

Medway School Committee
Minutes
Medway, MA
Thursday, September 10, 2020

The School Committee of the Medway Public Schools held a meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 6:00 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. Ms. Dietrich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Warrant
- b. Minutes
 - i. August 13, 2020
 - ii. August 20, 2020
 - iii. August 27, 2020

RECOMMENDED MOTION

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

- FY21 Budget Update
Mr. Aicardi provided an overview of the FY21 Budget. Mr. Aicardi explained the revolving funds, grants and reserves. Mr. Aicardi discussed the expenses related to the reopening of Schools. Dr. Pires stated that the reopening of schools accounts for 8.5% of the budget. Dr. Pires said that thanks to the School Committee the budget for FY21 is in good shape. The district has added an additional 20 teachers to cover both in person and remote learning.
- School Reopening Update for Fall

Dr. Pires gave an update on the reopening of school for the fall which included staff training for 10 days before the first day of school on September 16, 2020. Dr. Pires was glad to see the teachers and staff back in buildings and is looking forward to seeing students. Some of the items of focus include transportation, safety and cleaning of buildings. There will be 3 orientation sessions for virtual learning based on grade level on Monday, September 14. The Virtual Learning Model will have dedicated staff and in most situations they will be Medway Public School staff. Dr. Pires does anticipate some starts and stops and asks patience from families.

- **Town of Medway CARES Act Relief Fund**
Dr. Pires explained that the district will request \$650,000 of the town from the CARES Relief Fund. The information shared by Mr. Aicardi detailed the proposed use of these funds. The Committee will be voting on this request later this evening.
- **Superintendent's Goals**
Dr. Pires reviewed his proposed goals with the committee. Dr. Pires' goals will focus on the reopening of schools and students' social and emotional well being. Dr. Pires outlined four goals that he will focus on this year and how they align to the strategic plan. Included in his goals, Social and Emotional wellness, Innovative teaching and leadership, improved learning, communication and Cultural Proficiency.
- **School Committee Goals**
The committee discussed the progress of their 19-20 goals and their goals for the 20-21 school year. The committee agreed on the goals for the current school year and will vote on them this evening.
- **Other- *This time is being reserved for topics that the chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.***

E. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **For Consideration: Annual Appointment of District Supervisor of Attendance**
The district is required to appoint a district supervisor of attendance on an annual basis. The Superintendent is recommending the appointment of Officer Paul McLaughlin, School Resource Officer, to the position.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra that the School Committee appoint Officer Paul McLaughlin, School Resource Officer, as the District Supervisor of Attendance, as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion passed 5-0.

- b. **For Consideration: Approve the request to the Town of Medway to access the Town of Medway CARES Act Relief Fund in the amount of \$650,000 for school supplies, repairs, and contracted services, to cover additional and unexpected costs, due to COVID-19 health pandemic.**

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra that the School Committee approve the request to the Town of Medway to access the Town of Medway CARES Act Relief Fund, in the amount of \$650,000, as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion passed 5-0.

- c. **For Consideration: Approval of the Revised Face Covering Policy, EBCFA.** The School Committee reviewed the Face Covering Policy on August, 13, 2020, the policy is being updated to include language pertaining to athletics.

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

- d. **For Consideration: Approval of the 2020-2021 School Committee goals.** The School Committee discussed their goals for the 2020-2021 School year earlier this meeting.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra that the School Committee approve and publish on the Medway Public Schools website the 2020-2021 School Committee Goals. Motion passed 5-0.

- e. 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
Ms Dietrich addressed families getting ready for the first day of school unlike any other. She wished them well as they start school.
- Superintendent Update
None
- Assistant Superintendent Update
Ms. Abrams' updated the committee on the Virtual Learning Student Model, stated that there are 200 students registered for this model. Assistant High School Principal, Sonja Metcalf will be the administrator for this model. The website has been updated to include the professional development module.
- Committee Members' Update
None

G. INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Set School Choice Enrollment Capacity Vote on Round 2
- Capital Improvement Plan Update
- 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 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 TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There is a need for the School Committee to adjourn to executive session in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 30A, Section 21, exemption 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, specifically with the Medway Federation of Teachers, Local 3645, AFT-AFL-CIO, Unit A (MFT), if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining of the public body and the chair so declares.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra, that the School Committee adjourn to executive session, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21, exemption 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, specifically with the Medway Federation of Teachers, Local 3645, AFT-AFL-CIO, Unit A, MFT, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining of the public body, with the understanding that the school committee will not return to public session. A roll call vote was taken, voting in favor were Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Segarra, and Dr. Fagerson. Ms. Nassiff recused herself.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Quinn

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Secretary to the School Committee

Approved: September 24, 2020