

Medway School Committee Joint Meeting
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee
Thursday, December 9, 2020
Minutes

The School Committee of the Medway Public Schools held a meeting on Thursday, December 9, 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, Ms. Nassiff and Dr. Fagerson. Mr. Segarra was not present. Also in attendance were Superintendent Armand Pires, Director of Finance Don Aicardi and Assistant Superintendent Gabrielle Abrams.

In attendance for the Board of Selectmen included Mr. Foresto, Mr. Trindade, and Mr. Crowley, also in attendance was Town Administrator, Mr. Boynton.

In attendance for the Finance Committee included Mr. Alessandri, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. D'Innocenzo, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Lane, Mr. Rossi, Ms. Segarra and Mr. Sullivan.

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 School Committee to order at 6:06 p.m.

B. DISCUSSION

- a. FY 21 Budget Reconfiguration Discussion

Dr. Pires stated that this reconfigured budget will be the starting point for building the FY22 budget. There were many costs associated with the reopening of schools this year due to the health pandemic. Starting next week the third graders will join K-2 with a full return to school. The district is working to get the 4 & 5 grades back early next year. Mr. Aicardi discussed the revolving account balances and explained why they are higher than normal. Due to the current health pandemic, the district made some adjustments to end the FY20 year which produced these larger than normal balances for the Circuit Breaker and School Choice Revolving Fund balances. The School Committee had voted to use a reduced amount of both of these accounts at the end of last fiscal year. The carry over from FY20 was to be available in FY21 as needed. Mr. Aicardi went on to discuss the COVID related expenses the district faced this year. The total expense was in excess of \$900,000. Some of the items included staff testing, increased utility costs and building maintenance. Mr. Alessandri asked about School Choice students, Dr. Pires explained that the School Committee votes twice a year on the capacity of School Choice students. The

Selectmen discussed the funding for the CARES Act and decided that should the Town find themselves with any remaining funds, the School should be able to spend the balance.

C. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **For Consideration: Authorize the Director of Finance and Operations to** execute the Budget Transfers to the FY 21 budget as outlined in the FY21 Reconfigured Budget Status Report Memo, dated December 4, 2020.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Nassiff that the School Committee authorize Don Aicardi, Director of Finance and Operations to execute Budget Transfers as noted in the FY21 Reconfigured Budget Status Report Memo, dated December 4, 2020, and as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion passed 4-0.

D. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 6:53 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Nassiff to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Quinn

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Secretary to the School Committee

Approved: January 21, 2021