

**Leicester Public Schools
School Committee Minutes
November 10, 2020 @ 6:30 PM**

Location: Per Governor Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A sec. 20, the meeting was held via online:

Meeting meet.google.com/ipw-qmxx-oct

Call to order- 6:30

Roll Call:

Nathan Hagglund	Present
Scott Francis	Present
Tom Lauder	Present
Stella Richard	Present
Donna McCance	Present

Also, in attendance were Dr. Marilyn Tencza, Superintendent of Schools
Cady Maynard, Director of Finance and Operations

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Hagglund asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of Minutes

10-13-20 Open Session Minutes
10-13-20 Executive Session Minutes
11-02-20 Workshop Minutes
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Member Tom Lauder made a motion to approve minutes as submitted. Member Stella Richard made a second.

Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- Yes, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance-Yes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Showcase

School Psychologists

Dr. Tencza introduced the new school psychologists, Jennifer Richard - High School, Daniel Mirabile - Elementary School, and Katherine Garnett - Middle School. They each gave an overview of their roles and responsibilities at each school. Currently, their focus is working on the backlog of testing due to the COVID19 closure of school in March 2019.

Reports

Student Liaison Report

Morghan Merrell and Abigail Johnson gave a presentation of what is happening at each school.

School Committee Chairperson Report

Chairperson Hagglund updated the committee on the governor's advisory and orders regarding large group events and in person meetings. Due to the orders, we are unable to have in-person School Committee meets and will remain virtual.

Superintendent's Report

Report on Progress towards Goals

Dr. Tencza reported that her goals are in progress and going well. The District Improvement Plan has not been started, a committee will be formed and they will work on the plan.

3/2 Hybrid Model discussion

Dr. Tencza discussed opening school on Wednesdays. Diane Moffat, High School Nurse and Board of Health member stated that the current schedule is helping to keep the schools transmission free of the COVID19 virus. Dr. Tencza stated the Francis Daigle, the new Health Agent for the town does not recommend changing the schedule at this time. The Committee will continue to monitor and will look at the data next meeting.

Remote Learning Update

Four facilitators have started to help the Cohort D students. FVLS lessons have been printed for all students in grades K-5 that have requested them. Dr. Joseph has been monitoring the remote learner meetings.

Dr. Tencza will send a letter to the parents/guardians of Cohort D to see if they would like to return to in person learning. Members McCance and Richard asked if we have room in the classroom to accommodate new students while keeping the social distance space required.

Dr. Tencza reported that the governor's budget was released and the budget is level funded.

COVID Update

The state changed its metric causing Leicester to go from Red to Yellow. Ms. Moffat reported that there are 242 cases in town with 2 cases in school.

School Committee Liaisons Report

Member McCance stated she attended the first Data Team meeting. Ms. McCance also attended the Wellness Committee meeting

Reading of Policies

Second Reading –Section D

The Committee approved Section D policies as submitted with changes to the following policies: DBJ DEC, DGD, DGD-R, DID, DJ, DJA, DJE and DK

Member Tom Lauder made a motion to approve Section D Policies as submitted. Member Stella Richard made a second.

Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- Yes, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance- Yes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Review- JQ- Student Fees, Fines, and Charges

The attorney has not been able to look at the last revision; the policy will be tabled until the next meeting.

Member Tom Lauder made a motion to table the discussion of JQ policy. Member Stella Richard made a second.

Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- Yes, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance- Yes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Athletic Fees

Discussion was tabled until the next Workshop Meeting.

Data

Mr. Jeff Berthiaume reported on the DESE requirements for reporting attendance for in person and remote students. The district must determine if the asynchronous and remote student are prepared to learn for the day and if they have done a portion of the learning for the day.

Finance Items

Warrant Signing

Member Tom Lauder made a motion to approve the signing of the warrants 18A and 20A. Member Stella Richard made a second.

Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- Yes, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance- Yes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

FY21 Financial Report

Ms. Cady Maynard, Director of Finance and Operation, presented the FY21 Financial Report. Member Lauder asked about the Foster Care busing and the Cafeteria Budget.

FY21 Budget Transfers

Ms. Cady Maynard, Director of Finance and Operations discussed the FY21 Budget Transfers with Committee members.

School Committee/MSBA Debrief

The School Building Committee has decided to withdraw their Statement of Interest with the MSBA. The Committee stated that a new school is still needed and would like to meet with other Town boards to discuss how to move forward.

Member Scott Francis made a motion to withdraw the Statement of Interest. Member Nathan Hagglund made a second.

Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- Abstain, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance- Yes. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-1).

Other Business

Fundraising for Senior Class

Mrs. Pam Hanley, Senior Class Advisor, asked for permission to have an on-line only fundraiser. The class would receive 40% of the profits. This is a general fundraiser for the class.

Member Scott Francis made a motion to approve the fundraiser for the senior class. Member Tom Lauder made a second.

Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- Yes, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance- Yes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Allowing Children of Teachers of LPS to attend school.

There have been some request from staff to allow their children to attend school during asynchronous days. The challenges are the cost and space available. Discussion was tabled to next workshop meeting.

Upcoming Meeting(s)

School Committee Meeting

Workshop - December 7, 2020 @ 5:30

Open Session – December 15, 2020 @6:30

Public Comment

Tammy Tebo asked about what is the process if a facilitator is absent for the FLVS. The school principal will follow up with Ms. Tebo.

Elizabeth Moorghen asked about the schedule of Facilitators for the FLVS. The school principal will follow up with Ms. Moorghen.

Executive Session

Member Stella Richard made a motion to enter in Executive Session. Member Tom Lauder made a second.

Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- Yes, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance- Yes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Adjournment

List of Documents for the Meeting

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MASC Policies D

Section D- LPS policies

Section D-revisions

JQ-Student Fees, Fines, and Charges

JQ- Redlined SC Policy

FY 21 Financial Report

FY 21 Transfer Request