



Georgetown School Committee

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Regular Session Minutes

REMOTE MEETING

51 North Street

Georgetown, MA 01833

(978) 352-5777 (ext.513)

Barbie Linares, Chairman

Michael Hinchliffe, Vice Chairman

Cheryl Lachendro, Clerk

Pam Lundquist

Suzanne MacDonald

Virtual Attendance:

Barbie Linares

Superintendent Jacobs

Jack Tiano

Michael Hinchliffe

Suzanne Sutherland

Collin MacDonald

Cheryl Lachendro

Margaret Maher

Suzanne MacDonald

Dan Richards

Pamela Lundquist

This meeting was conducted using ZOOM Technology.

1. Call to Order

Chair Barbie Linares called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion: to approve School Committee Meeting Minutes of 9-17-2020, School Committee Meeting Minutes of 12/10/2020, and Warrants #27V21, #25V21, #23V21, #21V21, #19V21, #17V21, #15V21, #13V21, #11V21, #09V21, #01V21, #14P21, #16P21, #18P21, #20P21, #22P21, #24P21, #26P21, #28P21. Suzanne MacDonald seconds the motion. Roll call is taken. Motion carried.

Roll call:

Pamela Lundquist - Yes

Cheryl Lachendro – Yes

Suzanne MacDonald – Yes

Michael Hinchliffe – Yes

Barbie Linares – Yes

3. Student Representative: Aiden Maguire

Aiden discussed sports updates. Basketball & Hockey are happening now. He updated the School Committee on Club News. DECA is working on their regional tests. Drama is working on the virtual play “Clue”. Key Club is working on community service hours. Aiden spoke about the students’ well being and mental health and the struggles of remote and hybrid learning.

4. **Administrative Reports**

Carol Jacobs recognized the students who qualified for the Superintendent's Award and congratulated Maggie Kosciuszek for receiving the award. Maggie will be the Class Valadictorian for the Class of 2021.

Carol Jacobs discussed the plans and the budget for the Perley Integrated Preschool for the fall of 2021. This preschool will be structured differently than in past years. This program will be play-based with instructional opportunities. Registration will be open to Georgetown residents first with a possibility of allowing other communities to participate if slots are available. The preschool will follow the school calendar.

Motion: to approve the Perley Integrated Preschool for the 2021-2022 school year. Cheryl Lachendro moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Roll call:

Pamela Lundquist - Yes
Suzanne MacDonald - Yes
Michael Hinchliffe - Yes
Cheryl Lachendro - Yes
Barbie Linares - Yes

Motion: to approve the Third Party Administrator Contract with TPA as presented by Suzanne Sutherland. Cheryl Lachendro moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Suzanne MacDoanld - Yes
Michale Hinchliffe - Yes
Cheryl Lachendro - Yes
Pamela Lundquist - Yes
Barbie Linares - Yes

5. **School Committee Policy**

Michael Hinchliffe discussed Policy EBC-S which states that the Superintendent, with the advice and consent of the School Committee, may suspend or modify individual district policies to address the COVID-19 emergency as declared by the governor. Such suspension of policy shall expire upon the end of the emergency as declared by the governor.

Motion: to approve Policy EBC-S as presented. Barbie Linares moved the motion. Pamela Lundquist seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll call:

Cheryl Lachendro - Yes
Suzanne MacDonald - Yes
Barbie Linares - Yes
Pamela Lundquist - Yes
Michael Hinchliffe - Yes

6. **New Business**

Carol Jacobs discussed the change in the Wednesday/Friday Cohort due to scheduled Professional Development days and also proposed a change to March 18th. It is scheduled as a half day, but proposing to change to full day and to move conferences to March 29th.

Motion: to approve a calendar change to the 2020-2021 school calendar. This change will make March 18th a full day and change March 29th from a PD day to Elementary conferences. Cheryl Lachendro moved the motion. Pamela Lundquist seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Michael Hinchliffe - Yes
Suzanne MacDonald - Yes
Cheryl Lachendro - Yes
Pamela Lundquist - Yes
Barbie Linares - Yes

Motion: to approve the anonymous donation of \$1198.50 for a 12.9 inch iPad for a student in the district. Michael Hinchliffe moved the motion and Cheryl Lachendro seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Michael Hinchliffe - Yes
Cheryl Lachendro - Yes
Suzanne MacDonald - Yes
Pamela Lundquist - Yes
Barbie Linares - Yes

Carol Jacobs discussed Pooled Testing for Grades K-12. The cost per swab is \$5 after the initial 6 weeks that are free. Waivers must be signed by parents for students to participate.

Motion: to approve the application for Pooled Testing for Grades K-12 by the end of business tomorrow (January 15, 2021). Suzanne MacDonald moved the motion and Michael Hinchliffe seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Michael Hinchliffe - Yes
Suzanne MacDonald - Yes
Cheryl Lachendro - Yes
Pamela Lundquist - Yes
Barbie Linares - Yes

Motion: to adjourn the open session meeting at 8:33 PM to go into Executive Session Chapter 30A Section 21 to discuss the Superintendent contract and not return to public session. Michael Hinchliffe moved the motion and Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Michael Hinchliffe - Yes

Suzanne MacDonald - Yes

Chery Lachendro - Yes

Pamela Lundquist - Yes

Barbie Linares - Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy L. Parker

School Committee Secretary