



Georgetown School Committee

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Meeting Minutes

51 North Street
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Barbie Linares, Chairman

Michael Hinchliffe, Vice Chairman

Cheryl Lachendro, Clerk

Suzanne MacDonald

Lauren King

Attendance:

Barbie Linares	Superintendent Jacobs	Collin MacDonald
Michael Hinchliffe	Suzanne Sutherland	Jack Tiano
Suzanne MacDonald		Margaret Maher
Lauren King		Jeff Carovillano
Cheryl Lachendro		

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Consent Agenda:

Motion: to approve Warrants #04PP22, #06P22, #08P22 & #10P22, #01V22, #03V22, #05V22, #07V22, #09V22 and School Committee Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2021 & August 18, 2021.

Michael Hinchliffe moved the motion and Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken.

All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Audiences:

Peter Durkee addressed the School Committee regarding the removal of the guardrail in the lower parking lot at Penn Brook.

Motion: to approve the removal of the guardrail in the lower parking lot at Penn Brook. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Joe Pitella was present to address the School Committee regarding Camp Kieve. The camp dates are November 8-November 12, 2021. Joe stated that most of the camp activities would be outside and masks and social distancing will be required. The estimated cost at this time is \$300 per child (based on 85 students attending).

4. Administrative Reports

Barbie Linares discussed the School Committee tours through the three schools. The committee split into three groups to complete the tours. Barbie Linares & Suzanne MacDonald toured GMHS, while Cheryl Lachendro and Michael Hinchliffe toured Penn Brook. Cheryl & Michael discussed the 3 foot spacing in the classrooms and explained how the lunches were reconfigured to allow social

distancing. They also stated that the plexi-glass has been removed. Lauren King toured the Perley Preschool and the Central offices and the Youth Center. Barbie thanked Mike Anderson and his team for all their hard work getting the schools ready.

Margaret Maher, Principal of Penn Brook, discussed the Penn Brook Adventure Camp (summer program), Penn Brook PALS, Penn Brook Reading Academy, Summer Literacy Program and the Math Acceleration Program. She also discussed the goals for Penn Brook for the 2021-2022 school year.

Margaret talked about the new teachers, new paraprofessionals and the new director of the Perley Preschool. She mentioned that Cathy McManus will be the LPN. She stated that as of today there are 64 children enrolled in the preschool.

Jeff Carovillano, Principal of GMHS, expressed how impressed he is with all the work being done at GMHS with scheduling and also the cleanliness of the building and athletics. He talked about the 7th and 9th Grade orientations that took place this week. He mentioned that GMHS has one Foreign Exchange student this year and that he hopes to bring in more. Jeff is looking into ways to boost morale at the school and is working with the PTA to bring back some fun activities.

Jeff also talked about the new English Teacher, Erica Mayer and the new Chorus Teacher Ann Grant. He stated that most of the maternity leave coverages are almost filled as well.

Carol Jacobs, Superintendent discussed the New Teacher Orientation and the Administrative Retreat that took place this week. She discussed the bussing and stated that all students must be masked on the bus. She also stated that Barry Belanger (Transportation Coordinator) is retiring in January and that Tracy Parker will be taking on that role.

5. Financial Report

Suzanne Sutherland discussed the ESSER III Grant and talked about the survey to best determine the priorities for the Federal Grant Funding. She also presented to the committee a new truck lease purchase for the district.

Motion: to approve the Truck Lease Purchase in the amount of \$43,340.40 with annual payments in the amount of \$14,446.80. Suzanne MacDonald moved the motion. Michael Hinchliffe seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Old Business

Collin MacDonald discussed the parent survey that was sent out to parents in regards to masks at school. He stated that there were 758 responses and 46.8% voted to mask. He stated that the survey given to staff had a very similar result.

The School Committee discussed the Mask Policy (EBCFA Face Coverings). This motion was tabled so that adjustments could be made to the current policy.

The School Calendar was discussed and it was agreed that a few adjustments need to be made with the format in the future.

7. New Business

A brief discussion took place regarding the donation from the PTA for the TRAD Leadership Group in the amount of \$2500. No vote was needed because the check was not made out to the school/town. It was made out to TRAD directly from the PTA. The committee thanked the PTA.

Motion: to accept the generous donation from the Georgetown Building Supply for the Penn Brook Arts Program in the amount of \$300. Michael Hinchliffe moved the motion. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: to accept the generous donation from Nancy Scott & Paul Murphy in the amount of \$750 for the Boy's Basketball Program. Suzanne MacDonald moved the motion. Cheryl Lachendro seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Adjourn:

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:21PM to go into Executive Session, Chapter 30A, Section 21 for Contract Negotiations for Non Unit Personnel. The committee will not return to open session. Vote taken. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Parker
School Committee Secretary