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<p>Chairperson Allison Schlachter called the virtual meeting of the South Hadley School Committee to order 7:03pm, which is streaming on SHCTV15.</p> <p>Present: Allison Schlachter, Chairperson Allyson Garcia, Vice Chairperson Danielle Cooke; Jen Matos; Charles Miles Kaily Godek, Student Representative</p> <p>Also, present: Diana Bonneville, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent</p> <p>Minutes: Allison Schlachter would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from April 29, 2021; so, moved by Danielle Cooke; Charles Miles asked for a correction in the April 15, 2021 minutes, that the new member to the JLMC sub-committee should be Allyson Garcia and seconded by Jen Matos; roll call vote: motion carries unanimously</p> <p>Warrants: No warrants</p> <p>Allyson Garcia reported that Racial Justice Task Force will be going through all policies on starting in May.</p> <p>The Communication Committee have decided that Alli Schlachter will be handling SHSCTV15 communications and Jen Matos will be handling the SC Facebook postings.</p> <p>The Anti-Bullying Task Force met with Allyson Garcia and decided that they need to be communicating with stakeholders. School climate data needs to be updated and a new survey be created. They feel they need to do more to include social emotional wellness and skills from PD and team building across the district. we need to reach our Mosier & Michael E. Smith students. Danielle Cooke will chair the Social Emotional Subcommittee of JLMC. SEL curriculum will be discussed at June 3rd SC meeting as well as survey results.</p> <p>There was no public comment.</p> <p>Amy Foley from SHEA informed everyone that we met with the JLMC and we are close to finalizing an MOA for SC approval. Great group of people to work with. Right now, our support is focused on administration and teacher moral. Moral is very low, and teachers are feeling very unappreciated and tired. Some teachers are considering leaving or retiring after this year. SHEA suggests a faculty climate survey before June but expects improved morale in the fall.</p> <p>Dr. Bonneville mentioned that next week is Teacher Appreciation Week and we will celebrate that with some staff pizza parties. Dr. Bonneville announced that she has accepted the position at Hampshire Regional and has signed a contract. She is also staying in touch with Dr. Mosley about the Assistant Superintendent position. He reported 20 applicants and is interviewing 11 applicants so they can narrow the pool to final applicants. MCAS will take place in May and if you have an IEP or are remote</p>	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Attendance</p> <p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Warrants</p> <p>Racial Justice Task Force</p> <p>Communication Committee</p> <p>Anti-Bullying Task Force</p> <p>Public Comment</p> <p>SHEA</p> <p>Superintendent Report</p>
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you can come into schools and take it in person if you require a paper copy. We are finalizing the MOA for the final 6 weeks and finishing up negotiations and looking at a revised Athletic Director position for next year. Vocational school applications are due on Friday and senior Smith Educational Scholarship applications are due on May 14th. We will again be offering summer lunches with registration on the website and a Wednesday pick-up. We are monitoring close contacts. Plains has 1 remote, Mosier has 2 close contacts, MS has 6 close contacts and the HS has 1 close contact. Please make sure you are socially distancing and wearing a mask. After Dr. Mosley picks his final candidate that person will be invited to the School Committee meeting to be introduced and would start on July 1, 2021

Report of the Student Representative

Allison Schlachter congratulated Diana in her new role and for her dedication through the last 8 ½ years of service. Transition with Dr. Mosley will be smooth, we know change is hard and the School committee feels that is impacting faculty & staff morale. School Committee will bring a sweet treat to each teacher and para next week, and we are hoping students and families will show you all some gratitude.

Report of the Chair

Kaily Godek told us that spring sports started on Monday with games starting as early as next week. Marching band, music and theater will start in person on Monday as well. On April 9th and 10th Student Council had 5 students attend the virtual state conferences for Student Council. The peer mentoring program is starting up and will be open for 2nd -8th grade. More information about how to sign up will be coming soon. Sprit Week is May 3rd-7th:

Student Representative

May 3rd: decision Day for seniors/School Spirit orange and black.

May 4th: Disney Day

May 5th: Decades Day

May 6th: Tacky Tourist Thursday/Beach Day

May 7th: Pajama Day

The Class of 2022 will be hosting a district wide Lawn Sign & Magnet Fundraiser to raise school spirit and support South Hadley students. The online store will be open starting May 3rd. To access the store, use the website <http://www.shopgsv.com/shhs>. Purchase your own lawn sign for \$15 or a magnet for \$5! Let the students know you have their back!

NHS is holding a sports equipment drive for new and gently used sports equipment running from May 3rd to May 7th. Drop off boxes are located at the main offices at the high school, MESMS, Mosier and Plains. On Saturday May 15th from 12-3 people can stop by the high school lot to pick up any sporting equipment they need. If you have any questions, please reach out to Grant Petrosky.

Charles Miles has been researching school start times, which has been researched for years. School Committee need to focus on student achievement. Older students need more sleep in the morning, but our times are reversed, and our youngest students are up the earliest go to school the latest. We need to open that discussion in the next few months for a later start for middle and high school students for 2-years out. This last year has had so much change that starting it now might not be a good time. Kaily Godek asked how that would affect sports athletes, students with outside jobs and students taking care of younger siblings. Those are all things we need to take into

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<p>consideration. Charles will research other districts who have made this shift in start times.</p> <p>Substitute Teacher recruitment seems to be a problem statewide. There is interest coming from parents to substitute. This has been an ongoing issue. Teacher subs paid \$80.00 per day Certified teach in state \$85.00 per day Retired South Hadley teacher \$90.00 per day. Para pay \$11.47 per hour Paying a flat fee and being able to use that sub for both a para and a teacher might be a better idea. High school diploma is needed to sub. We use college students during break and at the end of the year. Everyone needs to be Cori checked and fingerprinted through Jo Bookman at HR. Diana and Jen will come up with a proposal on the May 20th agenda. Municipalities are exempt from minimum wage and the School Committee would like info on the budget for subs. We should be creating Anti-bias training for all substitutes.</p> <p>DESE has asked that after April 19th students over age 16 should sign up for vaccines. Close contact and quarantining for 3ft. distancing desk to desk. If the infected person is 3-6 feet away from them, we only need to notify parents to follow up. We will remain with CDC guidelines and close contact to quarantine. More graduation guidance for indoors are staggered entry times, 6 feet apart and diplomas will be placed on tables for the student to pick up, but no hand shaking. School Committee is onboard to keep 6 feet distancing, being as stringent as we need to be and follow CDC guidelines. Middle school has (47) close contacts with 6 positive cases from sports and outside social situations. Pediatric population is driven by the new variant.</p> <p>Chairman Schlachter would entertain a motion to maintain close contact withing 6ft. in 15 minutes or more with a COVID positive individual within a 24 hour period, and continue to quarantine per CDC guidance; so moved by Allyson Garcia; seconded by Charles Miles; roll call vote: motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>Jen Matos will send links for groups of students to help get vaccines for 16+ students.</p> <p>See attached</p> <p>May 6, 2021 @ 6 P.M.</p> <p>Chairman Schlachter would entertain a motion to adjourn; so, moved by Charles Miles; seconded by Jen Matos; roll call vote: motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>Adjourned at 8:09 P.M.</p>	<p>Substitute Teachers</p> <p>COVID Guidelines</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Transportation Report</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Adjourned</p>
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Diana Bonneville, Ph.D.
Interim Superintendent of Schools

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	<p>Reminders from Nurse</p> <p>Changes to Master Plan</p> <p>Meeting Schedule for Feb.</p> <p>Motion to Adjourn</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Adjourned</p>
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