

Medway School Committee  
Minutes  
Medway, MA  
Thursday, August 27, 2020

The School Committee of the Medway Public Schools held a meeting on Thursday, August 27, 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 and Dr. Fagerson. Ms. Nassiff was not in attendance. 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. Ms. Dietrich called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes
  - i. July 16, 2020

**It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion Passed 4-0.**

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

D. PRESENTATIONS

Medway Public Schools 2020/2021 Athletic Program Plan, approved in part by the Massachusetts Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs, (EEA), Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, (MIAA) and the Tri-Valley League, Athletic Directors and Principals. Jeff Parcels, Athletic Director and Sean Powers, Athletic Trainer, presented the Athletic Program Plan to the School Committee. Mr. Parcels stated that the final guidance was received from (EEA), MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, (DESE), and (MIAA). Medway Public Schools and the Tri Valley League believe that this is a solid plan for the fall season. The main focus is the health and safety of all student-athletes. Mr. Parcels explained that there will be 4 athletic seasons this year. Fall sports will run late September until late November and include, Golf, Varsity Cross County, Varsity and JV Soccer and Varsity and JV Field Hockey. Middle School sports will not compete this year. Football and Cheer will be moved to the Fall Season 2 or "Floating

Season”. Mr. Parcels reported that the MA EEA developed a level of risk for each fall sport. Low risk included cross country, moderate risk included Field hockey, Soccer and Volleyball, high risk was football and cheer which are being moved to the “Floating Season”. Mr. Parcels explained the Tri Valley League is split geographically and Medway will compete in POD 1 which includes Ashland, Bellingham, Holliston, Hopkinton and Norton. The PODS were created to help ensure safety for all student-athletes. Mr. Parcels went on to explain how teams will practice and then how they will compete. Mr. Parcels detailed how transportation will be handled as well as some individual sport modifications. Mr. Parcels discussed MIAA Rule 40, Coaching out of Season. He stated that Medway was not in favor of this and will not waive this rule. There are still some unknown issues that are being discussed, including full remote students playing sports. Dr. Pires noted that there are additional costs associated with this sports season, including transportation and PPE. The committee had questions for Mr. Parcels including Captain’s practices, which Medway does not permit, Sport risk levels which were outlined in the plan and practice cohorts. Dr. Fagerson asked about masks during practices and if they are required for outdoor practices. Mr. Parcels stated that masks are required at all times. The committee thanked Mr. Parcels for this presentation.

#### E. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **For Consideration: Approval of the Policy on COVID-Related Issues #EBC-S.** This policy was reviewed at the August 20, 2020 School Committee meeting and now comes to the committee for approval.

**It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra that the School Committee approve the Policy on COVID-Related Issues #EBC-S as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee. Motion passed 4-0.**

- b. **For Consideration: Approval of the COVID-19 Travel Policy.** This policy was reviewed at the August 20, 2020 School Committee meeting, and now comes to the committee for approval.

**It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra that the School Committee approve the COVID-19 Travel Policy as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee. Motion passed 4-0.**

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

#### F. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

- School Committee Goals 2020-2021 School year  
The committee reviewed their 2019-2020 goals and provided an update on the

progress made. The committee felt they made progress on their first goal, Community Engagement, but still needed some work. The committee will take this up at a future workshop. The second goal, Continuous Improvement, the committee felt they made good progress on this goal. An example is the streamlining of the presentation process. The committee discussed their goals for the 2020-2021 school year and some issues discussed included safety and wellbeing for everyone in the district during the COVID health pandemic.

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

#### G. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

- Liaison Update -None
- Superintendent Update  
Dr. Pires updated the committee on the work he has been doing with area Superintendents regarding COVID testing protocols for staff and students. Dr. Pires is working on the possibility of bi-weekly COVID testing and will keep the committee updated.
- Assistant Superintendent Update
- Chairperson Update
- Committee Members' Updates

#### H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Superintendent's Goals Presentation
- Emergency Plan Policy Review #EBC 3 year cycle
- Annual Appointment of District Attendance Officer
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DE&I) Presentation
- Set School Choice Enrollment Capacity Vote on Round 2
- Capital Improvement Plan Update
- 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, 6:00 p.m., in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway
- Regular Meeting, September 24, 2020, 6:00 p.m., in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway
- Regular Meeting, October 8, 2020, 6:00 p.m., in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway
- Regular Meeting, October 22, 2020, 6:00 p.m., in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway

J. ADJOURN

At approximately 6:37 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Segarra, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

***Ellen Quinn***

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Secretary to the School Committee

Approved: September 10, 2020