



Georgetown School Committee

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Regular Session Minutes

REMOTE MEETING

51 North Street
Georgetown, MA 01833
(978) 352-5777

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

Pamela Lundquist

Aiden Maguire

This meeting was conducted using ZOOM Technology.

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Consent Agenda**

Motion: to approve Budget & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes from 7/28/2020 and 9/18/2020, and School Committee Meeting Minutes from 9/24/2020 and 10/8/2020. Cheryl Lachendro seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Michael Hinchliffe – Yes

Suzanne MacDonald – Yes

Cheryl Lachendro – Yes

Pamela Lundquist – Yes

Barbie Linares - Yes

3. **Student Representative: Aiden Maguire, Class of 2021 Vice President**

Aiden spoke about the fall sports season, and what a good season boys and girls soccer, field hockey and golf had. He spoke about the clubs (Key Club & DECA, Model UN) that have been able to start and host virtual events. He is hoping that the Drama club will be able to have a school play this year and he is optimistic that the Senior Class will be able to have their Prom. They were unable to have the fall Homecoming as they have in previous years.

Aiden spoke about academics and how the students are adjusting and prefer the hybrid model vs. full remote. He talked about the college application process and how although it is different this year, it is going smoothly.

4. **Audiences**

Erin Duggan of the GYCC proposed a 40 x 80 outdoor skating rink be placed next to the basketball courts at the Perley School. There was discussion on the funding, the liability, maintenance and supervision. This will require further discussion of School Committee if the rink is approved at the meetings with Park & Recreation on 11/18 and the Board of Selectmen on 11/23.

5. **Administrative Reports**

6. **Superintendent's Reports**

Carol Jacobs spoke about GMHS going to full remote until 11/30/20 due to a party where students were not wearing masks and not social distancing. There were plans for discussion to get the Special Education students to attend in person if possible.

There was discussion about guidelines and protocols for COVID and also about the changes to the Metrix. Georgetown went from Red to green due to the change. The group discussed the travel regulations for the upcoming holiday.

Carol talked about the Georgetown Town Meeting scheduled for 11/16. The meeting was being held under a large tent at the Perley School.

Carol and the School Committee acknowledged Kathy Hatch (School Nurse) who will be retiring in December 2021.

7. **Financial Report**

Suzanne Sutherland explained that the town is outsourcing the payroll as of 1/1/2021 and that they will no longer encumber the payroll anymore.

She stated that GPS has spent \$450,000 of the town Cares Act money and that this funding ends on 12/30/2020. The state required that school districts only purchase a 60 day supply at a time. After January 1, 2021 GPS will be responsible for the cost of PPE.

Suzanne explained that Georgetown had no new enrollments this year from other districts (School Choice), therefore no additional funds. She spoke about school breakfast and lunch. Every child receives it for free, however the GPS gets reimbursed but the funding is based on the actual students that take it. The meals are counted.

There was discussion about encumbrance and salaries. Suzanne will give Michael Hinchliffe more information as requested.

The Transfers were tabled until the next meeting on 12/10/2020 due to a clerical error and a missing page of the document.

8. **Sub-Committee Reports**

9. **Old Business**

10. **New Business**

Dan Richards received a \$1128 donation from the Class of 2020 that will be used to purchase a banner for GMHS.

Motion: to accept the donation of \$1128 from the Class of 2020. Vote taken. Motion Carried.

Roll Call:

Suzanne MacDonald – Yes

Cheryl Lachendro – Yes

Michael Hinchliffe – Yes

Pamela Lundquist – Yes

Barbie Linares – Yes

Carol Jacobs discussed the difficulty of hiring substitute teachers and proposed to change the daily sub rate from \$75 per day to \$100 per day.

Motion: to change the daily sub rate to \$100 per day. Cheryl Lachendro seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Suzanne MacDonald – Yes

Pamela Lundquist – Yes

Barbie Linares – Yes

Cheryl Lachendro – Yes

Michael Hinchliffe – Yes

School Committee Policy

Tabled until School Committee Meeting on December 10, 2020

Carol Jacobs stated that a special School Committee meeting may be needed before the meeting on 12/10/20 to discuss winter sports.

11. **Adjourn:**

Motion: to adjourn meeting at 9:02PM. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Michael Hinchliffe – Yes

Suzanne MacDonald – Yes

Cheryl Lachendro – Yes

Pamela Lundquist – Yes

Barbie Linares - Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy L. Parker
School Committee Secretary

