



**Georgetown School Committee**  
**Thursday, September 13, 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**

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**In Attendance:**

Barbie Linares	Superintendent Jacobs	Jack Tiano
Michael Hinchliffe	Suzanne Sutherland	Kaitlin Donovan
Suzanne MacDonald	Dan Richards	Mary Hayes
Pamela Lundquist	Margaret Maher	Carolyn Giannini
Cheryl Lachendro	Collin MacDonald	Elizabeth DeVeer

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

**Call To Order:**

**Consent Agenda**

Chairman Linares read the items included in the Consent Agenda for September 13, 2018 which were Regular Session Minutes of 8/30/2018, Executive Session Minutes of 8/30/2018 and Acceptance of Warrants #10P19, #12P19 and #11V19.

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

Documents Referenced: Regular Session Minutes of 8/30/2018 and Executive Session Minutes of 8/30/18.

**Student rep:**

Chloe Martens reported football won, field hockey won and soccer won last week. The Suissicle is the play this year. Homecoming will be on Oct 12th. There has been positive feedback from the students regarding the two new administrators.

**Audiences:**

**- Approval of PTA 2018-2019 Plan**

The PTA has forwarded to the Committee their proposed plan. They are requesting approval of all their fundraisers listed. Elizabeth DeVeer, PTA Secretary, came before the Committee to explain several of the events the PTA is planning. She also announced they will be having 2 larger fundraisers and several smaller ones. Georgetown-PTA.com is the website if anyone needs any additional information.

**MOTION:** Suzanne MacDonald (M. Hinchliffe second) to approve the PTA Fundraisers for the 2018-2019 school year. So voted (5-0) as presented. Motion carried.

- Approval of All New England Choral Festival Field Trip – Kaitlin Donovan

Choral Director Kaitlin Donovan came before the Committee to request approval to take the entire chorale to the All New England Choral Festival at Plymouth State University on November 1, 2018. Ms. Donovan explained that this year the chorale has been invited to be the guest choir, which is an honor for our school. She will be reaching out to PTA for help with funding and also discussed fundraising.

**MOTION:** Cheryl Lachendro (S. MacDonald second) to approve the All New England Choral Festival Field Trip at Plymouth State University on November 1, 2018, as presented. So voted (5-0). Motion carried.

- Approval of Field Trip to Canada – Mary Hayes

Mary Hayes from the Foreign Language Department came before the Committee to request approval for a trip to Quebec City, Canada from February 1-4, 2019. She is anticipating that 30 students will attend, but is waiting for approval before formally accessing interest. Students would miss 2 days from school, but will be responsible for any work missed. This trip would take place in the middle of the Winter Carnival. Students in all levels of French class will be eligible to attend.

**MOTION:** Pam Lundquist (S. MacDonald second) to approve the proposed trip to Quebec City, Canada February 1-4, 2019, as presented. So voted (5-0). Motion carried.

- Approval of Field Trip to Puerto Rico – Carolyn Giannini

Carolyn Giannini also from the Foreign Language Department came before the Committee to request approval for a 5 day itinerary to Puerto Rico. This would occur over February vacation between February 16-22, 2019. Ms. Giannini is waiting for approval from the Committee before formally accessing how many students would be interested. The tour would be run by EF Tours and the definite dates have not been determined yet, since pricing could be dependent on date of flights.

**MOTION:** Pam Lundquist (S. MacDonald second) to approve the proposed trip to Puerto Rico for 5 days between February 16-22, 2019, as presented. So voted (4-0). Michael Hinchliffe voted no. Motion carried.

**Administrative Reports:**

The Superintendent explained that the bus company is working to resolve the remaining issues with the elementary bus routes.

- Bus Update

The Superintendent explained that the bus company is working to resolve the remaining issues with the elementary bus routes. The MHS bus has low ridership. The elementary buses should have at least ½ of waiting list registered by Monday. The Superintendent mentioned that they are looking into possibly charging a processing fee.

- Recognition in Boston Magazine

Chairman Linares announced that we were recently ranked again in Boston Magazine's Best Public Schools in Boston. Out of 150 high schools in the state, we were ranked 32<sup>nd</sup> and in the North Shore region we ranked 4<sup>th</sup>.

a) School Reports

Summary of College Admissions – Dan Richards

Principal Dan Richards came before the Committee to answer any questions they may have regarding the recent report he produced about college admissions at GMHS for last year. He said that this will be updated every year since each class profile is different. This is produced through the Naviance software.

## New Business:

### a) Blizzard Bags

Superintendent Jacobs has put a survey out to her colleagues regarding Blizzard Bags. She said that there are several districts that are also studying the advantages and disadvantages. She is requesting input on the following questions:

1. Who uses blizzard bags (extended day)?
2. If they do, do they
  - a. Use a company to provide assignments?
  - b. Publish guidelines and if so what are they? (graded to ungraded, due dates, type of assignments, are they modified for students)
  - c. Post assignments on line and what do they do if students do not have access?
  - d. Issue assignments for teachers if it is a work day for them?
  - e. Require teachers to be on line helping and teaching students and what about teachers who do not teach in the classroom?
  - f. Have a standard for rigor and about how much time do teacher expect students to work on assignments?
  - g. Identify the number of days for snow before using the Blizzard Bags
  - h. What do you like about having Blizzard Bags?
  - i. What are the challenges?
  - j. In your opinion, are Blizzard bags effective?

The Superintendent is suggesting a committee is established to study this issue and decide if this is something our district would like to do. The Committee asked if it was possible to begin the study now and instate the new policy for this year. Michael Hinchliffe, Suzanne MacDonald would like to be on the committee. In addition, they will include the Curriculum Director and several teachers from each of the schools.

### a) Acceptance of Donation of Penn Brook Bench

Superintendent Jacobs explained Georgetown resident Emily Sheahan would like to donate a bench in the memory of Stephen Nazzaro, who passed away unexpectedly last September. Mr. Nazzaro was very active in Georgetown Soccer and this bench would be located by the Penn Brook soccer field.

**MOTION:** Suzanne MacDonald (C. Lachendro second) to accept the donation of a bench in the memory of Stephen Nazzaro to be located by the Penn Brook soccer field. So voted (5-0) as presented. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Suzanne MacDonald (P. Lundquist second) motion to adjourn at 8:30PM. So voted (5-0). Motion carried.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Weiss, School Committee Secretary*