



Georgetown School Committee

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Regular Session Minutes

REMOTE MEETING

51 North Street

Georgetown, MA 01833

(978) 352-5777 (ext.513)

Barbie Linares, Chairman

Michael Hinchliffe, Vice Chairman

Cheryl Lachendro, Clerk

Pam Lundquist

Suzanne MacDonald

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Virtual Attendance:

Barbie Linares

Superintendent Jacobs

Jack Tiano

Michael Hinchliffe

Suzanne Sutherland

Collin MacDonald

Cheryl Lachendro

Margaret Maher

Suzanne MacDonald

Dan Richards

Pamela Lundquist
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This meeting was conducted using ZOOM Technology.

1. **Call to Order**

_____ Chair Barbie Linares called the meeting to order at 6:34PM.

2. **Consent Agenda**

Motion: to approve Warrants #29V21, #31V21 & #30P21, along with Budget & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2021. Suzanne MacDonald moved the motion. Cheryl Lachendro seconded the motion. Roll call is taken. Motion carried.

Roll call:

_____ Suzanne MacDonald – Yes

Cheryl Lachendro – Yes

Michael Hinchliffe – Yes

Pamela Lundquist - Yes

Barbie Linares – Yes

3. **Student Representative: Aiden Maguire**

Aiden updated the committee on the following: students are preparing for DECA States. The Key Club is looking for opportunities for community services. Drama is working on the virtual play and building sets. The dates for the play are March 6-8. He spoke about the college application process and the effects of COVID. .

Public Comment:

Eric McCarthy, Football Coach, made a comment regarding the Wedge Season for sports. He said that he believes that sports can be played safely following the guidelines.

Christy Palmisano, Board Member of Georgetown Football. She commented on money that has been raised over the years for football.

Evan Swanton, Senior, Captain of the Football Team, commented on the impact of not being able to play sports and the effect it has on student's mental health. He said that he and his teammates would follow all protocols to ensure the safety of the players

Anthony Palmisano, Senior, captain of the Football Team commented on the stressful year and how much football helps.

Jack Lucido, Junior at Georgetown talked about how much the outbreak has caused stress. Sports gives students a sense of normalcy. He strongly believes that the state and local government guidelines would allow for a safe and healthy football season. He also suggested having all players sign a "Code of Conduct" to ensure the safety of the community.

Vinny Palmisano, expressed the confidence in the football staff that they will keep everyone safe. He spoke of the importance that football is to his family.

Peter Lucido, parent, expressed his support for Coach McCarthy. He spoke of other communities that have played or are playing with specific modifications. He spoke of the success of GAA sports during the pandemic.

4. **Audiences**

Liz Marchetti spoke about DECA and the first virtual competition. Aiden Maguire explained the test which included 100 questions and explained the virtual role play.

Liz talked about the Credit for Life Fair which will be held virtually as well.

Sean Riley gave an update on Food Services. He discussed the free breakfast & lunch. The district receives full reimbursement on all meals. He spoke about the applications for free & reduced lunch and explained that those that qualify automatically qualify for a PEBT (Pandemic Electronic Balance Transfer) card. A family that qualifies for free & reduced (full remote) receives \$117 and (hybrid) receives \$58 on that PEBT card. He talked about the need for substitutes in the Food Service Department. Information available online for applicants.

5. **Administrative Reports**

Carol Jacobs gave a brief update on the Pooled testing. Georgetown has been approved for the first 6 weeks at no cost to the district.

Motion: to move forward with the Pooled testing 6 week trial program beginning the Thursday after February vacation 2021. Michael Hinchliffe seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Suzanne MacDonald - Yes

Cheryl Lachendro - Yes

Pamela Lundquist - Yes

Michael Hinchliffe - Yes

Barbie Linares - Yes

Ryan Browner spoke about the Wedge Season for sports. This season includes football, volleyball and cheer. Carol Jacobs spoke about the safety of playing football in the winter months and the close contact of this sport. She spoke about the cost of running the sport and the deficit that it could have on the budget. The committee discussed the recommendation of the medical team that was not in support of the Wedge Season.

Motion: to approve the Wedge Season for the Georgetown Football Varsity, Volleyball and Cheer under the conditions that Superintendent Jacobs and Athletic Director Ryan Browner will filter down to the coaching staff. Cheryl Lachendro moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll call:

Suzanne MacDonald - Yes

Cheryl Lachendro - Yes

Pamela Lundquist - Yes

Michael Hinchliffe - Yes

Barbie Linares - Yes

Dan Richards explained to the School Committee the need for a reduction in community service hours due to the pandemic.

Motion: to change the school requirement for graduation from 40 hours of community service down to 20 as presented by Principal Richards. Pamela Lundquist moved the motion. Michael Hinchliffe seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Pamela Lundquist - Yes

Cheryl Lachendro - Yes

Michael Hinchliffe - Yes

Suzanne MacDonald - yes

Barbie Linares - Yes

Dan Richards explained to the School Committee that there is no change to the Program of Studies for the 2021-2022 school year for the middle and the high school.

Motion: to approve the Program of Studies with no notable changes for the 2021-2022 school year as presented by Dan Richards. Cheryl Lachendro moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Pamela Lundquist - Yes
Cheryl Lachendro - Yes
Suzanne MacDonald - Yes
Michale Hinchliffe - Yes
Barbie Linares - Absent from vote

Carol Jacobs discussed some of the proposed dates for the school calendar for 2021-2022. The committee will discuss further at the next meeting.

6. **Old Business**

Motion (made by Michael Hinchliffe): to approve the Policy on Covid Related Issues. Cheryl Lachendro moved the motion. Barbie Linares seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

Motion: to approve the policy on the Civil Rights Grievance Procedure. Barbie Linares moved the motion. Cheryl Lachendro seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Cheryl Lachendro - Yes
Suzanne MacDoanld - Yes
Pamela Lundquist - Yes
Barbie Linares - Yes
Michael Hinchliffe - Yes

Motion: to approve the Title IX Sexual Harrassment Grievance Procedure. Barbie Linares moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

7. **New Business:**

Motion: to approve the donation from Mrs. Scott in the amount of \$237.50 for the Boys's Basketball Program. Barbie moved the motion. Cheryl Lachendro seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

8.. **Adjourn**

Motion: to adjourn the regular School Committee meeting at 9:46PM Chery Lachendro moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy L. Parker
School Committee Secretary