



**Georgetown School Committee**  
**Tuesday, February 26, 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**

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**In Attendance:**

Barbie Linares                      Superintendent Jacobs                      Margaret Maher                      David Bodgen  
Suzanne MacDonald              Suzanne Sutherland                      Dan Richards                      Shannon Dow  
Cheryl Lachendro                      Jack Tiano    Kelly Coye  
Pamela Lundquist

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

**Call To Order:**

**Consent Agenda:**

Chairman Linares read the items included in the Consent Agenda for February 26, 2019 which were Regular Session Minutes of 12/13/19, 1/10/19, 1/24/19, Public Relations Subcommittee Minutes of 1/22/19, Governance Subcommittee Minutes of 1/29/19, Negotiations Subcommittee Minutes of 2/6/19 and Acceptance of Warrants #32P19, #34P19, #33V19 and #35V19.

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

Documents Referenced: Regular Session Minutes of 12/13/19, 1/10/19, 1/24/19, Public Relations Subcommittee Minutes of 1/22/19, Governance Subcommittee Minutes of 1/29/19, Negotiations Subcommittee Minutes of 2/6/19.

**Student representative:**

Chloe Martens, the student representative, was present and announced that the Cat Walk for Cancer has been cancelled. The hockey tournament is tonight at 8 pm in Stoneham. Boys Basketball game is tomorrow at 7 pm and there will be a fan bus going. Please see Mr. Browner, Athletic Director, if interested. The drama group will be attending the Drama Fest this Saturday. The Superintendent added that \$14,000 was raised with proceeds from the musical. These funds will go back into the program. The Disney trip is approaching.

**Audiences:**

c) Other

**- Kiwanis Request - David Bogdon & Roger Mercaldi**

David Bogden, President of Georgetown Kiwanis Club, came before the committee to request construction of a storage shed on the Penn Brook School property. If the School Committee approves this request, the Kiwanis will then go before the building department and the conservation committee for final approval.

**MOTION:** Cheryl Lachendro (S. MacDonald second) to approve the Kiwanis Club of Georgetown's request to construct a 16' x 20' storage shed on the Penn Brook School property as presented. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

- Sports Boosters – Shannon Dow

Sports Boosters President Shannon Dow and Treasurer Kelly Coye came before the committee to present an update regarding the all sports boosters. Lisa Cherwek will be the Vice President and Barbie Linares will be Secretary. Ms. Dow explained that the booster's is a volunteer based non-profit organization comprised of parents of student athletes. They explained that the booster's agenda is to support Georgetown athletics and Royals pride. Website and social media has started and informational flyers have been distributed. They will be meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at the GMHS. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>. Additional information is available on their website, [www.GeorgetownRSB.com](http://www.GeorgetownRSB.com).

**Administrative Reports:**

b) School Reports

- Approval of MHS Program of Studies/FY19 New Course Update – Dan Richards

Principal Dan Richards explained he asked all teachers for their input for the program of studies. Once he reviewed the results, they have decided to add a new course, AP Psychology in the Social Studies Department. This class is geared towards 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Principal Richards added that this is a great entry into an AP course if you have never taken an AP class before.

**MOTION:** Cheryl Lachendro (S. MacDonald second) to approve a new course, AP Psychology, to the 2019-2020 Georgetown High School Program of Studies as presented by Principal Dan Richards. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

Document Referenced: MHS Program of Studies/FY19 New Course Update

**Old Business:**

a) Discussion and Approval of FY20 School Budget

Superintendent Jacobs presented the proposed FY20 budget of \$15,834,278, which is a 4.9% increase over the current revised FY19 budget. The Superintendent explained the increase is due to Special Education out of district costs. The Superintendent also explained that this year's circuit breaker is closer to 68%, where it has been closer to 70-72% in past years. The Superintendent believes this budget will allow us to maintain the level of programs and services we currently have, keep our class sizes reasonable, fund necessary operational system and meet contractual obligations. Superintendent Jacobs announced that if this proposed budget is adopted tonight by the Committee, they will be presenting to the Fin Com tomorrow, Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** Cheryl Lachendro (S. MacDonald second) to adopt the proposed FY20 school budget as presented. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

**New Business:**

a) Approval of Georgetown Baseball/Softball Shed

We have received a request from the Georgetown Baseball Program to build an enclosure to the existing storage shed for equipment by the baseball field #1. GAA prefers to have a storage area of their own and are proposing to enclose the overhang area that is in front of the shed by the little league sized field near the road.

**MOTION:** Cheryl Lachendro (S. MacDonald second) to approve the Georgetown Baseball Program request to build an enclosure/storage shed behind the existing garage near baseball field #1 as presented. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

b) Acceptance of Donation for Credit for Life Fair

We have received a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from TD Bank. This donation will support the grant that has also been received. The date of fair is March 22nd from 9 am-12 pm.

**MOTION:** Pam Lundquist (C. Lachendro second) to accept the donation of \$2,000 from TD Bank to be used for the Credit for Life Fair with gratitude. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

c) Approval of Middle School Art Club Line Item

Principal Dan Richards has requested a new line item to be created within the GMHS Student Activity Account for the Middle School Art Club. This would allow the art teachers to conduct fundraisers to support their department.

**MOTION:** Cheryl Lachendro (S. MacDonald second) to approve the request to create a new line item within the GMHS Student Activity Account for the Middle School Art Club as presented. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

d) Draft 2019-2020 School Calendar

The Superintendent explained that although this is an initial discussion, the Committee could make a vote if they are prepared to. The Superintendent announced the proposed start date, professional development dates and proposed last day of school. After some discussion, the Committee decided to adopt the 2019-2020 School Calendar.

**MOTION:** Suzanne MacDonald (P. Lundquist second) to approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar as presented. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

Document Referenced: 2019-2020 School Calendar.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Budget & Finance Subcommittee:** There was discussion for the preschool for next year to reduce 1 classroom, which would include 1 teacher and 1 paraprofessional. They are hoping to have the teacher transfer to Penn Brook since there will be a retirement. There is a need to analyze our model because when we reduce the classrooms and have fewer kids that will mean fewer tuition. The Superintendent said that they have already met with the teachers and the paras at the preschool to explain the situation.

**Negotiations Subcommittee:** The subcommittee is continuing to meet and discuss negotiation with GESA. Dates have been set for the next meetings.

**Governance Subcommittee:** At the last meeting, the Crowdfunding Policy was discussed. This policy is still in draft revision process. They are also working on Transgender Policy, Staff Conduct Policy and Restraint Policy.

**Public Relations Subcommittee:** They are currently in the process of scheduling a meeting.

**Safety Subcommittee:** There was a bus update at the last meeting. There is discussion of online registration for this coming year. There was also an update on the recent emergency at the MHS. The SRO reported on Alice Training that was recently held at MHS, which went really well. Penn Brook will also hold Alice Training, but will be done in stages. GeorgetownCares with the Georgetown Police will be bringing the "Hidden in Plain Site" presentation to the district.

**SEPAC:** Monthly meetings with have been planned.

**MOTION:** Cheryl Lachendro (S. MacDonald second) motion to adjourn at 9:07 PM. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Weiss, School Committee Secretary*

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