



# Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

## Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

School Council -Joshua Eaton Elementary

Date: 2018-10-17

Time: 1:15 PM

Building: School - Joshua Eaton

Location: Conference Room

Address: 365 Summer Avenue

Session: Open Session

Purpose:

Version: Final

Attendees: **Members - Present:**

LisaMarie Ippolito, Co-Chair, Erin Gaffen, Co-Chair, Sandy Emery, Susie Libby, Jaime Quinn, Liz Gustavsen

**Members - Not Present:**

**Others Present:**

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:** LisaMarie Ippolito

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## Topics of Discussion:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Old business
  - a. September minutes accepted  
Minutes approved
- 3) New business
  - a. MCAS update from LisaMarie Ippolito
    - **New Accountability System Update**
      - Requiring assistance vs. Not requiring assistance
      - We will continue to have target with subgroups
      - Looking at the growth from the year before (did we move the achievement floor)
      - Every school in Massachusetts has a group of lowest achieving students
      - New levels of accountability categories
      - Schools of Recognition, Meeting Target, partially meeting targets, Focused targeted support, Broad/ Comprehensive support.
      - The targeted percentages are combined with other factors such as ELL students, high needs, and absenteeism.
      - Accountability percentile- is compared to schools with similar profiles (ex. K-5, online testing)
      - The accountability percentiles should not be compared to school percentiles from 2012 to 2017 for Spring 2018 it is a different measure.
      - This test is used to make sure that all subgroups are making progress in achievement and growth.



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- Accountability percentile is 81 compared to the state average of 75
- Not requiring assistance ....
- 91% Overall percentage
- 95% High needs Percentage
- Overall 93%

### Joshua Eaton Specific Data

- High Needs Subgroup
  - 89% are meeting the target
  - We are looking to enhance our growth in ELA and Math
- Special Needs Subgroup
  - 91% are meeting the target
  - We are looking to enhance our growth in ELA and Math
- Economically Disadvantage Subgroup
  - 5% are meeting the target
  - This is the area that we need to see the same growth
  - We do not have enough students in subgroups for growth

### Draft School Handbook

- We finalized the handbook
- 4) Items for next meeting
    - School Improvement Plan
    - WASH Committee Update
  - 5) Adjourn