



Georgetown School Committee
Thursday, October 11, 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 Mandy Maguire-Stirk
Michael Hinchliffe Suzanne Sutherland
Suzanne MacDonald Dan Richards
Pamela Lundquist Margaret Maher
Cheryl Lachendro Collin MacDonald

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 11, 2018 which were Regular Session Minutes of 9/27/2018 and Acceptance of Warrants #16P19 and #15V19.

MOTION: Michael Hinchliffe (S. MacDonald second) to approve the consent agenda as presented. So voted (5-0). Motion carried.

Documents Referenced: Regular Session Minutes of 9/27/2018.

Chairman Linares asked to acknowledge Malcom Fraser who passed away recently. Mr. Fraser spent 40+ years teaching in both Triton Regional High School and Georgetown High School. He was honored to be recognized as teach of the year at Georgetown High School before his retirement in 2006. He was also inducted into the Massachusetts Hall of Fame for Science Educators. Mr. Fraser also spent many years coaching.

Student representative:

Student representative Chloe Martens announced that the sports teams are doing well, especially golf. The Superintendent added that Dewitt Purcell and Kyle Chorzewski were competing in the CAL Golf Tourney today. It was announced that homecoming was cancelled for tomorrow due to the PSATs. They are looking at new dates. National Honor Society is getting ready for the auction in November. Student Council will be starting to organize the CatWalk for Cancer. And the Superintendent announced that the junior class will be volunteering to babysit for any residents who are coming to vote with small children.

Audiences:

- Approval of Leadership Camp Field Trip to Kieve – Mandy Maguire-Stirk

Chairman Linares introduced Mandy Maguire-Stirk. Ms. Maguire-Stirk is the acting 8th Grade Team Leader and came before the Committee to request approval of the 8th Grade leadership camp field trip to Camp Kieve. This three day trip to Maine has become a tradition for the Middle School students. Ms. Maguire-Stirk explained that they are planning on 5 chaperones attending. At this time, the cost is approx. \$200 per student. They are in the

process of booking buses. Ms. Maguire-Stirk added that the PTA approached her and offered to possibly contribute money either towards the Kieve field trip or to the Cedardale end of year celebration.

MOTION: Cheryl Lachendro (M. Hinchliffe second) to approve the 8th grade trip to Camp Kieve from May 28 - 30, 2019, as presented by Mandy Maguire-Stirk. So voted (5-0). Motion carried.

- Declaration of Perley Surplus Books

Chairman Linares explained that Mike Anderson is not present at tonight's meeting, but has submitted paperwork to have some books that are stored at the Perley School declared as surplus. These books are from the 1970s – 1980s, are in very poor condition and have not been used in many years.

MOTION: Suzanne MacDonald (C. Lachendro second) to declare the multiple books from the Perley School and the Middle High School as surplus and remove them from inventory, as presented. So voted (5-0). Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

b) School Reports

- MHS Accreditation Report – Dan Richards, Principal GMHS

The Superintendent introduced Dan Richards, Principal of GMHS, who came before the Committee to discuss the MHS Accreditation Report. Principal Richards presented slides that highlight some of the commendations and recommendations that were cited by the NEASC visiting team. Principal Richards presented the 7 standards and explained there would be a 2 year and 5 year report. The Commission has not yet informed us about the status of our accreditation, but the Superintendent fully expects the commission to grant GMHS full accreditation without warning on any standards. We expect to hear from the commission this fall or early winter and the next visit will be in 2027.

c) Department Reports

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

The Superintendent announced that Collin MacDonald, Director of Curriculum & Instruction will be explaining the highlights of the state's new MCAS accountability system. Mr. MacDonald explained that last year was a baseline and that this year they have combined the scores using a completely new point system and set of criteria. Mr. MacDonald discussed highlights for 2018, accountability indicators, weighting of accountability indicators, normative component, criterion-referenced component, categorization of schools and categorization of districts. Mr. MacDonald will present additional information at the next School Committee meeting on October 25th, where he will explain the more specific results that lie underneath these summary reports.

Financial Report:

a) Line Item Transfers

Finance & Operations Director Suzanne Sutherland reported that there is a need for line item transfers.

MOTION: Michael Hinchliffe (C. Lachendro second) to approve the Line Item Transfers spreadsheet #68 - #132 dated 10/11/2018 in the amount of \$262,642.02. So voted (5-0). Motion carried.

b) Draft FY20 Budget Calendar

Finance & Operations Director Suzanne Sutherland announced that she is still waiting for final dates from Wayne Snow and this copy that has been presented is only a draft.

New Business:

a) Acceptance of Donation from Georgetown PTA for Grade 3 Plimoth Plantation Field Trip

The annual third grade trip to Plimoth Plantation is scheduled for October 22, 2018. The PTA will help offset the cost of the trip by generously donating \$1,000.00 towards it.

MOTION: Suzanne MacDonald (M. Hinchliffe second) to accept the donation of \$1,000.00 from the PTA to offset the cost the third grade trip to Plimoth Plantation, as presented. So voted (5-0) as presented. Motion carried.

b) Potential School Committee Meeting Topics 2018-2019

The Superintendent explained that the administrative team met and made a few suggestions for the School Committee topics. They had a few questions and were requesting clarification for additional information regarding the following:

1. The special education presentation
2. RTI
3. The new courses at GMHS

Member Lachendro announced that Safety Subcommittee met today. She said that buses have been doing well and we have only had a few issues. Safety protocols were discussed. Also, the “See something Say Something” and the Gaggle app are up and running. She also announced that they have been testing the new vape detection system in bathrooms.

The Blizzard Bags Study Committee met. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19th.

The Sports Boosters Committee has met and the have voted Shannon Dow, President, Kelly Coye, Treasurer and Chairman Linares as Secretary.

Tom Stewart came before the Committee to give a SEPAC update. The Trick or Trunk event is scheduled for Saturday, 10/13. The rain date is Sunday 10/14. If there is a need to reschedule, the decision will be made by early Saturday morning. Mr. Stewart thanked all the sponsors and explained that they have exceeded \$3,500 in donations. Mr. Stewart also distributed the meeting and workshop schedule.

MOTION: Suzanne MacDonald (C. Lachendro second) motion to adjourn at 8:56PM. So voted (5-0). Motion carried.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Weiss, School Committee Secretary*