



Georgetown School Committee
Wednesday, May 15, 2019 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	Dan Richards	Kerry Lee
Suzanne MacDonald	Margaret Maher	Corey Chenette	
Cheryl Lachendro	Jack Tiano	Hope Doran	
Pamela Lundquist	Collin MacDonald	Joanne Wilson	

Chairman Linares called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call To Order:

Barbie Linares - present
Michael Hinchliffe - no
Suzanne MacDonald - present
Cheryl Lachendro - present
Pamela Lundquist - present

Consent Agenda:

Chairman Linares read the items included in the Consent Agenda for May 15, 2019 which were the Regular and Executive Session Minutes of 4/25/19, Governance Subcommittee Minutes of 3/25/19 and Acceptance of Warrants #44P19, #46P19, #45V19 and #47V19.

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

Documents Referenced: Regular and Executive Session Minutes of 4/25/19, Governance Subcommittee Minutes of 3/25/19.

Student representative:

Chloe Martens, the student representative, was not present. Chairman Linares gave an update in her absence. The Chair explained that the meeting was moved last week due to the middle school and high school choral concert. She gave a brief update on the concert and congratulated Kaitlin Donovan on such a beautiful performance. Town elections were held this past Monday. The Chair congratulated Cheryl Lachendro for being re-elected to another term.

Audiences:

c) Other
- WRAP Committee Update – Corey Chenette, Hope Doran, Joanne Wilson & Kerry Lee

The Weather Related Action Plan Committee came to update the School Committee on their weather related action plan study. The committee consisted of the Superintendent, 2 School Committee members, a Principal and Assistant Principal, teachers from both the elementary and middle high school and community members. The committee explained that they surveyed both teachers and parents for their study. After collecting the survey

results, a proposal has been put together. The proposal includes roles and responsibilities for all staff, work expectations, time expectations, and grading policies. They also included student roles, how long they would have to finish the assignment, and how would the students with IEP's be graded, etc. The teacher survey had 46 participants and the parent survey had 149. Key concerns were the amount of time to pass in the assignment, what if a student needs help with the assignment, how would the assignment be accessed and how would the assignments be graded. If a student should not participant, then they would be counted as an absence. The timeframe that a student would need to turn in the assignment would be up to 5 school days. There was a discussion regarding special education and how they were planning to handle special services. If there was to be a pilot year next year, the committee said they would review the policy at the end of the year and adjust it accordingly.

MOTION: Pam Lundquist (C. Lachendro second) to approve the WRAP Proposal as a pilot program for 2019-2020 as presented. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

c) Department Reports

- Health and Wellness Committee Update – Collin MacDonald

Collin MacDonald came before the Committee to give an update on the Health and Wellness Fair. The fair was another big success this year and was very well attended. The Health and Wellness Committee, led by school nurses Mary Beth Doherty and Kathy Hatch, met 3 times this year and are focused on the Wellness Policy and educating the public on ways to stay healthy. Mr. MacDonald also gave an update on the new curriculum program – Too Good for Drugs. He said that this is going well at the MHS and the students are very engaged with the program. Letters will be sent home to Penn Brook parents informing them of the program and when it will be starting.

Pam Lundquist gave an update on the legislative advocacy day, A Day on the Hill, that she attended at the State House. Several legislators, as well as Suzanne Bump the State Auditor, spoke. Member Lundquist mentioned that 20 different vocational schools sent their students to provide the lunch. In the afternoon, Member Lundquist met with Representative Mirra and Senator Tarr and in her discussions, she brought up public education funding and tobacco product regulations at the state level with the legislators.

Jack Tiano gave an update on the tiered focused monitoring review from DESE. He explained that the State has accepted our action plan and a copy of the report would be given to the School Committee for their review.

Budget & Finance Subcommittee: The subcommittee is scheduled to meet next week, Wed. May 22nd at 12:30 pm.

Governance Subcommittee: There is a meeting scheduled for next week. The committee is continuing to work on gender policy.

Safety Subcommittee: The subcommittee met last Thursday and discussed concerns of school safety during the upcoming election day. Also they discussed the success of the ALICE drills.

SEPAC: Member Lundquist announced that the Shining Star Awards will be at held at Jeff and Maria's on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 pm. In addition, Officer Olshefsky will speak with parents regarding ALICE Training at the Georgetown Peabody Library on Tuesday, June 11th at 6:45 pm.

New Business:

a) Donation for Penn Brook Music Program – Georgetown Music Parents

The Georgetown Music Parents group has made a donation in the amount of \$500.00 that will help fund a day-long dance workshop presented by Hunt and Allison Smith to teach students in grade K-6 traditional New England style folk dancing.

MOTION: Cheryl Lachendro (S. MacDonald second) to accept the donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Georgetown Music Parents in support of the Penn Brook music program, with gratitude. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

b) Donation for Walden Woods Project Field Trip – Georgetown PTA

Kerry Lee and Chris DiFranco along with 54 students and 5 chaperones will be attending a field trip to Walden Pond as part of the Walden Woods Project. The PTA has made a donation of \$532.30 to help support this.

MOTION: Cheryl Lachendro (S. MacDonald second) to accept the donation of \$532.30 from the Georgetown PTA for the Walden Woods field trip, with gratitude. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

c) Donation for Penn Brook Grade 4 Field Trip to Museum of Science – Georgetown PTA

The Georgetown PTA has made a donation in the amount of \$824.56 to support the Penn Brook 4th grade field trip to the Museum of Science.

MOTION: Suzanne MacDonald (C. Lachendro second) to accept the donation of \$824.56 from the Georgetown PTA to support the Penn Brook 4th grade field trip to the Museum of Science, with gratitude. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

d) Last Day of School – June 20, 2019

Due to the need for 1 snow day during this school year, the adjusted last day of school will be a half day on Thursday, June 20, 2019.

MOTION: Cheryl Lachendro (P. Lundquist second) to designate the last day of school on Thursday, June 20, 2019 as a half day as presented. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

Upcoming Events:

The Superintendent announced that the Georgetown Youth Community Council (GYCC) will have a meeting on Monday, May 20th at 6:00 pm at Perley.

The Senior Showcase will take place on Friday, May 24th at 7:00 pm in the GMHS auditorium.

The GMHS's annual Spring Art Show will be on Wednesday, May 29th at 6:00 pm. Admission is free.

The Chair announced that the School Committee reorganization which is usually done in one of the spring meetings, will be done at the first meeting in fall instead.

MOTION: Cheryl Lachendro (P. Lundquist second) motion to motion to adjourn at 8:23 PM. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Weiss, School Committee Secretary*