

# Georgetown School Committee

Thursday, February 25, 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

## Virtual Attendance:

Barbie Linares Michael Hinchliffe Cheryl Lachendro Suzanne MacDonald Pamela Lundquist Superintendent Jacobs Suzanne Sutherland Jack Tiano Collin MacDonald Margaret Maher Dan Richards

This meeting was conducted using ZOOM Technology.

## 1. Call to Order

\_Chair Barbie Linares called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

#### 2. Consent Agenda

**Motion:** to approve Warrant #33V21 seconds the motion. Roll call is taken. Motion carried.

## Roll call:

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

# 3. <u>Student Representative: Aiden Maguire</u>

Aiden talked about DECA being in the State Competition. He discussed the disappointment that some students are having due to the football and cheerleading being canceled and he talked about the Senior class wanting to come back in person 4 days a week.

# 4. Audiences

Kerry Lee, Olivia Clare & Cooper Anderson discussed the virtual school play "Clue". The performances are March 5 & 6 and they are separate casts for both. The entire performance will be over ZOOM. There is a charge for the performances. All proceeds from the base price will go towards the Drama Club.

## 5. Administrative Reports

Carol Jacobs updated the committee on the Pooled Testing. Information has been added to the District website. This testing has been approved for six weeks. At that time it will be reviewed again by the School Committee. Time was allotted for questions from the audience.

Carol Jacobs discussed the plan of returning to school in person in April. She discussed masks, social distancing and getting teachers vaccinated. She explained that the logistics of the busing and lunches still need to be worked out. Time was allotted for questions from the audience.

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## **Public Comment:**

Pete Lucido made a comment regarding the Fall2 sports season being canceled. Barbie Linares and Carol Jacobs offered to meet with Peter to discuss things further.

Cheryl Haley made a comment regarding the Volleyball sign-ups. Carol Jacobs stated that Ryan Browner would reach out to her tomorrow.

Brett Moyer made a comment regarding the logistics of returning to school in person. Carol Jacobs and the committee responded.

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Carol Jacobs presented the budget to the School Committee. She explained the 2.8% increase in salaries, the 2.7% increase in operations and the Special Education Transportation and Tuition accounts. She talked about the drop in enrollment in 2020-2021, some due to the preschool not being open, and some due to parents enrolling their children in private schools or home-schooling them for the current school year because of the pandemic. She explained that expenses that should have been paid out of Revolving Accounts had to be transferred into the FY21 budget because the revenue was not coming in due to the pandemic. Carol talked about the 6% increase in the Transportation Budget and she explained that the busing was going out for bid. Carol discussed the Technology Budget and explained that many of the leases are up for equipment. Suzanne Sutherland discussed the Curriculum Budget and the substitute line and the Athletics Budget. Suzanne explained that the increase in the Employee Benefits line is due to raises and negotiations. There will be a public hearing on March 11th and the next discussion will be with FinCom on March 17th.

#### 6. Old Business

**Motion:** to approve the School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year with the modifications that were discussed. Michael Hinchliffe moved the motion. Pamela Lundquist seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

## Roll call:

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

# 7. **Adjourn**

**Motion:** to adjourn the regular School Committee meeting at 10:25. The School Committee will go into Executive Session Section 8 Chaper 30A with negotiations with Union personnel. We will not be returning to the regular meeting. Michael Hinchliffe moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

# Roll Call:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy L. Parker School Committee Secretary