

School Committee Meeting  
Virtual Meeting  
August 25, 2021  
6:15 p.m.

Members attending: Sharlene Cronin, SusanMary Redinger, Suzanne Allen, Abby Besse, Shannon Molloy

Others in attendance: Linda Dwight and Ingrid Nilsson, Josh Myler and Scott Hoffman

SusanMary Redinger called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Sharlene Cronin read the Vision Statement.

**Public Commentary:** None

**Superintendent Update:** Attached

**Update of Covid-Testing and Vaccination Rates**

Dr. Dwight reported that the Covid Safe Schools Testing was held today with over 400 people testing in the morning and just as steady a stream of cars for the afternoon. Many families took advantage of the invitation to have parents, grandparents, and non-school age siblings tested. The results of the pooled testing should be back in 24 hours and we will communicate the overall information out to the community.

SusanMary Redinger shared that she will continue to review the Covid positive cases and percentage of vaccinated in Harvard and report to the School Committee on an ongoing basis.

**Covid Policy Review**

Suzanne Allen and Abby Besse reviewed with the Committee the updated Covid protocol for responding to known or suspected Covid-19 cases/exposures. The Committee discussed at length various possible scenarios and made edits to the protocol as necessary in order to clarify.

**SusanMary Redinger made the motion and Sharlene Cronin seconded to approve the Covid exposure policy as amended.**

**VOTE: Allen (Aye), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Malloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)**

**Handbook Review**

Principal, Joshua Myler reviewed the changes and updates being made to the Hildreth Elementary School handbook for the 2021/2022 school year.

**With no objection, SusanMary Redinger approved the HES Handbook as presented with the updates as discussed.**

**VOTE: Allen (Aye), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Malloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)**

Principal, Scott Hoffman shared the changes and updates being made to the Bromfield School handbook for the 2021/2022.

**With no objection, SusanMary Redinger approved the TBS Handbook as presented with the updates as discussed.**

**VOTE: Allen (Aye), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Malloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)**

**Summer Maintenance Work and Capital Project Update – tabled.**

#### **Custodial Personnel Request Review**

Dr. Dwight shared the needs of the Facilities Department and recommended using the ESSER funds to hire an additional custodian to be hired as outlined in her report. The Committee discussed the future of the position when the ESSER funds are no long available and how it will affect the long-term budget. The Committee agreed to table the hiring of the additional custodian for now.

**ESSER Grant Recommendation Review** – The full review of the ESSER Grant recommendation was tabled for tonight. The committee is in agreement to go ahead with hiring a middle school health teacher and a middle school counselor using ESSER funds.

**Superintendent/School Committee Goals Planning – tabled.**

#### **Review of MOA with HTA for Covid related measures**

Dr. Dwight reported that there is currently no memorandum of understanding with the HTA for COVID related measures.

#### **Grant Approval:**

The following grant from Fanfare was presented for approval:

\$1,320 – Method Books for Middle School Band – Craig Robbins

**SusanMary Redinger made the motion and Suzanne Allen seconded to approve the grant from Fanfare as presented.**

**VOTE: Allen (Aye), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Malloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)**

The following grants from the PTO were presented for approval:

\$667.80 – Wampanoag Classrooms – Amy Bassage

\$425.00 – Colonial Classrooms – Amy Bassage

**Suzanne Allen made the motion and Sharlene Cronin seconded to approve the gift from the PTO as presented.**

**VOTE: Allen (Aye), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Malloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)**

A gift of \$1,000 in celebration of 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Sangita Marya being chosen as a National Center for Families Learning Teacher of the Year for 2021 as part of a thank a teacher campaign.

**Sharlene Cronin made the motion and Suzanne Allen seconded to approve the gift from the PTO as presented.**

**VOTE: Allen (Aye), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Malloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)**

**Future Meeting Dates**

September 13 – Regular Meeting

September 27 – Regular Meeting

September 21 – All Boards Meeting

August 30 – Convocation via zoom at 9 a.m. with guest speaker starting at 9:30

**Agenda Items**

Summer Maintenance Work and Capital Project Update

Custodial Personnel Request Review

ESSER Grant Recommendation Review

Superintendent/School Committee Goals Planning

NEASC process review

Graduation requirements

Policy

**Minutes**

**With no objection, SusanMary Redinger approved the minutes from August 12<sup>th</sup> as amended.**

**VOTE: Allen (Aye), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Malloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)**

**School Committee Liaison and Subcommittee Reports**

None

**Public Commentary**

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**School Committee Commentary**

None

**Adjournment**

With no objection SusanMary Redinger adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

