

**Leicester Public Schools
School Committee Minutes
December 28, 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:

Meeting ID

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Call to order- 5:30

Roll Call:

Nathan Hagglund	On the phone
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. Scott Francis asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Covid19 Update/Learning Plan

Dr. Tencza has been in contact with the Board of Health and Francis Dagle, Leicester Health Agent, regarding Covid19 in Leicester. Mr. Dagle stated he is concerned that there might be a possible spike of positive Covid19 cases in the next two weeks due to Christmas and New Year day holidays. Diane Moffat, Lead Nurse, and Mr. Dagle recommended continuing with remote learning and delaying in-person learning. Mr. Dagle said he can offer recommendations but the final decision will be with Dr. Tencza, Superintendent of Schools. The committee express concern for the students with high needs. The committee also recognized that in-person learning is best for all students.

Member Donna McCance made a recommendation to return to the hybrid model on 1/19/21. There was no second.

Member Tom Lauder made a recommendation to return to the hybrid model on 1/11/21. Member Stella Richard made a second.

Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-No, Mr. Lauder- Yes, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance- Yes. The motion passed (4-1).

Athletics

Winter Season

Mr. Ted Zawada, Assistant High School Principal and Athletic Director, stated that many towns have cancelled their winter sport season. The Board of Health recommended canceling all indoor sports in Leicester.

Member Scott Francis made a motion allow winter sports to start on 1/11/21. Member Stella Richard made a second.

Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-No, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- No, Ms. Richard- No, Ms. McCance-No. The motion does not pass (1-4).

Thanksgiving Day Game

Discussion of the Thanksgiving Day Game was moved to a later meeting,

FLVS Update

The Elementary School has hired a teacher to support the students in Cohort D. She will start with students January 4th. In addition, a facilitator has been assigned to support Cohort D Kindergarten students two hours a day. Kristen Depasse will spend two hours each day facilitating Kindergarten and the rest of the day she is a Title I tutor.

Pilot program for grade 1

Grade 1 Cohort D students were offered a pilot program to join the Cohort A/B students during days the district was in remote learning. Seven families opted to join the pilot program.

January 22, 2021 Cohort D students will be invited to join the Cohort A/B.

Upcoming Meeting(s)

January 4, 2021 @ 5:30 Workshop

January 12, 2020 @ 6:30 Open Meeting

Items for Next Meetings

Jan 4th.- Graduation Requirements

Jan. 12th Showcase –Jacob Cruz

Jan. 12th SWCEC Report

Jan. 12th 21-22 School Calendar

Executive Session

Public Comment

Kelly Southwick, ELA Union President, stated that they will work with administration to meet the new DESE student time learning.

Member Tom Lauder and Harry Brooks commented on the School Committee policy about public comments.

Adjournment -6:44

Member Stella Richard made a motion to adjourn. Member Scott Francis made a second.

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