



Georgetown School Committee
Thursday, August 30, 2018 6:30PM
Town Hall 3rd Floor Meeting Room
Regular Session Minutes

Barbie Linares, Chairman
Michael Hinchliffe, Vice Chairman
Suzanne MacDonald, Clerk
Cheryl Lachendro
Pamela Lundquist

In Attendance:

Barbie Linares	Superintendent Jacobs	Margaret Maher	Dan Richards
Pamela Lundquist	Dan Richards	Maria Lysen	
Cheryl Lachendro	Collin MacDonald	Lisa Ryer	
Michael Hinchliffe	Jack Tiano	Mike Anderson	

Chairman Linares called the meeting to order at 6:45PM. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call To Order:

Consent Agenda

Chairman Linares read the items included in the Consent Agenda for August 30, 2018 which were Regular Session Minutes of 7/24/2018 and Acceptance of Warrants #06P19, #08P19, #07V19, and #09V19.

MOTION: Pam Lundquist (M. Hinchliffe second) to approve the consent agenda as presented. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

Documents Referenced: Regular Session Minutes of 7/24/2018.

Audiences:

- Approval of FBLA Leadership Conference Field Trip – Lisa Ryer

Lisa Ryer came before the Committee to request approval for a trip to Future Business Leaders of America Leadership Council to be held November 1-3, 2018 in Chicago, IL. Ms. Ryer explained that although the conference takes place in 3 locations, they chose Chicago since it would probably be the most cost effective. This is the only overnight conference that takes place during the school year. They are planning to set up informational flyers around the school for the students and set up a table at the club fair to give them information. The approximate cost per student is \$450.

MOTION: Cheryl Lachendro (M. Hinchliffe second) to approve the FBLA Leadership Conference Field Trip to Chicago, IL November 1-3, 2018, as presented. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

- Introduction of new GMHS Assistant Principal – Maria Lysen

Chairman Linares introduced Maria Lysen, the MHS new Assistant Principal and welcomed her to Georgetown Public Schools.

Administrative Reports:

Chairman Linares explained that the School Committee toured the schools to see how they look for opening day. Pam Lundquist toured the Perley School. She commented that she noticed the new kiosk and new security system

for the entryway. She added that they closed the gap on the ramp for safety reasons. Cheryl Lachendro toured the Penn Brook and said everything looked ready. She noted that the Makerspace classroom was moved to the 3rd floor, since there was a need for an additional classroom. Barbie Linares and Michael Hinchliffe toured the MHS. Chairman Linares explained the changes for both security and the cosmetic updates. Chairman Linares also commented on how much she enjoyed all the additions to the middle high school showing school spirit and pride in their school.

- **August Staffing Report**

Superintendent Jacobs explained that there has been a lot of turnover in the Special Education department and we are still in the process of hiring teachers and paraprofessionals.

- **Opening of District Report**

Superintendent Jacobs recognized Mike Anderson and his team of custodians and maintenance workers for all their hard work this summer. They made sure the schools were cleaned and the grounds were groomed. In addition, they worked on improving the security of the entrances of the Perley School and the Middle High School.

a) **School Reports**

- **School Readiness, Margaret Maher & Dan Richards**

Superintendent Jacobs reported the amount of students on each bus: Red route - 74, Orange route - 71, Yellow route - 78, Green route - 72 and Blue route - 76.

Principal Maher gave an update on the success of the summer camps at the Penn Brook. She also updated the Committee on staffing changes to both the Penn Brook and the Perley and the new curriculum which will be introduced this year. Also, she clarified the peanut and nut policy. The Kindergarten is totally peanut and nut free. The kitchen is also always peanut and nut free. Classrooms are peanut and nut free, if someone in the classroom has an allergy and the tables in the cafeteria are marked peanut and nut free.

Principal Richards explained the MHS is fully hired and is ready to go. Programs will be expanded and they are working with the Penn Brook. Principal Richards also explained his staffing changes. He announced that the Principal's Blog is up and running. He believes communications is very important. A google master calendar has been created for the school, which they have never had before. Principal Richards added that a sensing device has been added to the bathrooms which can detect both vaping and bullying. And lastly, there will be 4 AED units added to the outside fields.

Financial Reports:

a) **Line Item Transfers – Suzanne Sutherland**

Finance & Operations Director Suzanne Sutherland was not present at the meeting, therefore, Superintendent Jacobs reported that there is a need for line item transfers.

MOTION: Michael Hinchliffe (C. Lachendro second) to approve the Line Item Transfers spreadsheet #1-#67 dated 8/30/18 in the amount of \$380,271.00. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

Document Referenced: Line Item Transfers spreadsheet #1-#67 dated 8/30/18 in the amount of \$380,270.00.

New Business:

a) **Acceptance of Field Hockey Donation**

Chairman Linares announced that we have received a \$2,000 donation from an anonymous donor to be used towards the Georgetown Field Hockey Program, specifically the purchasing of new uniforms.

MOTION: Michael Hinchliffe (C. Lachendro second) to accept the donation of \$2,000 from an anonymous donor to be used towards the Georgetown Field Hockey program with gratitude. So voted (4-0) as presented. Motion carried.

b) Acceptance of School Lunch Program Donation

Chairman Linares announced that we have received a \$25.50 donation from an anonymous donor to be used to support families in arrears in the food service program. This group has made donations monthly on a regular basis and we are extremely grateful for their continued commitment to helping to ensure that all students have a regular hot lunch.

MOTION: Michael Hinchliffe (C. Lachendro second) accept the donation of \$25.50 from an anonymous donor to be used by the food services department with gratitude. So voted (4-0) as presented. Motion carried.

a) Approval of Construction of Outdoor Basketball Court

Superintendent Jacobs explained that there were many people involved in the discussion and planning stages of the outdoor basketball court. She added that there has been a lot of support from community members. Superintendent Jacobs requested approval from the Committee to construct outdoor basketball courts in the back of the Perley School where the play structure used to be. The senior center would like have a bocce court and a shuffle board area built in the same area. The Superintendent believes that the courts would enhance the town's facilities and would be great for the students who might enjoy the Youth Rec Center. She said that the town and GAA have agreed to help to the cost, which is currently at approx. \$20,000. The Superintendent said that it is possible that the funds will be donated and not coming from our budget.

MOTION: Michael Hinchliffe (P. Lundquist second) to approve the construction of an outdoor basketball court in the back of the Perley School. So voted (4-0) as presented. Motion carried.

MOTION: Cheryl Lachendro (M. Hinchliffe second) motion to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 at 8:12 PM for purpose of a personnel matter. So voted via role call vote (4-0). Motion carried.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Weiss, School Committee Secretary*