



# Georgetown School Committee

Thursday, October 22, 2020

## Regular Session Minutes

### REMOTE MEETING

51 North Street  
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Barbie Linares, Chairman

Michael Hinchliffe, Vice Chairman

Cheryl Lachendro, Clerk

Pam Lundquist

Suzanne MacDonald

#### Virtual Attendance

Barbie Linares

Suzanne Sutherland

Jack Tiano

Michael Hinchliffe

Collin MacDonald

Cheryl Lachendro

Margaret Maher

Pamela Lundquist

Suzanne MacDonald

#### Not Present

Carol Jacobs

This meeting was conducted using ZOOM Technology.

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Linares called the meeting to order at 6:36PM.

#### 2. Consent Agenda

#### 3. Student Representative

#### 2. Audience

There was no public comment or public agenda items.

#### **Medical Team:**

**Dr. William Medwid, Jen Pollard, Deb Cook, Heather Shupenko, Shane Murray**

Shane Murray discussed the Medical Advisory Team's Recommendations for COVID. He explained the Tier 1 Metrix (applies to Georgetown only) and the Tier 2 Metrix which represents the surrounding towns information. He explained the colors on the Metrix and what they represent.

Shane, Dan Richards and Ryan Browner discussed sports and the guidelines with COVID and when there is an exposure with our own teams and also an exposure on

another team. Ryan, the Athletic Director, along with the Principal, Dan Richards make the decisions on a case by case basis. Safety is always the top priority. The same protocols would be used for any other after school events as well.

There was discussion on confirmed COVID cases in the schools. There was one confirmed positive case for a hybrid student at GMHS. Penn Brook had one positive case but that student was fully remote. The Board of Health is notified on all positive cases and they are the ones to do the contact tracing.

Heather Shupenko, School Nurse, explains that she monitors the attendance of the students to make sure that any students who should be quarantining are not attending school in person.

Dr. Medwid discusses why we are doing only hybrid or full remote learning. The feasibility is not available to accommodate all students safely. The schools would not be able to comply with all of the regulations, i.e. social distancing (6 feet apart).

Dr. Medwid and Shane Murray discuss the importance of continuing the hybrid model because the socialization is imperative to the students. Jen Pollard explained the importance of socialization but the importance of doing it safely. She recommends all students wear masks even when they are outside with their peers. The importance of being 6 feet apart was discussed as well.

Discussion took place on the importance of wearing masks and the difference of exposures when they are worn. There are more asymptomatic cases now because more people are wearing masks. People may contact the virus, but they do not get as sick from it if the exposure was minimal.

Heather Shupenko explained how contact tracing takes place at the schools and how it is determined on who needs to be contacted.

5. **Administrative Reports**

6. **Superintendent's Information for the Committee**

7. **Financial Report**

8. **Sub-Committee Reports.**

9. **Old Business**

10. **New Business**

**Motion:** to surplus the textbooks presented by Mike Anderson. Vote taken. Motion carried.

**Roll Call:**

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

11. **Motion:** to adjourn School Committee Public Meeting at 8:02PM. Cheryl Lachendro seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

**Roll Call:**

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

12. **Executive Session Chapter 30A §21**

Negotiations with Union Personnel – School Committee will not return into Public Session.

**Motion:** to enter Executive Session. Cheryl Lachendro seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

**Roll Call:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy L. Parker  
School Committee Secretary