budget Report

Information

Mrs. Wirzbicki has provided a year to date budget report dated December 8, 2021 for your information.

Budget Transfers - December 8, 2021

Action

Mrs. Wirzbicki has provided a listing of Budget Transfers between the same series for your information, along with a listing of Transfers between different series for which she is seeking your approval.

Recommended Motion.....to approve the list of Transfers dated December 8, 2021 as presented by the Business Manager.

Adjournment

Roll Call Vote: