



Georgetown School Committee
Thursday, December 10, 2020
School Committee Meeting Minutes
REMOTE MEETING

51 North Street
Georgetown, MA 01833
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Barbie Linares, Chairman
Michael Hinchliffe, Vice Chairman
Cheryl Lachendro, Clerk
Pam Lundquist
Suzanne MacDonald

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Virtual Attendance:

Barbie Linares
Michael Hinchliffe
Cheryl Lachendro
Pamela Lundquist
Suzanne MacDonald

Superintendent Jacobs
Suzanne Sutherland

Jack Tiano
Collin MacDonald
Margaret Maher
Dan Richards

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1. **Call to Order**

This meeting was conducted using ZOOM Technology. Chair Linares called the meeting to order at 6:36PM.

2. **Consent Agenda**

Motion: to approve the School Committee Meeting Minutes of 9-10-2020, School Committee Meeting Minutes of 10-22-2020, School Committee Meeting minutes of 11-20-2020, School Committee Meeting Minutes of 12-2-2020, Budget & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes 11-4-2020, School Committee Executive Session Minutes 9-24-2020 and School Committee Executive Session Minutes of 10-22-2020. 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

3. **Student Representative**

Aiden McGuire, Student Representative, discussed plans for Spirit Week for week of 12/14/20 and week of 12/21/20. He talked about the Drama Club's virtual play "Clue". Auditions will be starting soon.

Carol Jacobs talked about bringing back the Coffee House and having it be virtual.

4. **Administrative Reports**

Carol Jacobs discussed changing the week of Christmas to full remote learning since Monday 12/21/20 is full remote already and Wednesday 12/23/2020 is a half day.

Winter Sports

Carol Jacobs is requesting another meeting with the Board of Health to propose new options for winter sports. This proposal would only allow practice in GPS's gyms and all games would be away.

In a School Committee meeting on 12/2/2020, School Committee voted to allow winter sports, however the Board of Health voted against it, and therefore it is not being allowed.

MCAS Testing Update

Collin MacDonald, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, stated that the MCAS are scheduled to take place as of now during the months of March – June. There are no waivers at this time. The State Legislature is looking into delaying the MCAS for a year. As of today the Class of 2022 has not taken the test, and it is still a graduation requirement. Collin will create schedules and plans for the students to take the MCAS and he will continue to be updated by DESE with any new guidance.

School Reports

Dan Richards spoke about the change in the exam schedule. Mid-year exams have been canceled for GMHS due to COVID. This change will not affect Class Rank.

PSAT's did not happen in October 2020, however they are being offered on 1/26/2021 at the Perley School.

5. **Audiences:**

A question was raised by Michael Triglio in the chat He asked about percentages and attendance. Margaret Maher and Dan Richards spoke about the attendance. Dan Richards, Principal GMHS, said his attendance is up, however at this time he has 64 remote only students. Margaret Maher, Penn Brook Principal stated that she has about 6-8% of her students in remote learning.

Lauren King, parent, asked if there would be more room for more hybrid students since so many students are now doing remote. Margaret Maher, Dan Richards and Carol Jacobs all spoke. Some of the points made were:

- Cafeteria spacing at GMHS would be an issue with more students in the hybrid model
- Busing could be a problem
- How would it be decided what students could switch to the hybrid if spacing became available to be fair throughout the district

Michael Gilstein had a question regarding winter sports and fundraising. The School Committee stated that fundraising and donations would be acceptable as long as both followed all protocols in place with GPS and the School Committee.

6. **Financial Reports**

Motion: to approve the line item transfers 24-79 in the amount of \$484,051.90. Barbie Linares seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

Motion: to approve the line item transfers 80-88 in the amount of \$135,728.02. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

7. **Old Business**

Motion: to approve the Student Council Advisor stipend in the amount of \$1441 for the 2020-2021 school year. 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

Motion: to approve the GSA Club Advisor stipend in the amount of \$1412 for the 2020-2021 school year. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

Motion: to approve the Journalism Club Advisor stipend in the amount of \$1441 for the 2020-2021 school year. Cheryl Lachendro seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

Motion: to approve the Friends of Rachel stipend in the amount of \$1412 for the 2020-2021 school year. 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

Policy on COVID-Related Issues, Civil Rights Grievance Procedure and Title IX Sexual Harassment Procedure were distributed to the School Committee. They will be discussed at a second meeting.

Motion: to accept revised School Committee Policies – Michael Hinchliffe raised a question in regards to the policies once the pandemic is over. Committee will check with MASC. No vote taken.

Motion: to table the revised School Committee Policies until the next meeting on 1/14/2021. Cheryl Lachendro seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

8. **New Business**

Motion: to approve the calendar change from ½ day on January 29, 2021 for GMHS to a full day. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

Motion: to accept the generous donation of computer monitors from Jeremy Derby. 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

5. **Adjourn**

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM. Pamela Lundquist seconded the motion.
Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy L. Parker
School Committee Secretary