



Georgetown School Committee
Thursday, November 14, 2019 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

In Attendance:

Michael Hinchliffe	Superintendent Jacobs	Dan Richards
Cheryl Lachendro	Suzanne Sutherland	Margaret Maher
Pamela Lundquist	Jack Tiano	Mike Anderson
Suzanne MacDonald	Collin MacDonald	

Vice Chair Hinchliffe called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Call To Order:

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

2. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Hinchliffe read the items included in the Consent Agenda for November 14, 2019 which were the Regular Session Minutes of 10/24/19, Safety Subcommittee Minutes of 10/10/19, Budget & Finance Subcommittee Minutes 10/30/19, Governance Subcommittee Minutes 10/31/2019 and Acceptance of Warrants #18P20, #20P20, #19V20 and #21V20.

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

3. Student rep:

The student rep, Caitlin Reale came before the Committee to give an update on events at the Middle High School. The girls track team will be going to States. The cheering team will be competing in the state competition this weekend in North Andover. Play practice has started. Spirit week will start on Monday. Seth Moulton came to speak to the MHS regarding community service. Rachel’s Challenge was presented this week.

4. Audiences

c) Other

- Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School Report – Superintendent Maureen Lynch & School Committee Member Dr. Jo-Ann Testaverde

Superintendent Lynch came before the committee to give an update on Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School. In district enrollment is 1,252. Thirteen years ago they had 200 school choice students now they only 2 choice students. Georgetown is down to 32 students. She went on to explain that the graduation rate is 96.8% and

the drop out is only 0.8%. Graduation rate with students with disabilities is 99%. She explained that there are 23 vocation areas that everyone goes through freshmen year then they chose 1 vocation for the next 3 years. Upon graduation, they receive industry credentials (OSHA, ServSafe certification, etc). Recent grant funding from the State has helped start up new programs. One very popular program is the Allied Health Career program. The Superintendent added that 68% of students continue with college after graduation.

- CIP Priorities

Mike Anderson, Director of Buildings & Grounds, came before the Committee to present the CIP priorities. Mr. Anderson stated that he has met with the Budget & Finance Subcommittee and these are the priorities that have been agreed upon: (1) stage curtain, (2) lawn tractor and (3) stair treads/lockers. The Drama Department has contributed to funding for the replacement of lights. There is a plan for replacing carpets at the Perley. They presented 2 suggestions. Window replacements and the rec center. Maintenance costs at Penn Brook have increased. Mr. Anderson added that the new state inspector is cracking down on our elevators , therefore, we have had to replacement parts for both the Perley and the High School elevators.

MOTION: Cheryl Lachendro (P. Lundquist second) to approve the CIP priorities as discussed and as stated in order of priority for the record as presented. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

5. Administrative Reports

a) Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Award

The Superintendent announced that the winner of this year's Superintendent's Award is Melia Vega. Although the top five students in the class were interviewed, the Superintendent said it came down to the amount of work she does on her own to help make people's lives better. She is ranked 5th in the class and is currently taking 3 AP classes her senior year.

b) Budget Priorities

The following priorities were listed for the upcoming budget, 1) keeping class size down, 2) preschool, 3) technology, 4) virtual high school and 5) the athletic program.

7. Financial Report:

a) First Quarter Financial Report

Finance & Operations Director Suzanne Sutherland reported on the first quarter financial report. Ms. Sutherland reported that everything is fine budget wise so far this year, even though we have had some unexpected maintenances expenses. She added that currently our Special Education lines look good.

b) Line Item Transfers

Finance & Operations Director Suzanne Sutherland reported that there is a need for line item transfers.

MOTION: Suzanne MacDonald (P. Lundquist second) to approve the Line Item Transfers spreadsheet #92 - #112 dated 11/14/2019 in the amount of \$127,061.00. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

8. Subcommittee Report:

The Budget and Finance Subcommittee met regarding upcoming budget goals.

The Governance Subcommittee met regarding two new policies, Crowdfunding and Gender Identity. First readings for both will be discussed tonight.

We are currently scheduling negotiations for custodians and café workers.

The Safety Subcommittee met today. They spoke to the bus company regarding behaviors of students on bus. They also brought up the upcoming Alice drill at Penn Brook. They are thinking of having it December or early spring, especially for new teachers, etc. CPR trainers are no longer at the fire department, so we will need to retrain. MMH will also have an Alice drill soon.

The next SEPAC meeting will be December 13th.

The PTA brought forward enrichment opportunities to Penn Brook trying to include arts with social emotional. They could potentially fund all the programs. They are asking to help for funding of Chromebooks for 3rd grade. The PTA has agreed to contribute. They also funded Rachels Challenge at the MHS and another successful book fair.

10. New Business

a) Approval of Running Club Stipend

A new Running Club has been established at the GMHS. A \$600 stipend has been requested for the advisor of this pilot year club.

MOTION: Pam Lundquist (C. Lachendro second) to approve a stipend of \$600 for the Advisor of the Running Club at GMHS. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

c) Approval of Arabic/Middle Eastern Club Stipend

There has been a request for a new Arabic/Middle Eastern Club at GMHS. This club will help students expand their cultural awareness and understanding of the Arabic/Middle Eastern Culture. The proposed stipend for the club is \$600.

MOTION: Cheryl Lachendro (P. Lundquist second) to approve a stipend of \$600 for the Advisor of the Arabic/Middle Eastern Club at GMHS. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

d) Acceptance of Donation from Georgetown PTA for DECA

This item has been tabled.

e) Acceptance of Donation from Georgetown PTA for Quilting Club

The Georgetown PTA has donated \$380.01 to fund the GMHS Quilting Club. These funds will be used to purchase supplies for the club.

MOTION: Cheryl Lachendro (P. Lundquist second) to accept the donation of \$380.01 from the Georgetown PTA to fund the GMHS Quilting Club. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

f) First Reading Policy GBEBD Crowdfunding

This is the first reading of Policy GBEBD Crowdfunding. There will be a second and final reading on December 12th.

g) First Reading Policy ACAC Gender Identity

This is the first reading of the Policy ACAC Gender Identity. There will be a second and final reading on December 12th.

MOTION: Suzanne MacDonald (C. Lachendro second) motion to adjourn at 8:38PM. So voted (4-0). Motion carried.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Weiss, School Committee Secretary*