

MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING

March 17, 2021@ 6:00 PM

Video Conference Meeting accessible via SCTV15

<p>Chairperson Kyle Belanger called the virtual meeting of the South Hadley School Committee to order 7:03pm, which is streaming live on South Hadley’s Facebook page.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Present: Kyle Belanger, Chairperson Allison Schlachter, Vice Chairperson Christine Phillips; Allyson Garcia Maddy Foley, Student Representative</p> <p>Also, present: Diana Bonneville, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent Charles Miles is not in attendance</p>	<p>Attendance</p>
<p>Minutes: March 17, 2021 Chairperson Belanger would entertain a motion to approve the minutes; so, moved by Allyson Garcia and seconded by Allison Schlachter; roll call vote: motion carries unanimously 4/0</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Vote</p>
<p>Warrants: Motion to approve warrants by Christine Phillips</p> <p>Dated: 3/2/2021 #2021-202 \$56,667.69 3/9/2021 # 2021-207 \$301,169.28 3/4/2021 #Bi-Weekly \$657,809.50</p> <p>Seconded by Allison Schlachter; roll call vote: motion passes unanimously 4/0</p>	<p>Approval of Warrants</p> <p>Vote</p>
<p>Tuesday evening at the Selectboard meeting the Mosier Statement of Interest was discussed at length but there was no vote taken and it will not be moving forward to the state. It will be revisited next year. There was a motion by Andrea Miles, but it was never seconded. Mike Sullivan thought if we waited between 4-7 years the debt ratio would be better and it would give the school department time to save money towards the feasibility study. Going forward it was determined to Have continued discussions every three months so it can stay on the front burner. Christine Phillips remembered that in 2018 there was money budgeted for the feasibility study. There should be an aggressive timeline for this item. When Dr. Mosley comes, they will plan for funding by making a sub-committee for Mosier with capital planning.</p>	<p>Update on Mosier Statement of Interest</p>
<p>There was no public comment.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Dr. Bonneville has received the HVAC report for Mosier & SHHS and has forwarded them on to SHEA and the school committee. The travel policy has been updated: if you have had both vaccines you do not have to present a negative Covid test to travel. On March 11th educators can be vaccinated. Lisa Manzi, Beth Winfield & Steve Ziobrowski are creating Google sheets and booking appointments for staff to get their vaccines. They have already booked 38 appointments. Viv Price is working on obtaining an updated evaluation report for the pool at MESMS. Kindergarten is hosting a literary night where families will share their favorite books. Jo Comerford is fighting hard for schools and advocating for DESE to cancel MCAS for this school year.</p> <p>Our attorney is working on a MOA between SHPS and SHEA about in-person learning.</p>	<p>Superintendent’s Report</p>

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Maddie Foley told us that she is glad to be back in school with her friends. NHS is doing a service project for workers at the Holyoke Hospital and they are continuing mentor training on hard topics. In person learning feels safe with less students in the school and also much quieter.
Chairman Belanger added that it feels good to see the students back in school and the buses running.

On March 1st Middle and SHHS began hybrid, 1-4 and all Kindergarten's returned, as well. Internet issues from cyber attacks plagued the connectivity until IT separated the internet traffic, updated firewalls, and access points. Staffing has been an issue for nurses, so they have hired 2 full time nurses until April 5th and then one will be full time and the other on call to help with coverage. Parents are emailing Dr. Bonneville to have their child put in the childcare cohort, but she has decided that there will be no more changes since April 5th is right around the corner. The Commissioner is requiring all students in grades K-5 to return to school 5 days per week for in-person learning. Dr. Bonneville is applying for a waiver to continue to have ½ day Wednesday mornings to be remote. School Committee will vote at April's meeting to continue ½ day Wednesdays. The waiver for ½ day Wednesdays would continue to help us with time for IEP meetings, meeting with social emotional students and department meetings. PreK- grade 5 & 9th will return on April 5th, April 26th all other students will begin. Principals will reach out to remote students to offer in-person learning. Picnic style lunch will be 6ft. socially distanced with yoga mats at Mosier & SHHS. There will be some desks provided for students that cannot sit on the floor. Allison Garcia asked about monies coming in to cover some of the continuing costs for COVID supplies. Jenn Voyik told her that the 1st ESSER grant will be used to cover sub coverage and software, the 2nd ESSER grant which will be about \$608,000 will be used towards additional social emotional support and a robust summer school for remediation help for students, and the 3rd ESSER grant which we will not see until July will be 1.3 million over the next couple of years.

Liz Wood joined the meeting to explain the space constraints of returning to the SHHS. There is space in both cohorts, and we are welcoming students as we have open space. Freshman need to come back as soon as possible for support to bring up their grades. The custodians will be bringing desks back to the classrooms from the gym. Moving 9 & 10 in 2 spaces with overflow, and a google doc of expectations will be available to 11 & 12th graders for leaving campus for lunch. The biggest struggle is ensuring 6 feet of social distancing at lunch, as well as limited staffing to monitor lunches.

David Gallagher says that desk space looks promising. Lunch also looks good without relying on yoga mats for additional seating, but we will have to adjust when everyone is back. Overflow in the library is low until a teacher is sick and there is no coverage. Daily we have new issues and we brainstorm and get the problem solved. David feels there is plenty of positivity. School/home and equity environments are so different, and more students means more behavior. Once we learn how many students are remote and who will not be returning, we will determine how many desks we need.

Cindy Flynn started her report with accolades for teachers & staff. April 5th third

Report of the Student Representative

COVID-related school re-entry updates

DESE Plan for Phased in return to In-Person Learning

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grade will have 72 student's M/T for lunches and 79 on Th/F but we will have to go to 24 with 3-4ft. distance. The overflow room is the art room. Lunch has enough chairs, but they would need to be back in the classrooms. We would need 1 yoga mat for each student. Snack time is continuing. When we start in person learning there will be 293 students in person and 126 students remote. Mosier pickup and drop off has been very tricky. Police are coming on board next week to help with a plan to make this go smoothly.

Christine Phillips had to leave the meeting @ 9:04 pm.

Gina Moulton says students are happy to be back in the classroom. If numbers stay where they are, students could remain 6ft. apart. A few classrooms might be 5ft. apart. Art room is the overflow space. Average numbers are 160 in-person/148 out for Monday and Tuesday, and Thursday & Friday is 155 in-person/153 out. More than 80% at Plains are in person.

Building preparations:

- April 1 Remote Synchronous day
- April 2 Good Friday/no school for students & staff
- April 16 Remote synchronous (MS ONLY)
- May 3-June 11 (Gr. 10-11) test in ELA & Math

Chairman Belanger would entertain a motion to accept plans for re-opening the schools as written so moved by Allyson Garcia and seconded by Allison Schlachter. High School has important reason to continue ½ days due to the CTECH schedule. SPED meetings need to continue to go forward otherwise teachers are pulled from their classes for meetings. Community building happens in that time and all students are together on remote. The ½ day waiver would help in a lot of different capacities. Chairman Belanger reminded everyone that there is a motion on the table to support the plan as written. Roll call vote; passes unanimously 3/0 with Chairman Belanger entering Christine's vote.

Dr. Bonneville reminded everyone that we have removed early release days and have included 1 more In-Service day to complete vertical teaming and will be adding ½ days for the rest of the year on Wednesdays at April 5th School Committee meeting. Chairman Belanger would entertain a motion to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented; so, moved by Allison Schlachter; seconded by Allyson Garcia; roll call vote; motion passes unanimously 3/0

Dr. Mosley wrote the Assistant Superintendent job description with help from Dr. Bonneville and Jenn Voyik. Chairman Belanger would entertain a motion to accept the Assistant Superintendent job description as written. So, moved by Allyson Garcia; seconded by Allison Schlachter; roll call vote: motion passes unanimously 3/0. Posted internally tomorrow as well as on School Spring and MASC.org.

Motion

Discussion

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**2021-2022
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**Assistant
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Dr. Bonneville has been in touch with Dr. Mosley 4 times by zoom. They talked about budget, central office personnel and current challenges. When Dr. Mosley is fully vaccinated, he will begin to visit in person.

We will have our next meeting on March 30, 2021 which is our Public Budget Hearing on Zoom @ 6:00 PM via SCTV15

Chair Belanger would entertain a motion to adjourn; so, moved by Allyson Garcia; seconded by Allison Schlachter; roll call vote: motion passes unanimously 3/0.

Adjourned at 9:35

True copy:

Diana Bonneville, Ph.D.
Interim Superintendent of Schools

Date approved: _____

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Update on transition between Dr. Bonneville & Dr. Mosley

Next Meeting

Adjourned