



Georgetown School Committee

Thursday, October 21, 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		
Cheryl Lachendro	Mackenzie Beauvais, Student Representative	

Absent: Jeff Carovillano

1. Call to Order:

Barbie Linares called the meeting to order at 6:33PM

2. Consent Agenda:

Motion: to approve Warrants #17V22 & #18P22. Lauren King moved the motion and Michael Hinchliffe seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Audiences:

Barbie Linares read a public comment submitted from Lea Tabenkin regarding seating in the cafeteria due to the COVID regulations.

Brian Fanning, Teacher, addressed the School Committee regarding his Field Trip Request for May 27, 2022. This trip will go to Methuen Music Hall and Canobie Lake Park.

Motion: to approve the field trip for May 27, 2022 presented by Brian Fanning. Lauren King moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: to approve the field trips for the DECA Program on March 10-12, 2022 to Boston and the trip on April 23-26, 2022 to Georgia. Cheryl Lachendro moved the motion. Michael Hinchliffe seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Student Representative:

Mackenzie spoke about the Senior Nights for sports and the upcoming Homecoming Dance on November 5, 2021. They have a DJ, and will have a police detail. They are looking into the noise ordinance. They may have to end at 9PM vs. 10PM. They changed the date from October 29th because there is a scheduled football game and they want everyone to be able to attend. The students are looking for donations for food and tables. Carol Jacobs stated that the school department can probably provide the tables. She will check in with Mike Anderson.

5. Administrative Reports

School Reports: Collin MacDonald presented his MCAS Update Presentation that was postponed from 10-7-2021 (due to technical difficulties). Collin discussed MCAS testing over Zoom. He also discussed that different requirement for graduation. He presented his achievement analysis for Grade 10 and another for Grades 3-8. He discussed the standards of the testing and went over the analysis for all grades.

The members of the committee asked questions and had a brief discussion on class sizes and the possible impact it had on students.

Collin stated that 75% of our Grade 10 are meeting or exceeding the standards. He discussed the averages for Special Education students and stated that those numbers were below average. He explained how the data will be used to take action steps for improvement.

Jack Tiano discussed co-teaching in Grades 3-8. Prior to COVID, co-teaching was only done in Grades 3-6.

5. Financial Report:

Motion: to approve an increase in the transfer amount for the Penn Brook Student Activity Checkbook to cover the cost of Camp Kieve as requested by Joanne Howard. Cheryl Lachendro moved the motion. Michael Hinchliffe seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Sub-Committee Reports:

Cheryl Lachendro spoke about Trick or Trunk which is a SEPAC event. She discussed sponsors and what that entails. She stated that this is the biggest participation that this event has ever had.

Cheryl gave an update on the PTA. She stated that the Boosterthon raised over \$58,000 for the schools. Sixty-six families received a corporate match. She spoke about scholastic scholarships. She discussed the upcoming book fair and the online option to purchase books.

The committee members, Carol Jacobs and Margaret Maher all discussed the Boosterthon event and how successful it was.

7. New Business:

Motion: to approve the stipend for the Garden Club Advisor in the amount of \$600. Lauren King moved. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

Carol Jacobs addressed the committee in regards to the volleyball stipends. The vote was tabled until the meeting on November 18, 2021.

Motion: to go into Executive Session under Chapter 30A, Section 21 to approve retaining the law firm of Foley, Hoag LLP and Giselle Joffrey as lead investigator to conduct a third party investigation with Roxbury Prep into the events of the football game held on September 17th, 2021 between Georgetown High School and Roxbury Prep High School including but not limited to the allegations of racially charged language toward Roxbury Prep. The results of the investigation will be shared equally between Georgetown and Roxbury Prep. We will return back into Open Session after the Executive Session. Cheryl Lachendro moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

The School Committee returned from Executive Session for a vote.

Motion: to approve retaining the Law Firm of Foley, Hoag LLP, Attorney Giselle Joffrey as lead investigator to conduct a joint third party investigation with Roxbury Prep into the events of the football game on September 17th, 2021 between Georgetown High School and Roxbury Prep High School including but not limited to the allegations of racially charged language toward Roxbury Prep. The results of the investigation will be shared equally between Georgetown and Roxbury Prep. Cheryl Lachendro moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Adjourn:

Motion: to go into Executive Session Chapter 30A, Section 21 for the purpose of negotiations with non-unit personnel. We will not return to the open session.. Michael Hinchliffe moved the motion. Cheryl Lachendro seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Parker
School Committee Secretary