

MINUTES

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: Auburn High School Auditorium

August 25, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

George Scobie

Jessie Harrington

Gail Holloway

Dottie Kauffman

Meghan McCrillis

Casey Handfield

Beth Chamberland

Cecelia Wirzbicki

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CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Scobie called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Handfield presented a summary of the DESE report that mandates all students be masked through October 1, 2021. This is subject to change, but further guidance could be forthcoming, and districts will make decisions based on an 80% vaccination rate between students & staff.

Dottie Kauffman added that it was discussed to start a subcommittee for the district mandate, with the new guidance from DESE, this subcommittee is not needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mitigation Measures: To bring in the vendor CIC that is fully funded by DESE, no cost to the district, to provide in district rapid COVID testing. Dr. Chamberland has submitted an application on behalf of the district to offer “Symptomatic Testing” and “Test and Stay”.

Recommended Motion:

Dr. Handfield recommended the motion to allow CIS to work with the school district’s administration and nursing staff to conduct on site rapid COVID testing in each of our schools when appropriate based on the parameters described by Dr. Chamberland.

George Scobie made a motion to approve, Gail Holloway seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

New Business:

2021-2022 School Calendar

Action:

Dr. Handfield presented the school 2021-2022 calendar asking approval to change the last day for staff to be June 16, 2021. As part of the AEA contract, teachers & staff will no longer report the day after school ends for students. Also, professional development days on August 30/31, October 15, March 14th & May 9th, as planned. January 14th has been eliminated and will be a regular day of school.

Recommended Motion:

To approve the updated school calendar for the 2021-2022 year.

George Scobie made a motion to approve, Gail Holloway seconded, unanimously approved.

Fall Special Town Meeting:

This year the fall special town meeting will be held on October 26th & begin at 6:00pm at Auburn High School. Warrant articles will be forthcoming for review and approval.

Teaching/Learning Report: None

Business/Financial Report:

Omnibus Transfers

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Gail Holloway questioned the money set aside, \$30k to install storm windows in the back of the building. Joe Fahey is acquiring quotes and also having DPW facilities install the storm windows.

Crossing Guard - Job description

Action:

A newly created job description for the district crossing guards.

Motion:

To accept the job description.

Gail Holloway motioned to accept, George Scobie seconded, unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:04 p.m., adjourn meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining agreements with the union and non-union personnel. Mr. Scobie made a motion to adjourn for the evening; Mrs. Harrington seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Williams

Recording Secretary

Referenced Documents:

DESE Mask Mandate

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Crossing Guard job Description