



# Georgetown School Committee

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 6:00PM

Virtual ZOOM Meeting  
Special Session Minutes

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

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Virtual Attendance:

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

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This meeting was conducted using ZOOM Technology. Chair Linares called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

**1. Call To Order:**

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

**5. Administrative Reports**

**a) Superintendent's Report**

- April School Vacation

Chair Linares stated that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss whether they will re-evaluate the decision regarding keeping April vacation or to continue with remote learning. Since the meeting last week, some information they originally received changed. Some surrounding districts have changed their minds and are deciding to work through April vacation and feel that continuity of learning is important.

Chair Linares explained that a one question survey went out to staff and parents. This question asked if they wanted to continue with remote learning. There was a lot of response and 77% voted to work through the April vacation break. Several Committee members gave their opinions on whether the break should be taken or not.

Superintendent added that she was on a conference call with the Commissioner and they said they should have a decision and will make an announcement next week on whether the schools will reopen or if they will be closed for the rest of the school year.

Chair Linares announced that the MCAS has officially been cancelled and is not a requirement for this school year. The Superintendent added that they are still working on the seniors last day and plans for graduation and award ceremonies. Principal Richards added that they are waiting for guidance from the state as far as what can be allowed within the social distancing guidelines.

There was a several questions from the public. A student asked if the April vacation was cancelled, would the seniors be finished sooner? Both the Superintendent and the Chair answered that there will be a discussion with the principal and they are still waiting to hear from the Commissioner. Other questions included how is stress affecting the students and teachers and clarification of the survey results, which Chair Linares restated that both 77% of staff and parents both agree that they would prefer to work through April vacation.

**MOTION:** Cheryl Lachendro (S. MacDonald second) motion to move forward with online learning through April vacation recognizing that Monday will not have any assignments and this will make the last day of school for Georgetown School District Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote was taken.

Barbie Linares - yes  
Michael Hinchliffe - yes  
Suzanne MacDonald - yes  
Cheryl Lachendro - yes  
Pamela Lundquist - yes  
Motion carried (5-0)

**MOTION:** Cheryl Lachendro (S. MacDonald second) motion to adjourn at 6:58PM. Roll call vote was taken.

Barbie Linares - yes  
Michael Hinchliffe - yes  
Suzanne MacDonald - yes  
Cheryl Lachendro - yes  
Pamela Lundquist - yes  
Motion carried (5-0)

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Weiss, School Committee Secretary*