



*Georgetown School Committee*  
Thursday, February 6, 2020 6:30PM  
Town Hall 3rd Floor Meeting Room  
Regular Session Minutes

Barbie Linares, Chairman  
Michael Hinchliffe, Vice Chairman  
Cheryl Lachendro, Clerk  
Pamela Lundquist  
Suzanne MacDonald

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In Attendance:

Barbie Linares	Superintendent Jacobs	Dan Richards
Michael Hinchliffe	Suzanne Sutherland	Margaret Maher
Cheryl Lachendro	Jack Tiano	
Pam Lundquist	Collin MacDonald	
Suzanne MacDonald		

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Chairman Linares called the meeting to order at 6:33PM. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Call To Order:**

Barbie Linares - present  
Michael Hinchliffe - present  
Suzanne MacDonald - present  
Cheryl Lachendro - present  
Pamela Lundquist - present

**2. Consent Agenda**

Chair Linares read the items included in the Consent Agenda for February 6, 2020 which were the Governance Subcommittee Minutes 1/16/20 and Acceptance of Warrants #32P20 and #33V20.

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

**3. Student rep:**

There was no student rep in attendance for tonight’s meeting because the Middle High School was performing The Wizard of Oz. Chair Linares gave a quick update regarding activities at the Middle High School. Tomorrow is GAA basketball youth night and youth players will be allowed free admittance if they wear their jerseys. Also both girls and boys basketball are both home against Rockport. Performances of The Wizard of Oz will be tomorrow evening and Saturday there will be a performance in the afternoon and evening.

**7. Financial Report**

**a) Superintendent’s Recommended FY21 School Budget**

The Superintendent began the discussion by stating that this is a level funded budget. She explained where they would see additional costs for this year.

In addition, the Virtual High School has been added as a place holder. This is still in the discussion stages. The Superintendent answered several questions regarding this and explained that if this program is adopted, there would be a presentation to the school committee.

There has been a request to add in a Music Department head. This position would be used to build the program.

Principal Maher explained why there is a need for an additional full time kindergarten paraprofessional. There was discussion if a part time paraprofessional would fulfill the need. The preference is for a full time position, but Principal Maher said she make work whichever position is approved. There is also an additional Grade 6 position requested. The Chair requested a .4 paraprofessional for the Penn Brook

Member Lundquist questioned the Athletic budget and the Chair added what could we do regarding the coaches' stipends. The Superintendent responded that there was discussion of adding funds, for safety reasons, but unfortunately, they were not able to add to the budget at this time.

Curriculum & Instruction Director, Collin MacDonald informed the Committee that this coming year, the middle school social studies team plans to upgrade curriculum to the new frameworks. He also announced that they have received a grant from Project Lead the Way for \$25,000 over the next 2 years to bring \$15,000 year 1 and \$10,000 year 2.

Budget will be adopted at the next meeting, February 13th

#### **b) Line Item Transfers**

Suzanne Sutherland, Director of Budget & Finance, reported that there is a need for several line item transfers. Member Hinchliffe asked questions regarding large items that were moved.

**MOTION:** Cheryl Lachendro (M. Hinchliffe second) to approve Line Item Transfers #113-#166 dated 1/23/2020 in the amount of \$360,678.20, as presented.

### **10. New Business**

#### **a) Acceptance of Donation from Georgetown PTA for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip**

The second grade will be taking a field trip to Symphony Hall in Boston to see the Boston Symphony Orchestra perform a youth concert. The students will be studying the orchestra instruments in class and will be able to see and hear how they are used in a concert.

**MOTION:** Cheryl Lachendro (S. MacDonald second) to accept the donation from the Georgetown PTA in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be used towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip to Boston Symphony Hall. So voted (5-0). Motion carried.

#### **b) 2020-2021 School Calendar Draft**

The 2020-2021 School Calendar has been presented to the School Committee for their review. Superintendent Jacobs mentioned that she has worked with the administrative team to draft 2 options for the calendar. She explained to the committee that the 2 different options dealt with the opening week of school.

Option 1

2 Full Professional Development Days: August 31 and September 1

First day of school for students: September 2 (which would be 3 school days for students)

Option 2

- 1 Full Professional Development Day: August 31
- First day of school for students: September 1
- Full day off or early release day: September 4
- 1 Full day professional development day: September 23

There was discussion regarding the start date for the 2020-2021 school year. Since Labor Day falls so late this year, September 7<sup>th</sup>, the first day of school should be the week before. There is concern regarding the Friday before. This would normally be no school, but the administration team spoke of their desire to have 3 consecutive school days for the students before the Monday holiday. The Committee discussed their preference to keep the Friday as no school. The Chair stated there will be additional discussion on the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the Professional Development days, but a vote will be taken tonight regarding the start date.

**MOTION:** Michael Hinchliffe (S. MacDonald second) to accept Option 1 and begin the 2020-2021 school year with teachers starting on August 31 and students returning September 2<sup>nd</sup> with Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> as a full day off. So voted (5-0). Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Cheryl Lachendro (S. MacDonald second) motion to adjourn at 8:45PM. So voted (5-0). Motion carried.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Weiss, School Committee Secretary*