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<p>Chairperson Kyle Belanger seeing a quorum called to order the virtual Pre-Executive Session to order at 5:30 PM. Chairman Belanger entertained a motion to start the Executive session; Roll call vote: motion passes unanimously. Reconvening @ 6:00 pm out of Executive Session.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>						
<p>Present: Kyle Belanger, Chairperson; Allison Schlachter, Vice Chairperson; Charles Miles; Christine Phillips; Maddy Foley, Student Representative</p> <p>Also, present: Diana Bonneville, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent Allyson Garcia joining late</p> <p>Chairman Belanger entertained a motion to start the Executive Session</p>	<p>Attendance</p>						
<p>Resuming at 6:00 PM out of Executive session for approval of minutes. Minutes- none</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p>						
<p>Christine Phillips made a motion to accept the warrants as read, seconded by Allison Schlachter; roll call vote motion passes 4-0</p>	<p>Approval of Warrants</p>						
<table border="1"><thead><tr><th data-bbox="186 852 245 877">Date</th><th data-bbox="529 852 626 877">Warrant</th><th data-bbox="878 852 976 877">Amount</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td data-bbox="186 884 310 915">8/20/2020</td><td data-bbox="529 884 659 915">Bi-Weekly</td><td data-bbox="878 884 1032 915">\$601,468.21</td></tr></tbody></table>	Date	Warrant	Amount	8/20/2020	Bi-Weekly	\$601,468.21	<p>Superintendent Search Committee</p>
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8/20/2020	Bi-Weekly	\$601,468.21					
<p>The Superintendent Search Committee met August 19th and finished writing all of the interview questions (15+). Collaboration within this 14-member committee has been terrific. The job description is written and will be voted on tonight and then sent to Glenn Coucher for the MASC to post.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>						
<p>This email was filed last week from Michelle Cruz, Esquire, she wrote, “I am grateful for our School Committee and all you do. Parents are frustrated with remote again this year. This model is not the best for students and asynchronous learning to make up time. I have a freshman daughter from on the computer from 7:22-2:22, teaching standards should be 3-4 hrs. I have unenrolled my daughter from SHHS and enrolled her in another program with asynchronous and synchronous learning time”.</p>							
<p>Peggy Courtney wrote, “I have a field hockey player. They have been practicing every Wednesday at the high school. I feel it is safe to let them play now.</p>							
<p>Emma Sanford is a sophomore at SHHS on the soccer and track team and feels that being on these teams like having another family. She hopes the School Committee will continue to let student athletes play.</p>							
<p>Anna Evans, a senior at SHHS, will be devastated not to have a soccer season. Walking onto the field as a senior, even with masks, would be an important part of her senior year.</p>							
<p>Shaun & Kim McFarland have 2 young children, and with the 4-phase plan it puts the health & safety of all students and staff at the forefront.</p>							
<p>Nicole & Phillip Sanford hope that School Committee will vote for students to play sports because it is so important to their health, mood, social emotion needs, and in</p>							

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<p>learning time management. These students have been practicing scrimmaging with no COVID-19 problems. We also would like you to rescind your vote for remote learning since it is not in line with guidelines from the state & DESE websites.</p> <p>Ashton Sanford a senior at SHHS wants fall sports not to be cancelled. MIAA has formed a committee to look into this and feels with the safety protocols that it would be safe to play.</p> <p>Lucy Breen wants you to vote yes to allow fall sports. She has 2 students that have been scrimmaging all summer and it has been fine. Sports have health benefits, such as relieving stress and depression and teaches time management.</p> <p>Alyse Manzi is a senior on the soccer team and feels that soccer is everything to her. The coach is like another parent and your teammates are like a family. Seniors have put so much time into soccer and the MIAA has voted these sports are safe to play with safety precautions. Please vote to let us play sports.</p> <p>Paige Marjanski is a 3-sport athlete and being remote and being apart from her friends and team members has been difficult. We are ready to get back to normalcy. As a senior, she simply asks you to let her play together this fall with her friends.</p> <p>Beth Dibsky wrote, “ I have in child in CT and one child here with two points of view. My son plays baseball and my daughter is a senior and plays sports. If we can take them to the store and do errands with us why can they not play sports?”</p> <p>Lisa Kustovson wrote in support of playing Fall sports. It is healthy for the body and mind; it teaches teamwork and time management and it is a commitment to your team.</p> <p>Chairman Belanger mentioned how marvelous it was to hear individually from the members of the hockey team, who emailed the School Committee to open fall sports.</p>	
<p>Dr. Bonneville announced that we have 3 new hires: Pat Lemieux as the new Interim Principal at Mosier Elementary school Sarah Overgaard as the new 2nd grade teacher at Mosier Elementary School Danielle Miele as the new Special Education teacher at Plains Elementary School Dr. Rosen has resigned after 21 years with South Hadley Public Schools as our School Physician.</p>	<p>Personnel Report</p>
<p>Scott Beaulieu spoke about how well the Professional Development and Google Chat is going for everyone. Teachers are up for the challenge and looking forward to ironing out the details on the MOA.</p>	<p>SHEA Report</p>
<p>Chairman Belanger was impressed about how the student emails about fall sports were so respectful and unaccusatory.</p>	<p>Report of the Chairman</p>
<p>Maddie Foley reported that the National Honor Society will be going with the Conservation Commission to clean up Canal Park on September 3rd while social distancing and using COVID precautions. Two students from the Student Union</p>	<p>Student Representative</p>

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<p>attended a virtual statewide Conference yesterday. Student Union are working on initiatives for social justice and racism. Mrs. Wood, Ms. Cole and Maddie Foley are working on a video about frequently asked questions about student remote learning. We are also creating a survey for High School students interested is running for class officers and Student Council.</p> <p>We are waiting to hear from the collaborative who will be working with the Racial Task Force to hold an audit of racial justice and equity.</p> <p>Charles Miles drafted a letter to Jo Comerford & Representative Carey about Chapter 70 funding which is based on enrollment. Because of homeschooling on the rise and parents putting their students in virtual academies, he was worried about the funding SHPS would receive next year. Due to lower enrollment FY20 funding may be lower. Christine Phillips made a motion to accept the letter written by Charles Miles as is seconded by Allison Schlachter, roll call vote passes 4/0.</p> <p>Charles Miles also drafter a letter to Governor Baker & Secretary Riley for free rapid testing for our students and staff when the return. T. Novick from the Worcester School Committee has also filed this letter. Allison Schlachter moved, and Christine Phillips seconded the motion to accept the letter as written. Roll call vote: motion passes by 4/0</p> <p>Allison Schlachter spoke about the Superintendent job posting with a salary range of \$150,000-\$175,000 with full fringe benefit package. We are currently working with our attorney for his word on the contract wording. Kyle will pass this along to Atty. Dupere. Christine Philips made a motion to vote on the Superintendent job posting as written: seconded by Kyle Belanger; roll call vote: motion passes 4/0</p> <p>COVID-19 metrics – DESE published a COVID map showing South Hadley in the red. Returning special population in October if safety & equity issues can be resolved Returning special population in November with 6ft. social distancing Case counts are based on the counties not towns and percent positive per county. (See Power Point attached)</p> <p>HVAC needs to meet all standards. We have ordered air purifiers in all classrooms and workspaces. Attestation forms for teachers and staff to sign off that you are healthy to be allowed into school. By waiting the 45 day with remote learning, it will give us time to watch schools that have returned face to face or hybrid for any increase in percentage of positive cases.</p> <p>September 18th. we start practicing with games scheduled for October 1. Golf & Field hockey (socially low risk) Field Hockey (girls & boys)medium risk set by MIAA Football & Cheerleading (high risk) Feb 22-April with no state tournament Volleyball-not playing till fall 2 season because of classroom use Spectators were not following social distancing MIAA modifiers Body temperatures over 100.4 (with temp guns)</p>	<p>Racial Justice Task Force</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Superintendent Search Committee Report</p> <p>Interim Superintendent Report</p> <p>Fall Sports</p>
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<p>Cautiously going forward even with low risk. Students need a social aspect and following rules and regulations.</p> <p>Honoring all sports in the fall (drive through event) Soccer (modification) if you approach a referee you receive a red card No corner kicks and no touching. Repeated touching yellow card Field Hockey(modifications) 1 on1 lots of scoring, face mask at all times, penalty for not putting it on. Cross Country (modifications) staggered starts & using chips(time recorded) Ends of Games- no students in buildings, come prepared to play, no locker room Standard Signs of rules for spectators 1 visitor card for games and attestation form must be filled out by spectator.</p> <p>Chairman Belanger entertained a motion for coaching out of season, amended by vote on schedule is now golf, field hockey, boys' and girls' soccer , moving football & cheerleading to wedge 2.Moved by Allison Schlachter; seconded by Christine Phillips Roll call vote: motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>Move coaching out of season sports decided by September 14, 2020. Remote Chorus, remote band & remote drama added back in if sports are being allowed to participate. Chairman Belanger will entertain a motion to allow those activities back if there is an athletic season. So, moved by Christine Phillips; seconded by Charles Miles; roll call vote: vote passes unanimously.</p> <p>If we only use 1 bus for CTech students, they will be on the bus for over an hour so we will have 2 buses for CTech. Five Star will lose drivers if we do not pay our invoices. (Insurance, mechanics, training new drivers). If we do not pay 90%, they could use their clause to walk away. We need to pay (90%) of the payments at this time. 45% of the 90% is driver wages. Jen Voyik will have a MOA for the fall which would include athletic buses in the regular transportation. We would also use buses to delivery meals for families with no transportation and material delivery. The 90% will include no profit to Five Star. And if we do not pay our 90%, Five Star can use their clause to walk away from contract. We will look into exploring options with LPVEC for purchasing our own buses. If we do not pay our percentage to Five Star, they would not start scheduling our buses and the CTech students would have no busing to start school. Chairman Belanger entertained a motion to approve transportation with a Five Star contract; moved by Allyson Garcia; by Christine Phillips; roll call vote: motion passes unanimously. Jen Voyik will bring the MOA to next meeting for language.</p> <p>Meal distribution (2x weekly) anyone enrolled in the school system, sign up and register by next Monday. Parents should complete the google form for each child and continue signing up weekly. Chromebooks and materials will be distributed at each school: SHHS-Friday from 9-6 MESMS- Tuesday from 9-6 Mosier- Wednesday from 9-6 Plains-Thursday from 9-6</p>	<p>Vote</p> <p>Five Star Contract</p> <p>Meal & Chromebook Distribution</p>
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<p>SHHS- Make-ups on Friday Chromebooks from the schools are set up with the program's students will need per grade. The weekly emails from Dr. Bonneville have been very positive and very helpful.</p> <p>Face Covering Protocol – First reading MASC & MA Superintendents -principle of restorative practice will be implemented if policy is not followed.</p> <p>Christine Phillips would like the School Committee to go back to in-person meetings, we would like to be the leader of teachers and students to going back to school.</p> <p>COVID-19 Information & reporting- we would like the IT Department to digitalize it this week.</p> <p>Next Meeting: September 14, 2020</p> <p>Chairman Belanger said that open session of this meeting is finished, he would entertain a motion to move to Executive Session: seconded by Christine Phillips; roll call vote: vote passes unanimously</p> <p>Adjourned at 9:26</p> <p>True copy:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Diana Bonneville, Ph.D. Interim Superintendent of Schools</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date approved:_____</p> <p>do</p>	<p>Face Covering Protocol</p> <p>New Business</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Adjourned</p>
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