



**MASHPEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, July 21, 2021**

Present: Nicole Bartlett, Don Myers, Cathy Lewis, Matt.Davis, Brian Weeden (remote)

Not Present: Mr. Davis

Also present: Hope Hanscom, Assistant Superintendent; Ashley Lopes, Business Manager

Not Present: Patty DeBoer, Superintendent

1. Mrs. Bartlett called the meeting to order at 5:31pm in the Quashnet School library followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. *Ratify agenda of July 21, 2021

Note: Any questions posed by individual School Committee members in advance of this meeting and responses thereto are posted on the District's website ("[School Committee Packets](#)" and on the "[Finance](#)" page)

Mrs. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Myers to ratify the agenda of July 21, 2021

Roll Call Vote: In favor: Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. Myers, Mr. Weeden

Opposed: None

3. Public Comment

None

4. Representative for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Roxanne Brown congratulated and acknowledged Superintendent DeBoer's President's Award from the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents. She thanked Mrs. Bartlett for her work with the Tribe and beyond. Mrs. Brown presented updates on tribal education and shared upcoming events. Highlights include:

- Relationship with Falmouth Schools
- Native Teacher Recruitment
- Equity/Access
- Education
- Data Sharing
- Professional Development
- Voices of the First Light conference in August

Mrs. Brown thanked the Committee and team for a good school year and their work together.

5. Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2021

Mr. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the minutes of June 16, 2021 with edit to #8; remove the quotation mark after the word, *Unsung*.

Roll Call Vote: In favor: Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. Myers, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Weeden

Opposed: none

Abstained: Mr. Weeden

6. Report of the Superintendent

● **Communications/Acknowledgements**

Letter from MASSHIRE Cape & Island Workforce Board awarding a \$5,000 stipend.

Letter from Chuck and Debbie Gasior to Mrs. Lucinda McKay, retiring Quashnet School teacher.

- **Genius Academy Update - Kristine Mastrogiacomo**

Mrs. Mastrogiacomo shared updates on the five-week summer Genius Academy enrichment program with 88 Kindergarten through grade eight students participating.

7. Report of the Director of Finance

- **Closeout of FY21**

Ms. Lopes shared that the process of closing out the previous school year is ongoing..

- **Update of FY22 Budget**

Ms. Lopes stated that the process of setting up encumbrances and the placing of orders for the upcoming school year has begun.

- **FY21 Budget Transfers**

Mrs. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weeden, to approve the transfer of \$226,927.65.

Roll Call Vote: In favor: Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. Myers, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Weeden

Opposed: none

8. Subcommittees/Liaison Meetings/Working Groups

- **Outreach Working Group**

Mrs. Lewis shared that a meeting was held regarding submitting a proposal, “Becoming a Connected Community” to be presented, if chosen, at the National School Board Association’s 2022 convention.

9. Specifically Assigned/Unfinished Business

- **Post MAGNA Award Happenings DonorsChoose Partnership Program (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion)**

Mrs. Bartlett spoke of the \$5,000 gift card received. The determination for the use of these funds has not yet been decided.

Mrs. Bartlett reiterated that the Diversity Workshop on July 26, 2021 from 1:00pm-2:30pm with Dr. Kalise Wornum, “Understanding Implicit Bias and its Connection to our Work” will be held In person at MMHS Library. The School Committee Retreat is scheduled for August 11, 2021 (4pm-5pm) and August 12, 2021 (9am-10:30am) Both meetings will take place in the Superintendent’s Office. Next School Committee Meeting - Wednesday, August 11, 2021 (5:30pm-7:30pm) QS Library

10. New Business

- **Handbook Updates for FY22**

Mr. Weeden made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the changes as presented to the Kenneth C. Coombs School and the Quashnet School student handbooks.

Roll Call Vote: In favor: Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. Myers, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Weeden

Opposed: none

Mr. Weeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Myers, to table the approval of the MMHS student handbook until the next school committee meeting on August 11, 2021.

Roll Call Vote: In favor: Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. Myers, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Weeden

Opposed: none

- **NSBA Annual Conference - April 2-4, 2022 in San Diego, CA**

Proposal, “Becoming a Connected Community”, being submitted by July 30, 2021 and was discussed previously (Item 8).

11. Items the Chair did not reasonably know in advance (Other)

None

12. Public Comment

Comment was made from a viewer that there was difficulty hearing the School Committee members speaking. A decision was made to have microphones available at all upcoming in-person meetings.

Discussion also included the possibility of holding meetings via Zoom.

A question was raised if meetings would be held live in the future.

13. Adjournment

Mrs. Bartlett adjourned the meeting at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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School Committee Recording Secretary