

Mt Ascutney School District Board Meeting
May 3, 2021
Approved Meeting Minutes

Present at the Meeting:

Board: Amy McMullen, Elizabeth Burrows, Bill Yates, Nancy Pedrick, Rebecca Roisman,
Kris Garnjost-Ab.

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

Special Guest(s):

Additional Attendees: Christine Osgood

I. **Call to Order** (Introductions if Needed) @6:32pm by Elizabeth Burrows

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

None

III. **Approval of Minutes**

a) April 9, 2021

Motion: Bill Yates

2nd: Rebecca Roismann

Vote: 5-0-0

IV. **Public Participation/Announcements**

Public - None

Announcements - Happy National School Principals Day last week. Thank you to the three principals in the MASD. Also Happy National Teacher Appreciation Week, and thanks to the teachers for their unwavering support of our students. Lastly Happy Administrative Professionals Day.

V. **Principal's Report**

- a. Senior Plans - the principals presented a slideshow containing information on what the plans are for seniors for next year. There are 58 students in the senior class. 12.9% of students self reported they are taking a gap year. 15 different colleges were listed as destinations. 3% are headed to the armed services and 3% are enrolling in a 2yr program.
- b. National Honor Society Members - the induction ceremony will be held Thursday May 13 @6pm in the Windsor HS theater. The principals presented a list of current members, and a list of the new inductees.
- c. End of Year Festivities We are fortunate that so many of our annual end of year activities are being held with some COVID modifications.
 - 8th grade passages ceremony is the week of June 7

- HS graduation June 4
- Senior night is June 2, for scholarship awards.
- Underclassmen awards will be presented in classrooms
- Seniors honors breakfast
- Spring drama performance May 4-12
- Prom May 22
- K-6 Step Up Day, TBD
- Mountain Day and Field Days (Accommodated)
- ABS will have Field Day
- ABS 6th grade-canoe trip 6/7, camping 6/4, and step-up June 9 @ 9 a.m.

d. State Testing

- VTSA starts May 4
- SBAC for grades 3-9, and 11. ELA-May 4,5,6. Math-May 18,19,20.

e. Collaborative Leadership Update

- Separating tasks/responsibilities based on the three pillars from the strategic plan/POG. Each co-principal will take the lead on an initiative in the schools. The three pillars are: 1-Communication and Data, 2-Culture and Wellness, and 3-Student success, voice and choice.
- Sharing the observations/supervision and evaluation duties
- Sharing in SEL supports and behavioral interventions

VI. Superintendent's Report

- COVID Updates - There is constant change in the guidelines. Even new guidance to allow dancing at prom arrived via email two hours prior to the board meeting.
- The Antiracism Task Force had its first work group meeting with Dr Melissa Crum. Things went very well. The group meets again May 14 2-4pm. The Supt will reach out to new Windsor Police Chief Jennifer Frank to invite her to be a part of the discussions.
- Legislative Updates - There was lots of information presented about the legislative updates. S100 Universal Breakfast bill, which encourages local food sources and considers eating in the classroom class time. The status of other miscellaneous bills were discussed.

VII. Items for Discussion

- Track My Progress - For ABS school 48 students were tested in Math and 47 in ELA. Graphs were presented on student progress in the respected areas. Over 70% of ABS students showed growth in ELA and/or Math scores from winter testing. Areas of focus to maintain growth are adding targeted instruction for specific students. Recognize patterns and add that into the current curriculum to cover gaps.
- 6th Grade Transitions Recap - Students connect with peers via google meets. Students have connected with counselors and ABS alumni via google meets. There was a parent session to

ask questions from school counselors, administrators, parent alumni, and classroom teachers. Hopeful that if COVID guidelines allow they could have a school tour.

- c) Summer Plans - Anticipating about 80 students in attendance. Working on aligning those #s with staffing levels. There are approximately 20 students that have been identified that can work with HCRS. Hopefully there will be more final information in the coming weeks.
- d) Student Rep on School Board - Previous documentation was shared from the policy/procedure created in Nov 2019 for students to be on the school board. There was a student who contacted the board and volunteered to be a representative. That was accepted by the board and the Administrators will work on identifying a younger student to partner with him.
- e) Beryl Hinton Fund - This fund can be utilized for expenses related to library, art or music. The fund remained with WW even with the merger. ABS principal was seeking authorization to use up to \$4500 for a community day on Saturday June 5th, and will feature a quintet of drummers, and be a partnership with the library for a day of fun. The school will get the word out to families about interest in attending by Google form or they can call. The balance of the fund is approximately \$17K. This event will be for both Brownsville and Windsor communities.

Motion: Nancy Pedrick
2nd: Amy McMullen
Vote: 5-0-0

VIII. Items for Action

None

IX. Setting the Next Agenda

Date: 6/7 @7:00pm

Items: Student rep, Summer Program, End of Year Activities, Approve April 5 minutes, broad goals for Board/MASD retreat.

X. Executive Session (VSA.T11 Section 313)

Not needed

XI. Adjournment

Motion:Nancy Pedrick
2nd: Amy McMullen
Vote: 5-0-0