



Georgetown School Committee

Thursday, September 17, 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

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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 6:13PM.

2. **Old Business – Hybrid Reopening Plan**

_____ Carol Jacobs discussed the challenges of Remote Learning. She talked about the protocols that the district is working with.

The Board of Health was able to do a walk-through of the schools to see if they felt they were ready to do a hybrid model. The Board was very pleased at what the district had in place.

Dr. Medwid spoke about the Medical Board Meeting and their support of moving forward with the Hybrid Model for GPS. As of today there are only 4 reported cases of COVID in Georgetown and two were removed because they were not actually Georgetown residents.

School Committee members and the school principals all spoke about their support to move into the hybrid model.

3. **Public Comment**

_____ Mr. McGuire commented about statistics and using real COVID case numbers. Carol Jacobs responded that there is a new matrix being developed by the Medical Team.

Kathy Hogan asked if some teachers may not return to the hybrid model. Carol Jacobs stated that there is staff on medical leaves, but that we are hiring long term subs for those positions.

4. **Discussion – Hybrid Model**

The group discussed that some districts were staying remote, even though their numbers were low because of the age of the building and the ventilation.

Jen Pollard, Medical Team, expressed the importance of everyone in the community following the guidelines and safe practices to prevent COVID.

Barbie and Carol Jacobs discussed the busing and the need to add a second run for Tuesday & Thursday for the Elementary students.

Motion: to implement the Hybrid Model for Georgetown Public Schools effective October 1, 2020. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

5. **Adjourn**

Motion: to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 7:11PM. Suzanne MacDonald seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

Respectfully Submitted By,

Tracy L. Parker
School Committee Secretary