



Georgetown School Committee

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Meeting Minutes

51 North Street
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Barbie Linares, Chairman

Michael Hinchliffe, Vice Chairman

Cheryl Lachendro, Clerk

Suzanne MacDonald

Lauren King

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Attendance:

Barbie Linares

Superintendent Jacobs

Collin MacDonald

Michael Hinchliffe

Suzanne Sutherland

Jack Tiano

Suzanne MacDonald

Margaret Maher

Lauren King

Absent: Cheryl Lachendro

Jeff Carovillano, Principal GMHS

Mackenzie Beauvais, Student Representative

1. Call to Order:

Barbie Linares called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

2. Consent Agenda:

Motion: to accept Warrants #19V22 & #22P22 and to approve the School Committee Meeting Minutes from 10-7-2021, 10-21-2021, and November 1, 2021. MH moved the motion and SM seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Audiences:

Public Comment: None

Jenna Tabenkin - not present

4. Student Representative: Mackenzie Beauvais was not present for the meeting. The Committee and Carol Jacobs talked about Spirit Week, the Pep Rally, the Homecoming Dance and the upcoming football game and the sports teams & the Cheer Team. Barbie reminded the audience that tomorrow 11/19 is SEPAC Awareness Day and asked everyone to wear Yellow in support.

5. Administrative Reports

Superintendent's Report

Cian Healy joined the meeting. Cian is the recipient of the Superintendent's Award. Carol Jacobs explained to the committee that 5 students were interviewed for this award and that they are all very deserving of it, but she has chosen Cian as the recipient.

Cian is 3rd in the class, is a dedicated student and enjoys the STEM Program & Physics. He is also taking 2 courses through a Virtual High School that are not offered through GMHS. He is a semifinalist for the National Merit Scholarship. He has applied to many high performance colleges. He is a member of many clubs. Cian has a love for theatre and actually wrote music for a GMHS performance. He worked in the Social Justice Groups and also was part of the Principal Search for GMHS.

Carol presented the award to Cian. The School Committee followed up with a few questions for Cian.

5. Financial Report:

The Financial Report and the Transfers were tabled until the next meeting on November 23, 2021.

6. Sub-Committee Reports:

Michael Hinchliffe discussed the Budget & Finance Meeting that took place last week. The current budget was discussed along with the preparation for the FY23 Budget and the Esser III Funds and there was a brief discussion on the Preschool financial status as well..

Carol discussed briefly that the Preschool was closed for a few days due to COVID and discussed the measures that are being taken to keep the preschool open. She explained to the Committee and the audience that there will be a Zoom Meeting on Monday 11/22 at 6:30PM to discuss Covid. Carol also talked about Camp Kieve being canceled but explained that it may be rescheduled in the Spring.

Suzanne MacDonald talked briefly about the Governance meeting that took place tonight before the School Committee Meeting to discuss the Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity. She explained that there is a policy in place, but some additions may be added to the current policy.

Barbie Linares talked about the first Negotiations Meeting with the GESA Union. She informed the audience that the Negotiations Sub-Committee has set up several more meetings in the next couple months to discuss their new contract.

Cheryl Lachendro attended a SEPAC Meeting but was not present to discuss. Carol spoke about the discussion on intervention and the process of how it works.

7. Old Business:

There was a brief explanation of the volleyball stipends. All coaches start in Georgetown at Level 1 regardless of past experience. This stipend was not included in the GEA contract, therefore needed to be voted on by the School Committee.

Motion: to approve the JV Volleyball & Varsity stipends as presented. Michael Hinchliffe moved and Lauren King seconded the motion. Vote was taken. All in favor.

8. New Business:

December 3, 2021 the administration of the Attitudes & Behavior Survey will take place. Parents will be allowed to see the survey and opt out if they do not want their child to take it.

Motion: to approve the administration of the Attitudes & Behavior Survey as presented. Suzanne MacDonald moved the motion, Michael Hinchliffe seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

Barbie Linares and Carol Jacobs discussed the proposal for the reduction of service hours but stated that this should be the last year that this is necessary.-

Motion: to approve the reduction of required community service hours for graduation for the Class of 2022 from 40 hours down to 25 hours.

Michael Hinchliffe moved the motion. Suzanne MacDoanld seconded the motion. Vote taken. Barbie, Michael Hinchliffe & Suzanne MacDonald voted yes. Lauren King voted No.
Motion carried.

9. Adjourn: Barbie Linares made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM and not go into Executive Session. The item on the Executive Session Agenda will be moved to the regular School Committee Meeting on December 9th. Michael Hinchliffe moved the motion and Lauren King seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Parker
School Committee Secretary