

MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING

June 15, 2020 @ 6:00PM

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<p>Chairperson Kyle Belanger called the Regular Meeting of the South Hadley School Committee to order at 6:00p.m.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>									
<p>Present: Kyle Belanger, Chairperson; Allison Schlachter, Vice Chairperson; Charles Miles; Christine Phillips; Allyson Garcia; Maddy Foley, Student Representative</p> <p>Also present: Diana Bonnevill Ph.D, Interim Superintendent</p>	<p>Attendance</p>									
<p>Approval of Minutes: April 6, 2020, April 9, 2020, April 20, 2020, May 4, 2020 Chairman Belanger will entertain a motion to approve the minutes with two edits (Dean Carey, Carey injured) Charles miles moved and seconded by Allyson Garcia</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p>									
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<p>Christine Phillips made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Allyson Garcia, motion passed unanimously.</p>										
<p>Christine Phillips spoke about continuing with the Focus Groups. On June 10th, we completed the Focus Group with the teachers and Lead teachers and building leaders were held, which went very well. This data will be used to create questions for our Superintendent interviews. In the upcoming weeks we will have Focus groups on academics and extracurricular activities. It has been pleasant having people being honest and open in the tone they would like to see this new district leader set.</p>	<p>Superintendent Search Committee</p>									
<p>Christine Phillips read an email from Sara and Andy Yee, We would like to voice our dissatisfaction with the recent decision by the Town Committee to reject the graduation plans for June 7th. As parents our heavy hearts have been heavy all day with the news. We know that our senior, Bella is not alone with her feelings of disbelief and disappointment. We are more disgusted with the timing of this decision, as families were still reflecting on the outpouring of enthusiasm and support shown to our students at the parade on Saturday. The wind was taken out of our sails to say the least. We are dismayed that the decision was made so abruptly, with only 7 weeks from the proposed date. We know our School Committee will seek the answers and the explanation on behalf of the Class of 2020. Thank you for your time, Andy and Sara Yee.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>									
<p>Christine Phillips read another email from Isabella Yee. Dear School Committee, I am the President of the class of 2020. As the leader of the class, I need to bring forth and amplify the voices of our student body. To say this has been a hard year is an understatement, together we have faced setback after setback, during this tragic pandemic and we desperately seek a victory. Graduation has historically been time for the class and community to celebrate our accomplishments. Where other alternatives such as a virtual ceremony are indeed possible, nothing compares to the sense of togetherness a face to face event yields. We ask that you hear our voices and can come up with a solution. Thank you for giving us the platform to voice our concerns, we appreciate your efforts and we hope we can impact positive change for our community. Thank you, Isabella Yee, President of the Class of 2020.</p>										
<p>Scott Beaulieu has been watching the information from the state and is grateful to be working collaboratively, with the Administration and the School Committee.</p>	<p>SHEA Update</p>									

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<p>Chairman Belanger was impressed with all the parent support and taping from SCTV15 and Dan Pease, who were all out to encourage and support seniors in the parade. Town meeting is this week to present the budget that the Admin team along with Dr. Bonneville and Jen Voyik have worked diligently to put together for Wednesday.</p>	<p>Chairman Report</p>
<p>Local Superintendents and Collaborative Educational Services wrote a letter to the editor over the outrage of the death of George Floyd and other black Americans, and how we will strive to find equity and social justice within our classrooms, schools and communities. We are proud of the leadership of our youth and creating lasting change, but we need to listen to them with open hearts and minds.</p>	<p>Superintendent Report</p>
<p>Maddy Foley reported that she and 6 other students participated in an online Zoom with 340 students from other states to work on their reasoning and analytical skills, she really enjoyed it. On June 10th, 5 students and Liz Wood and Pat Lemieux had a Zoom call with the upcoming 8th graders. They were given a virtual tour of the high school and asked questions to smooth their transition to the high school. Also, seniors picked up their caps and gowns on Friday so that they could wear them in the parade on Saturday.</p>	<p>Student Representative</p>
<p>The Board of Registrars joined the School Committee to discuss the upcoming elections (9/1 & 11/2) during COVID-19. Changes to meet health regulations were discussed, such as decreased booths, social distancing and promoting mail in voting, and having students in school at the same time. Students will be voting and we would like to educate them about early voting. Nicole has been working on getting the message out about the Census and getting a high turn out into the schools to vote. We are hoping to work with the School Department during the summer to get prepared for these two busy days in the schools while students are in school. Carlene Hamlin and her staff would like to work together on this process to make these important dates to go as smoothly as possible.</p>	<p>Board of Registrars</p>
<p>Liz Wood joined the School Committee to talk about the Safety Committee, which is made up of the Chief of Police, Town Administrator and the Board of Health, which did not approve the graduation and baccalaureate as it was planned. Liz Wood met with the Class of 2020 class officers, which still insist on having a face to face graduation. With concerns including mandatory social distancing, lack of parking and porta potties, which is very frustrating for families. We need to refigure how it looks and have it approved by the Safety Committee. Liz received 152 emails from parents. Options were discussed: possibilities are for drive up graduation done in 2 halves at the SHHS, or looking into using St. Theresa's for a drive up graduation with a sound system outside. Other options are the Newton Street lot, Buttery Brook lot, Plains School lot. Graduation is not cancelled!</p> <p>Dr. Bonneville introduced 1:1 chromebook initiative, which would be implemented in all fall scenarios. Cost, insurance policies, coverage and cases were discussed, as well as additional administrative responsibilities for this initiative.</p>	
<p>MASC Funding-State is going to expect schools to expect mandates for supplies. School Committee Resolution being sent to the State Government; to ensure each expense to do this without funds to fulfill reimbursement to schools for COVID-19. Chairman Belanger entertains a motion for State funding to reimburse to schools. Charles Miles moved, A. Schlachter seconded, motion passed unanimously.</p>	

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<p>The Cares Act is allocating the money for Chromebooks, which will have to be ordered right away to have on hand for whatever the fall looks like. Homeless transportation can be paid on the grant and the math Interventionist on the local budget line. Legal budget was budgeted at \$25,000 and it is usually \$35,000. Charles Miles makes a motion to transfer the above amounts, seconded by Christine Phillips, motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>Matt Hoagland spoke about the transportation survey. He advocated for a transportation registration form, which will help with bus routes and getting accurate enrollment numbers.</p> <p>What the district is doing in regards to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion were discussed. The School committee formed a task force to further address these issues, which should be composed of a diverse group of people. The need for a well rounded , diverse Social Studies rubric was noted. Allyson Garcia & Kyle Belanger would like to be on this task force and work with Liz wood and her students.</p> <p>Dr. bonneville gave an overview of how FY20 DIP goals were attained (see attached)</p> <p>FY20- District Improvement Plans GOALS: -Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Continue Security System/Safety● State Police & blindspots at HS/MS external view of school● Infrastructure-upgrades to wireless networking products● District Interactive Technology-modernizing overhead cameras & whiteboards <p>-PD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● PD for becoming a trauma informed schools● Alex Hirshberg-consultant from Levine’s to support students● PD all staff trained by John Sulley-walkthroughs in classrooms, more RBT & differential instructions● PD cultural bias, diversity, stereotypes, bias and identify (Plains family cultural night)● Support Kickboard-empowering staff using strategies to create positive culture <p>-Curr/Inst:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Digital literacy frameworks● Computer Science● Literacy Collaborative focuses on best practices (PBIS)● DIPS for MS/Admin Staff/SHEA and adding 6th block into their schedule. <p>-Vocational Learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● We will be looking to add a Hospitality Management course● Criminal Justice & Early Childhood Program, to collaborate with PreK Program down the road.● Environmental Sustainability● Seal of Biliteracy-School Committee and DESE approved.● Plagiarism and Timber loop- Freshman will get information about this, and maybe looking at this for the Middle School.● Mission statement and new rubrics and common assessment protocols.	<p>Budget Update</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Bus Registration Form</p> <p>District Improvement Plan</p>
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- Social Emotional Learning piece
- Approved stipends to write Curriculum
- Growth Mindset
- District wide RBT training
- Diversity & Culture at Plains School
- TTC Program in all 4 schools
- Behavioral response Team with Alex Hirshberg
- Zen Den at the Middle School

-Business Office Goals:

- Transportation & Copier Review
- Recording from time management uploading- Harper's Digital Timesheets
- Streamlining Business Practices
- Digitizing Documents & cross training between positions.

The School Committee has called on Fred Dupere for guidance indicators. We will follow DESE Superintendent Evaluation Guidelines.

MAP testing Data, School Goals, Professional Development & Communication and Instruction.

Fall Learning & Graduation

There will be no Executive Session this evening.

July 6, 2020 @ 6:00 PM via Zoom

Chairman Belanger will entertain a motion to adjourn, so moved by Allison Schlachter and seconded by Christine Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:52 PM

A true copy:

Diana Bonneville, Ph.D.
Interim Superintendent of Schools

Date approved: _____

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	<p>Performance Review</p> <p>Information Only</p> <p>Next Agenda</p> <p>Executive Session</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Adjourned</p>
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