**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**GABRIEL ABBOTT MEMORIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.**

**This meeting will be held in the school cafeteria.**

**Please enter through the lower side entrance to the school building.**

**Agenda**

1. **Call to order:**
2. **Public Comment:**
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes** from the October 16, 2023 School Committee meeting (Suggested Motion to approve the minutes of the regular school committee meeting from October 16, 2023)
4. **Financial Statement:** Review and discuss the current FY24 Financial Statement. (Suggested Motion to approve the current FY24 statement.)
5. **Business Administrator Report:** Lisa Blackmer will provide an update on the current financial status for FY24.
6. **School Bus Transportation:** Update from the principal and superintendent regarding a proposed new bus stop location for the school choice students in North Adams through a collaborative effort with Dufour Bus to provide a safer option.
7. **Principal’s Report:** Dr. McEvoy will discuss pertinent items relative to staffing, physical plant, professional development, and upcoming school events.
8. **Assistant Superintendent Report:** Tara Barnes will provide an update on special education, curriculum, and instructional items.
9. **Superintendent Report:**
   1. **Next NBSU Joint Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, December 13, 2023 online utilizing Google Meets at 5:30 p.m.
   2. **School Choice/Prekindergarten tuition:** The superintendent will update the committee on any new developments regarding recent discussions about Pre-kindergarten and school choice tuition policies.
   3. **Chronic Absenteeism:** Updates from recent communication by the DESE Commissioner to help schools address chronic absenteeism in school districts across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
10. **School Committee Business:**
11. **Continuing Business:**
    * + 1. **MSBA Building Project Update:** Discuss the current status of closing out the building project and obtaining the final MSBA reimbursements for the Town of Florida.
        2. **Home School Plans:** The committee members will review and vote to approve any submitted home school plans.
12. **New Business:**
    * + 1. **Upcoming School Committee Meeting Schedule:**  Meeting dates for the current school year during 2024: January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10
        2. **Requests from staff members:** 1) The committee will review and vote on a request by the cafeteria manager for the establishment of longevity benefits after ten years of service. 2) The committee will review and vote on request by a teacher/teaching assistant to receive compensation for unused sick days upon their retirement in August 2024.
13. **Executive Session-Per Chapter 30A, Section 21 MGL:** None
14. **Adjournment**
15. **Next School Committee meeting:** Monday, December 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.