



Georgetown School Committee
Thursday, October 25, 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 Collin MacDonald
Suzanne MacDonald Suzanne Sutherland
Pamela Lundquist Dan Richards
Cheryl Lachendro Margaret Maher

Chairman Linares called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call To Order:

Consent Agenda:

Chairman Linares read the items included in the Consent Agenda for October 25, 2018 which were Regular Session Minutes of 10/11/2018, Safety Subcommittee Minutes of 10/11/18 and Acceptance of Warrants #18P19 and #17V19.

MOTION: Suzanne MacDonald (P. Lundquist second) to approve the consent agenda as presented. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

Documents Referenced: Regular Session Minutes of 10/11/2018 and Safety Subcommittee Minutes of 10/11/18.

Student representative:

GMHS juniors, Gabby Riel, Lili Knapp and Alexis Mussaw, came before the Committee to explain that they are having a non-partisan voting drive, which tries to get encourage people who do not vote in Georgetown, to go out and vote. An email also went out to former students who aren't registered to explain the process of registering and also what an absentee ballot is. They have also used several forms of social media to inform students of activities and events at the school, where they can pre-register (if they have their permit at 16) and also register students who are over the age 18 to vote. They explained that they will also be offering a babysitting service to residents of Georgetown who have small children and come out to vote. This service will allow the parents to drop off their child while they vote. The service will be available from 7:00AM – 8:00PM.

Audiences:

- Approval of Truck Lease – Mike Anderson, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Mike Anderson came before the Committee to request approval of a three year lease/purchase agreement for a dump truck to be used to maintain the school grounds, parking lots, sidewalks and entryways for all 3 schools. The truck they are currently using will not pass inspection and is unsafe to drive. This dump truck will also have the capacity to hold the sander and sand for winter maintenance. The replacement of the current truck was originally approved by the CIP and was scheduled for the fall town meeting, which had been cancelled. Mr. Anderson said that they found the truck from the state bid list. Therefore, they received 3 bids before making a decision. The total purchase price of the truck is \$43,783.70 minus the \$4,000 trade-in value of the previous truck, which leaves a

balance of \$39,783.70 (annual payments of \$13,899.26). Mr. Anderson explained that this first year, the payment will be made from the Facilities Usage account.

MOTION: Pam Lundquist (S. MacDonald second) to approve a three year lease/purchase agreement for a dump truck for the school department as presented by Director of Finance and Operations, Suzanne Sutherland and Director of Buildings and Grounds, Mike Anderson. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

- Superintendent's Award

Superintendent Jacobs announced that she has made her selection for this year's Superintendent's Award. The Superintendent explained that she met with the top 5 students in the class (Alyssa Gaeta, Chloe Martens, Ethan Block, Emma Thompson and Serna Burkinshaw). Although all 5 were very impressive, the Superintendent chose Chloe Martens as this year's recipient. Superintendent Jacobs explained that she chose Chloe not only because she is ranked 2nd in the class, but also for her leadership skills and level of involvement in her school and community. All of Chloe's teachers, coaches and peers all speak highly of Chloe. Chloe is involved in several events and activities, such as Catwalk for Cancer, peer tutoring and peer mentoring. She is involved in the Acceptance Committee and is a member of the Northeast Regional Advisory Student Council. Chloe was involved in the recent high school principal search, she plays the piano and is a captain on the field hockey team. She has also been the School Committee Student Representative for the past 2 years. Chloe has applied to several colleges and hopes to pursue a major in Political Science. As the Superintendent said, the best way to describe Chloe is she is the "total package".

Administrative Reports:

c) Department Reports

- MCAS Results Overview – Collin MacDonald, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

The Superintendent announced that Collin MacDonald, Director of Curriculum & Instruction explained the highlights of the state's new MCAS accountability system at the last meeting. Mr. MacDonald comes before the Committee tonight to present and discuss the performance of students in subgroups as well as how we compared to the state in general.

Mr. MacDonald explained that grades 3-8 participated in the Next Gen MCAS. This was a combination of "Legacy" MCAS questions, new MCAS questions and PARCC questions. Grade 3 completed a paper based test, while Grade 4-8 did a computer based test on Ipads. The test is not timed, but does need to be completed in a school day.

Mr. MacDonald also explained the general trends for the ELA, Math and Science results. He spoke of the new question types and how we compare by districts, and the growth distribution by school. Mr. MacDonald went on to break down the high needs subgroup. He ended with what we are doing to move forward with both the Penn Brook and GMHS.

Financial Report:

a) Student Activity Transfer Request – Suzanne Sutherland, Director of Finance & Operations

Finance & Operations Director Suzanne Sutherland reported that she is requesting approval of increasing the transfer amount in the Penn Brook checking account from \$10,000 to \$30,000 in order to cover the Grade 6 Camp Kieve bills. This increase happens once a year.

MOTION: Cheryl Lachendro (Suzanne MacDonald second) to approve the increase in the transfer amount in the Penn Brook checking account from \$10,000 to \$30,000 to cover the Grade 6 Camp Kieve bills. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

The Superintendent gave an update on the proposed Rec Center. She explained that she met with Newburyport regarding budgeting, since they are beginning to consider what they will need for staff. Also, they have decided not to put down the hot top yet for the basketball court.

Member Lundquist announced that SEPAC will be offering ALICE Training on November 7th at the Georgetown Peabody Library from 6:45-9:00PM conducted by our SRO, Officer Henry Olshefsky.

Chairman Linares announced that there will be a boosters meeting on November 7th that will include an overview of the athletic budget, user fees, etc.

Member Lundquist announced that on November 8th at 6:30 PM there will be a performance of the play, *Four Legs To Stand On*, at the GMHS auditorium. This is sponsored by Georgetown PTA and GeorgetownCARES. This play is an honest look at what happens to families when one of the family members struggles with addiction. There will be a forum after the play that helps raise awareness of how the disease of addiction affects families and how we can help. Tickets are free and can be reserved at <http://www.georgetown-pta.com/product/four-legs-to-stand-on/>.

MOTION: Suzanne MacDonald (C. Lachendro second) to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 at 8:05 PM for purpose of litigation. So voted via role call vote (4-0). Motion carried.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Weiss, School Committee Secretary*