

Georgetown School Committee

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 Special Meeting 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 Michael Hinchliffe Cheryl Lachendro Pamela Lundquist Suzanne MacDonald

Superintendent Jacobs Suzanne Sutherland

Jack Tiano Collin MacDonald Margaret Maher Dan Richards

1. Call to Order

This meeting was conducted using ZOOM Technology. Chair Linares called the meeting to order at 3:32PM.

2. <u>Audience</u>

Peter Lucido, GAA, spoke about his program and the use of the school gymnasiums for indoor basketball. He spoke about the precautions that they would use for every event (masks, disinfectants, no spectators or only one per student). There would be approximately 8 students per team.

Aiden McGuire, Student Representative, spoke about the pros and cons of indoor winter sports. The social aspect would be great for the athletes who play, however he worries about the fear of going back to full remote if the sports contribute to more COVID outbreaks.

Ryan Browner, Athletic Director, presented his Winter Sports Proposal. This proposal consisted of these modifications (masks, basketballs being disinfected, hand sanitizer for players, eliminating 3 games per day, no spectators, no more than 40-42 people in gym at one time). He talked about the integral part that sports play in the students' social emotional well-being. Winter sports were deemed playable by the EEA, DESE and the MIAA.

Kevin Fair, Coach, spoke briefly about his support for having winter sports.

Dan Richards, Principal, spoke about the importance of the social emotional outlets for the students and the role that sports play in that, however is leaving it up to the experts to decide if winter sports should take place.

Barbie Linares & Carol Jacobs discussed the Medical Team and Board of Health's recommendations. Both advised not to have indoor winter sports.

There was discussion among the members of the School Committee and the audience before a motion was made. All had the chance to ask for clarification and get answers to any questions before a motion was made.

Motion: to approve the use of facilities for GAA basketball, with modifications, as presented. Pamela Lundquist seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

Motion: to approve Basketball Program at Georgetown Middle High School. Cheryl Lachendro seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

5. <u>Adjourn</u>

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 5:34PM. Vote taken. Motion carried. <u>Roll Call:</u> Michael Hinchliffe – Yes Suzanne MacDonald – Yes Pamela Lundquist – Yes Cheryl Lachendro – Yes Barbie Linares - Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy L. Parker School Committee Secretary