

Meeting ID **Leicester Public Schools**
School Committee Minutes
December 7, 2020 @ 5:30 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:

Call to order – 6:30 pm

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

3/2 in School Model

Dr. Tencza stated that due to the increase of COVID19 cases in town, adding every other Wednesday as an in-class day, is not safe at this time. Member Stella Richard would like to see if adding another in-class day is possible once it is safe. Diane Moffat, School Nurse, does not recommend adding another day at this time. The committee will continue the discussion next month.

Staff Children

At this time LPS does not have the space or the funds to allow children of school personnel to attend school during their remote class days.

New CDC Guidelines

Diane Moffat asked to table the discussion so that the nurses get more information from the School Health Unit. Will discuss at the next meeting.

FY 22 Budget

Mrs. Cady Maynard, Director of Finance and Operation, discuss the process of starting the FY22 budget.

Reading of Policies

JQ

The committee moved to table and vote on at next meeting.

Business Items

Athletics

Mr. Ted Zawada, High School Assistant Principal, discussed the MIAA guidelines regarding winter sports. It is recommended that Basketball be delayed until January 4th. Indoor track has been cancelled and Football is still slated to start at the end of February. The committee asked to have further discussions at the next meeting.

Mr. Zawada also discussed possibly changing the Thanksgiving Day game from playing David Prouty High School to playing Auburn High School. If the Thanksgiving Day game is used to determine playoff status, playing a more equally matched team will increase Leicester's chance of playing in the playoffs. The committee will have further discussions at the next meeting.

School Committee Website Redesign

Member Donna McCance presented a draft of a proposed new School Committee Website. Mr. Jeff Berthiaume, Director of Technology, raised concerns about the security of the website and asked about ongoing maintenance of the website and its documents.

Upcoming Meeting(s)

December 15, 2020 @ 6:30

Items for Next Meeting

- JQ policy
- CDC guidelines
- Athletics

Public Comment

Executive Session

M.G.L. Chapter 30 (A) Section 21 (a)(2) Convene in Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with EAL and Food Service, not to reconvene in open 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

- Policy JQ (revised)