

Medway School Committee
Minutes
Medway, MA
Thursday, August 20, 2020

The School Committee of the Medway Public Schools held a meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., in the Presentation Room at Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway, MA. School Committee members in attendance included Ms. Dietrich, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Segarra, Ms. Nassiff and Dr. Fagerson. Also in attendance were Superintendent Armand Pires and Assistant Superintendent Gabrielle Abrams. The meeting was video-taped.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, limited attendance of members of the public will be permitted at this meeting.

A. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Roll Call

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Warrant
- b. Donations
 - i. Exelon Donation for Robotics at Medway High School \$8,000
 - ii. Donation of Medway Mouse Statue from Friendly Toast to McGovern Elementary School \$4,000
 - iii. Anonymous donation to the McGovern School Lunch balance, \$200
 - iv. Medway Athletic Boosters to MHS- Installation cost for NFHS Pixxelot Camera System \$2,500
 - v. Medway Foundation for Education ~Tech Tools Grant \$13,104
 - vi. Project Lead the Way - McGovern Launch Program Expansion \$2,000

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra, that the School Committee approve the consent agenda, as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion Passed 5-0.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Shelby Holt, Cyndy Ellis and Angelica Crosby all spoke on the topic of MASC Anti-Racism Resolution adoption.

D. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **For Consideration: Approval of Drop In Policies for the 2020-2021 Parent Student Handbooks.**

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra, that the School Committee approve the Drop In Policies for the 2020-2021 Parent Student Handbooks, as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee. Motion Passed 5-0.

- b. **For Consideration: Approval of the 2020-2021 Parent and Student Handbooks.** All handbooks were reviewed at the July 16, 2020 School Committee meeting and now come for approval.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra, that the School Committee approve the 2020-2021 Parent and Student Handbooks, as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion Passed 5-0.

- c. **For Consideration: Approval of the School Nurse Job Description.** The School Nurse Job Description was reviewed by the committee at a previous meeting and now comes for approval.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra, that the School Committee approve the School Nurse Job Description, as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion Passed 5-0.

- d. **For Consideration: Approval of Face Covering Policy, EBCFA.** The School Committee reviewed the Face Covering Policy on August, 13, 2020, and it now comes for approval.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra, that the School Committee approve the Face Covering Policy, EBCFA, as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee. Motion Passed 5-0.

- e. **For Consideration: Approval of MASC Anti-Racism Resolution as reviewed by the committee at their recent workshop.**

Ms. Dietrich provided background on the resolution received from MASC, stating it was a blanket resolution to all districts. The Committee agreed on edits to make it their own.

Dr. Fagerson commented that he is concerned about the title and suggested changing the title to Medway Public Schools Resolution Against Racism.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra, that the School Committee approve MASC Anti-Racism Resolution as reviewed earlier tonight by the full committee and as recommended by the Chair. Motion Passed 5-0.

f. For Consideration: Approval of the School Committee 2020-2021 Goals.

The School Committee has identified their goal(s) for the 2020-2021 School Year:

This item was tabled.

- g. Other- *This time is being reserved for topics that the chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.*

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

- Budget Update
Dr. Pires provided an update on the FY21 budget discussing his conversation with Mr. Boynton, Town Administrator regarding the CARES Act funds received by the Town. Dr. Pires explained that the district is purchasing HEPA filters for all the classrooms stating that this is above what DESE requires, but an added level of safety. Ms. Dietrich asked about costs for these filters. Dr. Pires responded that they are approximately \$150,000.
- School Reopening Update for Fall
Dr. Pires stated that Wednesday was the date that families were asked to complete their surveys regarding which learning model they would like for their students. The response rate was terrific. It was announced that Flu shots will be required for all students. Ms. Abrams provided details on the response rate and the breakdown between models.
- First Reading: Travel Policy
- First Reading: Policy on COVID-Related Issues #EBC-S
Ms. Dietrich explained the COVID-Related Policy covers policies the district currently has which could be affected due to the current health pandemic. This policy allows the district to make temporary adjustments and not overhaul policies.
- Other- *This time is being reserved for topics that the chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.*

F. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

- Liaison Reports- None
- Chairperson Update - None
- Superintendent Update - None
- Assistant Superintendent Update - None
- Committee Members' Update - None

G. INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Capital Improvement Plan Update
- Superintendent's Goals Presentation
- Emergency Plan Policy Review #EBC 3 year cycle
- Annual Appointment of District Attendance Officer
- Set School Choice Enrollment Capacity Vote on Round 2
- District Approach to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Celebrate Retirees
- Approval of Student Activities Account Policies and Procedures Manual
- Set High School Graduation date 2021

I. NEXT MEETINGS

- Regular Meeting, September 10, 2020, 5:00 p.m., in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway.
- Regular Meeting, September 24, 2020, 5:00 p.m., in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway.

J. ADJOURN

At approximately 6:40 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Segarra seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Quinn

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Secretary to the School Committee

Approved: September 10, 2020