

MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING

June 1, 2020

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<p>Chairperson Kyle Belanger called the virtual meeting of the South Hadley School Committee to order at 6:00 pm.</p>	<p><b>Call to Order</b></p>																		
<p>Present: Kyle Belanger, Chairperson; Allison Schlachter, Vice Chairperson; Charles Miles; Christine Phillips; Allyson Garcia; Maddy Foley, Student Representative Also, present: Dr. Diana Bonneville, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent</p>	<p><b>Attendance</b></p>																		
<p>Chairman Belanger entertained a motion to approve the March 16, 2020, moved by C. Phillips and seconded by Allison Schlachter, motion passes unanimously. Chairman Belanger entertained a motion to approve March 30, 2020 pending edit to remove Beth Craven from minutes, moved by Christine Phillips and seconded by Charles Miles, motion passes unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p>																		
<p>On a motion by Christine Phillips, and seconded by Charles Miles, the School committee approved the following Accounts Payable Warrants; motion carried unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Approval of Warrants</b></p>																		
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<p>Chairman Belanger wanted the School Committee to know he was passing information from the Collaborative on to them for review.</p>	<p><b>Reminder</b></p>																		
<p>Allison Schlachter and Christine Phillips reported on the Superintendent Search Committee meeting. They held Focus Groups via Zoom. They collected data from the Focus Groups which they will use for writing questions for the Superintendent interviews. The Superintendent Search Committee have planned future Focus Groups: June 10 Teachers with Tara Cole and Jodi Alatalo June 18 Students with Emma Manzi, Phillip Wegman and Kaily Godek July 16 with Jess Plotniak and Robert Stackow -Bring your concerns July 29 with Allison Schlachter and Christine Phillips-Academics and Extra-curricular They will begin at 7:00PM on Zoom for 1 hour, and the committee is also considering better advertising through Facebook, the School district page, maybe SCTV15 Bulletin Board, and email staff directly. Broad participation was encouraged.</p>	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Superintendent Search Committee Report</b></p>																		
<p>Chairman Belanger read an email from Darlene Sullivan, who is a Special Education Teacher in the PreK at Plains, who advocated for her PreK rates to keep peer partners intact. The tuition rate that was agreed upon at the School Committee meeting was much higher than the one we discussed with the team and Mrs. Cook, which was \$6.25 per hour. The cost for South Hadley is \$24.00 a ½ day, \$57.00 for full day, which breaks down to \$325.00 a month for ½ day and \$780.00 a month for full day which would</p>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>																		

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have to cover snack at school. The rates set by the School Committee were significantly higher than other districts and daycare centers.

MTA is asking for a signature from the School Committee to request Funding during the COVIC -19 time In the upcoming academic year students will need advanced education opportunities , technology needs, health & guidance services and this need will exist in every school district. It is the federal, state and local governments responsibilities to make sure all students receive the best education that the constitution entitles, that's why SHEA and SHSC support the following:

-Congress should approve level funding for states and local government in response to this pandemic economic crisis. Raising revenues if needed, so they can fulfill their duty to educate our students.

-Massachusetts Legislators and Gov. Baker should find public education PreK – college to make it the same level it was before to stay the same as we recover from this pandemic.

- Cities and towns should continue to fund our public schools.

Charles Miles makes a motion to accept joint resolution in support of education from SHSC and SHEA. Seconded by Allison Schlachter, motion passes unanimously.

Dr. Bonneville let everyone know that School Choice slots are open and are filling quickly. Official paperwork for the SWIG grant has been submitted and we have been awarded 4 water stations. U.S. News has reported SHPS ranks 146 in the state and 3,796 in the nation. The Cares Act has given us \$175,000, which will be used for PPE supplies and Chromebooks first. We have consulted with Mike Sullivan and Sharon Hart about our PPE needs. A joint meeting with the Board of Health should be considered later this summer. Summer school guidance should be coming tomorrow.

-Congratulations PreK wraps up on Thursday.

- Rumor mills should stop, and emails and questions should come to the School Committee with questions.

-Chief Gunderson & the South Hadley Police Department are empathetic and top notch.

-Encourage a broader view of diversity and hiring practices.

-Encourage a curriculum review of history and social studies for a history reflective of diversity.

-Juneteenth- June 19<sup>th</sup> the day that slavery was abolished. Should be added to the school calendar.

-Suggested diversity and culture task force.

Chairman Belanger makes a motion as June 19, 2020 as Juneteenth. Seconded by Allison Schlachter and seconded by Charles Miles, motion passes unanimously.

Maddy Foley filled us in on upcoming events at the SHHS. Mrs. Wood and Mr. Lemieux will have Google Meet with the School Council and incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders to field questions about transitioning to the SHHS in the fall.

-State has provided guidance, not mandated about summer school and fall reopening.

-Safety for everybody, ¼ of school parents feel unsafe about returning to school.

Fluidity and guidance can change very rapidly. Equity , services and technology will

**SHEA Report**

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<p>be important. We want to address learning gaps, especially in math, as well as assess social emotional needs of all students at all grade levels.</p>	
<p>Dr. Bonneville reviewed all of the potential phases and scenarios of potential school openings for the fall. Please see attached.</p>	<b>Fall Contingency Plans</b>
<p>Mosier and Plains Schools have no changes to their Codes of Conduct for 2020-2021. The SHHS has removed Saturday detention since restorative practices began. The SHHS will have running grades next year. Parking spots will be assigned and hang tags will be issued with spot # coinciding, which will define student parking. Chairman Belanger entertained a motion to accept the SHHS Code of Conduct updates for 2020-2021. Allison Schlachter moved, and Charles Miles seconded, motion carries unanimously.</p>	<b>Approval of codes of Conduct</b>
	<b>Vote</b>
<p>Middle School has minor changes added to their FY21 Code of Conduct which were reviewed; (failure to attend an assigned detention; improper use of electronics; and throwing food). Social probation was discussed. David Gallagher, Liz Wood and Pat Lemieux have talked about bringing Restorative Practices to the Middle School, with Pat and Liz willing to train the teachers and staff at MESMS. Chairman Belanger entertained a motion to approve the changes to the MESMS Code of Conduct for 2020-2021. Charles Miles moved, and Allyson Garcia seconded, motion carries unanimously.</p>	<b>Vote</b>
<p>Mosier has no changes to their FY21 Code of Conduct but would like Restorative Practices modeled down to the lower levels. Chairman Belanger will entertain a motion to accept Mosier Code of Conduct for 2020-2021. Charles Miles moved, and Christine Phillips seconded, motion passes unanimously.</p>	<b>Vote</b>
<p>Plains has no changes to their FY21 Code of Conduct. Plains has a great PBIS program woven into the school and is very strong. Chairman Belanger entertained a motion to accept the Code of Conduct for Plains for 2020-2021. Allyson Garcia moved, and Charles Miles seconded, motion passes unanimously.</p>	<b>Vote</b>
<p>Summer Schedule of meetings for School Committee: June 15 July 6 July 20 Aug. 3 Aug. 17 Additional meetings will be planned accordingly.</p>	
<p>We have not received our Transportation Report from Cathleen Cavanaugh about The Special Education transportation audits. Charles Miles and Christine Phillips have met and have received ballpark numbers on purchasing 4 PreK vans or full-size school buses and where we would land with numbers. There is a great deal of data to sort through before budgetary issues are addressed.</p>	<b>Transportation</b>

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<p>Christine Phillips encouraged Dr. Bonneville to sign off on Special Education busing and advocate for bus monitors instead of using Vanpool, as well as transportation checklists at IEP meetings.</p> <p>Negotiations with Five Star &amp; Van pool: 5 Star: DESE has asked for all school systems to pay a percentage to keep the company functioning and have drivers for the fall. 52% keeps them paying overhead costs, staffing in the office and a regular schedule for the fall.</p> <p>Vanpool: they did not lay off their drivers, 75% for regular runs and 60% for van runs. School Committee need to know immediately if the numbers are going over budget . Chairman Belanger entertained a motion to approve Dr. Bonneville to negotiate with Vanpool and 5 Star. So moved by Charles Miles, seconded by Christine Phillips, motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>We are looking at open PO's that could be closed and those funds could be put aside for next years budget. We have received multiple quotes for Chromebooks, and we have an initial order coming in. Dr. Bonneville is exploring insurance for Chromebooks and a revolving account for repairs and replacements.</p> <p>Graduation plans do change slightly with guidelines and it does not include a formal event like Bachelorette. Graduation must be outside with no contingency of moving inside. We are not able to use the turf field, it is 10% warmer than the air temperature, and we do not want to damage the turf setting up chairs and a stage at a high cost to repair. We will be on the lower field and meeting with Dan Pease about the sound system. We can set up the graduates with 6 feet social distancing and family pods of 3 on the back field with social distancing. Graduation will have pre-registering; masks will be mandatory with only immediate family. We will have porta potties and hand sanitizing stations. With 140 graduates we will be able to accommodate 3 family members. They will pre-register, have a check in station before proceeding to their 3 pods of chairs. We will have police officers at each entrance, to ensure people are following the social distancing protocols. Liz will have to sanitize the podium between speakers. Liz will script the agenda as graduation proceeds, because there will be no rehearsal. There is a rain date on August 8<sup>th</sup>. All of these plans hinge on the Board of Health's approval and we are cautiously optimistic with that amount of people we can maintain the guidelines. We plan to meet with Sharon Hart this week to share the plans with her.</p> <p>School Committee is concerned about the back log of Special Education meetings that have been missed and pulling students for services when we return to school.</p> <p>This concludes the public part of the School Committee and we will proceed to the Executive Session. We will not be returning after the Executive session.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on June 15, 2020 @ 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Vote</b></p> <p><b>Budget Update</b></p> <p><b>Graduation Guidelines</b></p> <p><b>Unfinished Business</b></p> <p><b>Executive Session</b></p>
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Chairman Belanger will entertain a motion to proceed to Executive Session, so moved by Allison Schlachter, seconded by Charles Miles, motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 9:33 PM

A true copy:

Diana Bonneville, Ph.D.  
Interim Superintendent of Schools

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Next Meeting**