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<p>Chairperson Kyle Belanger called the virtual meeting of the South Hadley School Committee to order at 6:00pm.</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 Bonneville, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent</p> <p>Chairman Belanger entertained a motion to accept minutes for August 17, 2020. Moved by Christine Phillips, seconded by Allison Schlachter; roll call vote: motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Christine Phillips made a motion to accept the warrants as read, moved by Allison Schlachter, and seconded by Charles Miles; roll call vote: motion carried unanimously.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Warrant</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>August 25, 2020</td> <td>#2021-42</td> <td>\$392,662.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 2, 2020</td> <td>#2021-49</td> <td>\$123,232.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 3, 2020</td> <td>Bi-Weekly</td> <td>\$647,171.82</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Allison Schlachter gave an update that Glenn Koocher from MASC posted the Superintendent search on September 11th. The Superintendent Search Committee will begin reviewing resumes at their meetings on October 7th & 14th and interviews will be on October 5th & 24th.</p> <p>Corey Briere spoke in person advocating for high needs population to return on October 5th. Prioritize Special Education students with special needs for face to face instruction. The schools must make the best efforts to provide services to these students as much as possible, full time, part time in school or home-based setting. It could be done in the parks, but please step up and help these students.</p> <p>Anne Sobel & Jodi Miller have heard that SHPS will be changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day and they support it. Schools should honor the history, culture and rights of indigenous people on that day.</p> <p>The census is that we had a great 11 days with PD (online teaching, social justice, SEL) and getting our classrooms ready. We are discussing a MOA pertaining to remote / hybrid learning as well as contract negotiations. Everyone is being flexible, and it was great to see students' faces again.</p> <p>Government has made everyone able to receive meals without having to apply until December. We distributed about 275 meals this week, which is about double what we were distributing in the spring. Dr. Bonneville is going to put a regular COVID-19 data report out on a regular basis. In the last 4 weeks our rates have decreased considerably from 1.1% positivity rate to .21%. This week we are having a HVAC Inspection, checking into Co2 for air quality. Air purifiers for each workspace have</p>	Date	Warrant	Amount	August 25, 2020	#2021-42	\$392,662.06	September 2, 2020	#2021-49	\$123,232.89	September 3, 2020	Bi-Weekly	\$647,171.82	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Attendance</p> <p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Approval of Warrants</p> <p>Superintendent Search Committee Report</p> <p>Public Comment</p> <p>SHEA Updates</p> <p>Interim Superintendent Report</p>
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<p>been ordered and are slowly coming in. Remote learning had some issues, which we are trying to address. Parents are advocating for more asynchronous learning in the younger grades. Zoom was muffled with connectivity issues and some students had not picked up their Chromebooks and materials. Teachers are surveying the students to see what their experiences are, and routines are like.</p>	
<p>Chairman Belanger & Allison Schlachter said, “a deepest thank you to Administration, teachers, Dr. Bonneville & Jen Voyik for all your hard work and flexibility.”</p>	
<p>Maddie Foley reported that Student Council held a welcome advisory on Wednesday with all clubs and advisors. Mrs. Casolari put together a program about voting, and Mrs. Wood did “1st Day as a Senior”. Attendance was good, connectivity was bad for some. Student Union made a proposal to have the Collaborative for racial audits in all 4 schools.</p>	<p>Student Representative</p>
<p>Allyson Garcia would like to know if it is necessary to establish a Reopening Advisory Committee. Allyson Garcia is hearing that there is an advisory Committee. The medical group came forward after we decided on how we would reopen school. We have posted for a new School Doctor after Dr Rosen retired. The next Dr. to be hired will be an established and informed MD. That doctor will be hired base on his/her background and expertise. The School Committee does not feel a medical advisory is necessary since we have a school doctor position. The medical advisory would be better suited to assist the Board of Health.</p>	<p>Advisory Committee</p>
<p>Dr. Bonneville advocated for a Phased Reopening on October 5, 2020 for our High Need’s population. SHEA raised safety & equity issues, which are being addressed. However, there is a signed MOA in place that states that we would return our (high needs students to school on November 4.) Parents are informing us their students need services now, since they are seeing regression. Chairman Belanger publicly commends the collaboration between Dr. Bonneville & Scott Beaulieu. Allyson Garcia and Allison Schlachter also agreed with Chairman Belanger that it is a good working relationship. Beth Cooke commented that we have 72 students with high needs, some will not return for in person learning. Certain students need that face to face teaching and services on a regular basis. It is essential to meet the needs of our high needs students.</p>	<p>Phased Reopening for High Need’s Students</p>
<p>Eric Castonguay spoke about Fall sports officially beginning on September 16th if the new COVID numbers were stable. Eric and Liz Wood had decided that Spectators/Caregivers would be kept to (1) family member which would carry a access card per athlete. Athletics would have to hire 3 staff members to man the 3 entrance gates to the field. This would be about (50) spectators for the game and the visiting team would not bring spectators. It would also be helpful to have a caregiver in attendance if there would be an injury during the game.</p>	<p>Fall Sporting Events</p>
<p>Chairman Belanger would entertain a motion to support (1) guardian/caregiver for Fall sports; seconded by Charles Miles; Roll call vote: Vote passes unanimously</p>	<p>Vote</p>
<p>Cheerleading and Football practices & volleyball to the wedge:</p>	

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<p>Football & Cheer are having practices by MIAA, restricted to conditioning and head count pods but no games. Do we need a waiver from attorney for athletic participation?</p> <p>Allyson Garcia made a motion for recommending football & cheerleading practices; seconded by Christine Phillips; Roll call vote; Vote passes unanimously</p> <p>MESMS Improvement Plan-Departments having their part, MCAS Advantages are there Student Learning Initiative.</p> <p>GOALS: New Schedule add 6th block Continue work with PBIS (negative discipline) Behavior Response Team – work with Counselors (with students included in the classroom) Remote learning is not going away anytime soon (working towards improvement for all MS students & parents)</p> <p>Motion to accept MESMS SIP as written: seconded by Christine Phillips; Roll call vote; Motion passes unanimously</p> <p>MESMS Technology-Computer Science Updates Dual with DESE Digital Literacy Computer Science Curriculum 5th & 6th Grade Code.org Discoveries Problem Solving look at problem solving with math & science 5th & 6th Grade Type to Learn-Web Developing for 6th Grade 7th & 8th Scratch-getting away from Digital Literacy and learn coding and game design(variables & exploring STEM careers) 8th Grade hands on-they do not like journaling</p> <p>Christine Phillips made a motion to approve Computer Science updates presented by Lisa Manzi: seconded by Charles Miles; Roll call vote; motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>MESMS Social Studies Updates Curriculum changing frameworks 5th Grade & 8th Grade had the most changes (global picture) 5th Grade Civil Rights and the Revolutionary War (Colonists interacted with Native Americans)</p> <p>8th Grade Government & Civics-comparing & contrasting Black schools & MLK & White Schools. Health Fair- hands on and how to make a change</p> <p>Social Studies Curriculum put out by DESE-Teacher Launch Aligning skills with content Research & student led learning Chairman Belanger would entertain a motion to accept the MESMS Social Studies Curriculum; Allison Schlachter moved; Charles Miles seconded: Roll call vote; motion passes unanimously.</p>	<p>Vote</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Vote</p>
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<p>Face Covering Protocol- DESE 2 and up wear face covering. Here Pre-K -12 will need to wear face covering. Refusal conference with Principal and Principal conferences with parents. Policy- bandanas & gators are not acceptable for (all students & staff)</p>	
<p>Chairman Belanger would entertain a motion to accept the Face covering Policy as amended this evening; moved by Charles Miles; seconded by Allyson Schlachter; Roll call vote: 4/0</p>	<p>Vote</p>
<p>Adeline Mueller asked the School Committee to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day, it is more culturally sensitive and aware. Chairman Belanger made a motion to change Oct 12 to be called Indigenous Peoples Day. Allyson Garcia moved; seconded by Christine Phillips; Roll call vote: motion passes unanimously.</p>	<p>Vote</p>
<p>The Five Star (MOA) Sept-Dec. @ FY20 rate – 90% payment. Five Star will continue insurance, SHPS will pay 90%. All busing will be used by Fall sports and buses will deliver meals for the 1st (40) days of school. #9 Breakdown not payments @ 90% cost. MOA until end of the year, so we can walk away and find other alternatives. Chromebook Insurance- no additional charge, the one insurance will cover you for everything. Technology page/care & use for the Chromebook. IT Dept. how to reach out for technical issues for help.</p>	<p>Budget Update</p>
<p>Facebook & Social Networking -Teachers must not list current SHPS students as friends. Teachers should not give out personal cell phone #s. (Current SHPS Students) First Reading</p>	<p>Social Networking & Facebooking</p>
<p>Curriculum Coordinator- Charles Miles would like to go forward with this and encourage someone who has Curriculum./Grants/ Fundraising to apply. Christine Phillips believes that a Transportation Coordinator is just as important and would save the district money.</p>	<p>Unfinished Business</p>
<p>Next Meeting: October 5, 2020</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p>
<p>Chairman Belanger would entertain a motion to adjourn; moved by Christine Phillips: seconded by Allison Schlachter: Roll call vote: motion passes unanimously.</p>	
<p>Adjourned at 9:26 PM</p>	<p>Adjourned</p>
<p>True copy:</p>	
<p>Diana Bonneville, Ph.D. Interim Superintendent of Schools</p>	

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