

# **Mt. Ascutney School District Board Meeting**

## **March 8, 2021**

### **Approved Meeting Minutes**

#### **Present at the Meeting:**

**Board:** Amy McMullen, Kris Garnjost, Elizabeth Burrows, Bill Yates, Nancy Pedrick, Rebecca Roisman

**Admin:** David Baker, Jenifer Aldrich, Colleen DeSchamp, Katie Ahern, Angie Ladeau, Kate Ryan

**Staff:** Julie Cahoon, Amanda Yates

#### **I. Call to Order @ 6:35pm by David Baker, Superintendent**

##### Reorganization of the Board

Nomination and election of **Chairperson** (D. Baker presiding)

Nomination of **Elizabeth Burrows** by Nancy Pedrick.

Vote 5-0-0

Nomination and election of **Vice Chairperson**

Nomination of **Amy McMullen** by Nancy Pedrick.

Vote 5-0-0

Nomination and election of **Clerk of the Board**

Nomination of **Kris Garnjost** by Nancy Pedrick.

Vote 5-0-0

Nomination and election of **Signer of the Manifest**

Nomination of **Bill Yates** by Nancy Pedrick.

Vote 4-0-0

Nomination of **Rebecca Roisman** for **back-up Signer of the Manifest** by Amy McMullen.

Vote 4-0-0

Nomination of **Representative to SU Bargaining Council Member**

Nomination of **Bill Yates** by Nancy Pedrick.

Vote 5-0-0

Designation of **Truant Officer** (Paul Favreau)

Nomination by Amy McMullen

2nd-Kris Garnjost

Vote: 6-0-0

Designation of **Official Newspapers** (Valley News and Eagle Times)

Valley News, Eagle Times, and VT Standard official papers

Designation of representative to **Windsor Improvement Committee**

Kris Garnjost nominated **Amy McMullen** for WIC.

Vote 5-0-0

Designation of **Representative to Hartford Area Career Technology Center**

Bill Yates nominated **Kris Garnjost** as HACTC Rep.

Vote 5-0-0

**Establishment of regular time, place, and date of monthly meeting**

Regular meeting, 1st Monday of the month, 6:30 pm start

Nomination of **District Treasurer**

Nomination of **Nancy Pedrick** by Amy McMullen.

2nd: Kris Garnjost

Vote: 6-0-0

Nomination of **District Clerk**

Nomination of **Sandy Micka** by Amy McMullen

2nd: Kris Garnjost

Vote: 6-0-0

Town Moderator will be determined at another time. Elizabeth will discuss with her spouse, and Amy will speak with two community members about interest.

## **II. Changes/Additions to the Agenda**

None

## **III. Approval of Minutes**

a) February 11, 2021

Motion: Amy

2nd: Nancy

Vote: 6-0-0

## **IV. Public Participation/Announcements**

Thank-you to the voters for passing of budgets. Thank you from the board to Administrators for the wonderful presentations.

## **V. Principal's Report**

Highlights from school events in the last week or so were shared including: 100th day of school, Read across America, JH student awards, and maple unit at ABS school.

TMP scores for on campus students were shared. There will be more to come in the next meeting as Admin continue to take a deeper look at the numbers to find trends and areas of need. Approx 40 students from Windsor will be invited to the summer academy based on their TMP scores. They will be looking at the Winter-Winter scores.

SBAC testing will happen this spring, in person. It will be interesting to compare these scores from Winter '19 to Spring '21 since they were not taken last year.

## **VI. Superintendent's Report**

Vaccine information continues to come out by the day. It is opened now for educators so we are getting closer to all being vaccinated. Elizabeth went door-to-door last week and signed up at least 110 persons interested in getting a vaccine, and some staff have already gotten them.

Summer programming will be happening and will be a robust plan. It will happen at the Windsor campus as that is the central location for the schools. It's anticipated there will be around 100 students offered the opportunity to come. There is \$276K in Esser 1 funds available, and a good bit more \$ in the Esser 2 Funds that will continue to be available through 2022/2023. More details on these plans in the Recovery Plan agenda item.

Legislation bills that have \$ value attached to them will crossover by this Friday 3/12. And bills without \$ attached will crossover by next Friday 3/19.

## **VII. Items for Discussion**

### **a) Track My Progress (TMP)**

Covered in the Principal's report and will be discussed further in the next meeting.

### **b) Restorative Justice**

Lisa Ryan is getting her end set-up to begin this process. In consultation with legal counsel it was recommended that we hold off on beginning with the Administrators until word is received from the pending legal matter. That should be soon as it was due last week.

c) Recovery Plan

The goal is to run programming for 5 weeks, which allows both staff and families time to have a summer vacation. It will be staffed with regular and special ed. HCRS is asking to partner with programming which brings some stuff to us in the form of BIs and/or counselors. Also looking at partnering with the rec program so that students will have access to their programming in the afternoons to be with their peers. Academic programming will run 3hrs in the morning. The pillars for the programming are: academic progress, engagement, and mental health of students and staff alike. There has been limited guidance from AOE on how to provide the programming other than stating the three pillars. Plans must be submitted by mid April. Esser 1 grant submissions are due by 3/20. There is good interest from staff in working this summer, so the group is forming teams now. This will continue to develop quickly.

**VIII. Items for Action**

None

**IX. Setting the Next Agenda**

Date: Monday, April 5 @ 6:30pm

Items: Student membership on the board, TMP, ABS to Windsor transition support for students, Summer Programming, and Financial Report. (Senior Plans-May meeting)

**X. Adjournment**

Motion: Rebecca Roismann

2nd: Kris Garnjost

Vote: 6-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Moody