

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

September 20, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

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Call to Order:

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Please note that this meeting is being recorded by Auburn Cable Television. Thank you.

Pledge:

Our Vision: The Vision of the Auburn Public Schools is to educate and prepare students for the opportunities and challenges of a changing world.

Our Commitment: We will create, maintain, and support an environment that fosters a sense of belonging for all students in our schools respecting race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, homelessness, poverty, spoken language and ability.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: *Per School Committee Policy BEDH, speakers will be allowed up to three (3) minutes to present their material and must begin their comments by stating their name and town precinct. The public comment section shall not exceed 15 minutes and all speakers are encouraged to present their comments in a respectful manner. Topics for discussion should be limited to those items within the School Committee's scope of authority: review and approval of the school district budget, the performance of the Superintendent and the policies of the District.*

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

MINUTES: None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Upgrades of Doors and Windows at Various School Buildings

Action

The School Department would like to request funding in the amount of \$95,800 from Town funds for the installation/upgrades of doors and windows at various school buildings throughout the District, in a collaborative effort to continually improve the security of our students and faculty. We are seeking your approval and support of this request, in order for the Town to present a Warrant Article at the Fall Town Meeting scheduled for October 24, 2023.

Recommended Motion to approve the School Department's request for \$95,800 from Town funds for the installation/upgrades of doors and windows at various school buildings throughout the District in an effort to improve the security of our students and faculty.

Food Services Director

Information

As you know, in the spring of 2023, Brianne Pulver became the new Director of Food Services for the Auburn Public Schools. Brianne comes to us with extensive experience in school food service and tonight, she will introduce herself and share her ideas and goals for the 2023-2024 school year.

Food Service Collaborative Agreement Letter for FY24

Action

Auburn Food Services participates in the Massachusetts School Buying Group (MSBG) for collaborative bidding of our district purchases of foods and beverages. All bids have been accepted and awarded by MSBG for FY24. A letter is presented to the School Committee to acknowledge the award recipient companies and request their vote of approval and acceptance. Bids were awarded according to MGL Chapter 30B and meet additional USDA School Nutrition Program requirements for procurement.

Recommended Motion to approve the MSBG bid for district purchases of food and beverage for the 2023-2024 school year.

Negotiations 2023-2024

Action

This year we will negotiate the AEA contract which includes the School Nurses. We will also negotiate with the ABA Bargaining Unit later in the school year. A School Committee member is welcome to join the negotiating team and we seek your recommendation. If the Committee chooses not to participate, I can provide updates throughout the year in Executive Session.

Recommended Motion.....to appoint (Member's Name) to serve as the School Committee representative on the negotiating team for AEA negotiations.

Special Education**Information**

Mr. Walton, Director of Pupil Services will provide an overview of our special education programming since he stepped in as Director.

Thank you letter from Pakachoag Elementary School**Information**

Ms. Stanick has shared a thank you letter sent to the grandparents of two of her students. They graciously donated their time and money to beautify the front of Pakachoag School by weeding, painting planters and planting mums. We thank Mr. & Mrs. Robert Post for their generosity.

TEACHING AND LEARNING REPORT:

Auburn was accepted into the state's first Instructional Leadership Institute which took place in August at Tufts University. Our team representing the High School, Middle School and Swanson Road was divided into two tracts: K-5 math and Grades 3-8 literacy. Over the course of the three days, Marybeth Philbin, Jessica Young, Jen DeMeglio, Paula Reno, Erin Kane and I had the opportunity to examine relevant, real-world, grade-level work, practice building equity-centered routines, and deepen our understanding of high-quality instructional materials ensuring all of our students are engaged in the rigor of Massachusetts ELA and math frameworks.

BUSINESS/FINANCIAL REPORT: - Nothing for this meeting.

Executive Session: If needed for Negotiations**Action**

Recommended Motion.....to adjourn into executive session to discuss the bargaining position with personnel that could be compromised if discussed in open session. We will not return to open session.

Adjournment Roll Call Vote:

Food Services Director Information

A bit about myself, I have spent my entire career working and studying school meal programs. I have been in the school lunch field since 2015 and have been a director since 2019. My Associates Degree is in Culinary Arts and a Bachelors in Culinary Nutrition/Minor in Child Psych from Johnson and Wales and just completed my Masters in Leadership Studies from Roger Williams University in July 2023. Auburn Public Schools has been my dream district to work for and I am hoping to make an impact on the nutrition of the students here.

The program was awarded \$21,281 to purchase local foods for schools, the program seeks to strengthen local food systems and ensure all children across the Commonwealth have access to high quality local foods at school. This includes meats, produce, milk and dairy products. Vendors we have used in September are Breezland Orchard, Garelick Milk, and Gibson Farm Dairy.

With Universal free meals in MA we have increased our staff and have welcomed 4 new members that are part of the Auburn Public Schools community and a new Assistant Director.

We are offering a hot breakfast at most schools. Our goal is to expand the breakfast offering and remind students of the meal pattern and how they can be savvy when choosing their meals breakfast or lunch. We have up to two scratch main entrees a week district wide, at AHS we have a fully stocked salad bar where students can build their own entree salad or take a side salad. Entree salads offered daily at AMS and starting at Swanson intermediate in October.

I would like to spend this year studying what the children of APS are looking for in their meal choices and will be attending the AHS advisory and creating a Food For Thought club that will meet regularly to discuss menu options, cooking practices, vendor food shows, and regulations for the NSLP & SBP at APS.

The program is also looking to rehab the kitchen at Bryn Mawr during the summer months and conduct routine maintenance on equipment.



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Principal
Jessica Pitsillides
Assistant Principal

Bryn Mawr School
Brooke Beverly
Principal

Pakachoag School
Jennifer Stanick
Principal

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Date: September 20, 2023

To: Auburn School Committee Dr. Elizabeth Chamberland, Superintendent

From: Brienne Pulver, Food Services Director

RE: Food Service Collaborative Agreement Letter for FY24_ Massachusetts School Buying Group (MSBG) 2023-2024 Food, Non-Food and Beverage Bids

Auburn Food Services participates in the Massachusetts School Buying Group (MSBG) for collaborative purchasing of our district purchases of food, non-food and beverages. All bids have been accepted and awarded by MSBG for FY24. This letter is presented to the School Committee to acknowledge the award recipient companies with a request for a vote of approval and acceptance. Bids were awarded according to MGL Chapter 30B and meet additional USDA School Nutrition Program requirements for procurement. Accepted bids by MSBG are listed below:

Grocery and Frozen Foods	Ace Endico
Milk & Dairy	New England Ice Cream
Paper	H.T. Berry/Nex Gen
Bread and Bakery	Duva Distributors

These companies have provided the lowest bid price and nutrition information is available. Documentation for all bids is available in the office of Auburn Public Schools Food Services Office. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Additional Vendor Contracts

Additional vendor/bids that the program:

Diverted Commodity Delivery	Thurston Foods
Brown Box Commodity Delivery	Gordon Foods
Produce/Dairy	Gibson Farm
Sanitation and Warewashing Bid	SFS of New England



Pakachoag Elementary School

"STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE"

**Dr. Elizabeth Chamberland, Ed D.
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September 6, 2023

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Post
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Post,

Thank you so very much for volunteering your time in beautifying the front of Pakachoag School prior to the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

We can't thank you enough for your time in weeding, painting the planters and planting the beautiful mums.

We are truly blessed to have partners like you who are so generous with their time and effort. You truly have set an excellent example for your grandsons, Timothy and Patrick Quaglieri.

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Stanick
Principal

✓ Copy: Dr. Chamberland

