

Medway School Committee
Minutes
Medway, MA
Thursday, October 22, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

The School Committee of the Medway Public Schools held a meeting on Thursday, October 22, 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. Fageron. 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. October 8, 2020
- c. Donation
 - i. Athletic Donation In Memory of Frank Bagley \$440.00.
 - ii. Donation of Spring 2020 High School Musical ticket sales in lieu of refund \$445.00.
 - iii. *Donation of COVID-19 Testing Services from Ginkgo Bioworks, Inc., for one time PCR testing of all faculty and staff. (approx. \$32,000.)*

Dr. Pires explained the donation of testing for faculty and staff. The testing will be voluntary and will be done on November 3, which is a professional development day.

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

D. STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

- a. MASS Superintendent's Award of Academic Excellence
Lillian Woodard received the Superintendent's Award for Academic Excellence. Lillian was nominated by teachers, counselors and principal Murray. Lillian is the recipient of the Rensselaer Medal of Excellence, given to students who

excel in challenging math and science curriculums and who plan to take strong math and science courses during their senior year. Lillian is a multi year member of many activities including Women in STEM, Math team, Science Olympiad as well as the Drama Club. Lillian is also a two year member of the National Honor Society. Lillian is able to manage these involvements all while maintaining solid grades and falling within the top of her class! Congratulations to Lillian!

E. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Meeting the Needs of all Students: Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning

Gabby Abrams, Assistant Superintendent and Kat Bernklow, Director of Student Services along with Dr. Pires presented on Diversity, Equity, Belonging and Inclusion in the MPS. Dr. Pires gave a narrative of the timeline starting with 2010 with the identification of inclusive classrooms, 2011-2014 work included structure redesign, followed by program development between 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 the focus was on inclusive practice with District response and planning. Ms. Bernklow discussed the collaboration with EdCo and the partnership for staff with IDEAS. Ms. Bernklow outlined the participation of the IDEAS program and the employees that were trained, which included the District leadership team. Bernklow went on to discuss the takeaways from the surveys and the districts' response to the results. Ms. Bernklow discussed the work at the elementary and middle schools. She went on to discuss next steps which included exploration of district equity evaluation and community partnerships.

F. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **For Consideration: Approval of 2020-2021 Student Activities Accounts** – The committee votes annually to approve the current school year activities accounts. As you know, beginning in September 2016 the School Committee approves annually the Student Activity Accounts, the Account Procedure Manual and to authorize district staff to work with these accounts.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra that the School Committee approve the current list of 2020-2021 Student Activities Accounts, the Account Procedure Manual and to authorize the following district staff to work with these accounts, as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion passed 5-0.

<u>McGovern School</u>	<u>Memorial School</u>	<u>Middle School</u>	<u>High School</u>
Amy McDonald	John Kelley	Amanda Luizzi	John Murray
Jennifer Suttill	Marleen Durkey	Janet Birch	Jeff Parcels
			Jill Aldorisio

District Office
Don Aicardi
Melissa Richard
Carol Kopec

- b. **For Consideration: FY21 Capital Improvement Plan.** As presented at the October 8, 2020 School Committee meeting and now comes before the committee for a vote.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Segarra that the School Committee approve the FY21 Capital Improvement Plan as presented at the October 8, 2020 School Committee meeting, and as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion passed 5-0.

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

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

- a. School ReOpening Update and Next Steps
- b. Update on Exploring COVID-19 Testing
Dr. Pires noted that earlier the committee approved a one time testing program for faculty and staff. The District is currently researching weekly testing for all students and staff throughout the school year. Recently the district conducted a webinar to gauge interest in this testing. The interest was mostly favorable of the 1500 people completing the post webinar survey. Families of younger children were less interested in the testing than families of older students.
- c. Capital Improvement Plan Requests from Technology
Richard Boucher gave an overview of the 5 year technology plan. Mr. Boucher discussed the plan for replacing chromebooks over the next 5 years and at which grade level students will receive replacement chromebooks. Mr. Boucher's report also discussed projects such as parking lot surveillance cameras and laptops for teachers.
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H. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

- Liaison Reports
- Chairperson Update
- Superintendent Update
Dr. Pires' update included the event held today to accept a donation by Exelon Corp. to the high school Robotics program. The high school held an event to acknowledge the donation. Two Exelon executives were given a demonstration of the robotics program.
- Assistant Superintendent Update
Ms. Abrams updated the committee on the upcoming Professional Development day scheduled for Tuesday, November 3.

- Committee Members' Update

I. INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Celebrate Retirees
- Academic Assessments (MCAS, AP, SAT, BAS, iReady, IXL)
- Discussion of Lunch Prices for 2021-2022
- Superintendent's Award of Academic Excellence
- FY-21 Budget Realignment Meeting with Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee reconfiguration
- NESDEC Student Award of Excellence
- Set Rates for Tuitions and Fees: Early Childhood (Preschool and Community Education)
- 2021-2022 School Calendar - First Reading
- Wellness Programming Update

K. NEXT MEETINGS

- Regular Meeting, November 12, 2020, 6:00 p.m., in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway
- Regular Meeting, November 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m., in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway
- Regular Meeting, December 3, 2020, 6:00 p.m., in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway
- Regular Meeting, January 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m., in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway

L. ADJOURN

At approximately 8:37 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: November 12, 2020