



**MASHPEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, June 16, 2021**

Present: Nicole Bartlett, Don Myers, Cathy Lewis, Matthew Davis

Not Present: Brian Weeden

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

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 June 16, 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).

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Myers, to ratify the agenda of June 16, 2021

Roll Call Vote: In favor: Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. Myers, Mr. Davis (Mrs. Lewis not present at this time)

Opposed: None

3. Public Comment

None

4. Moment of Silence - MPS Alumni and Coach, Christopher Rendigs

Mr. Balestracci, MMHS Principal, led a moment of silence in remembrance of Christopher Rendigs and praised his accomplishments and contributions to the students and the Town of Mashpee.

5. Representative for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Mr. Greendeer presented updates on tribal education and shared upcoming events.

6. Recognition of Retirees and Legislative Update-Representative David Vieira

Mrs. DeBoer acknowledged retirees and their years of service in Mashpee and presented them with a gift bag and plant. Representative Vieira presented certificates to the retirees, thanked them for their dedication and congratulated them on their years of service. He gave an update on the State legislature; past, current and post-COVID. Representative Vieira presented Mrs. DeBoer with a citation for receiving the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents President's Award.

7. MMHS Class of 2021 graduate, Zoe Squeglia's Senior Project, *Steve the Sparkle*

Zoe Squeglia, Mashpee 2021 graduate, shared the making of her self-published children's book about autism.

8. Recognition of "Unsung Heroes" from this year's MPS teaching staff: Special Subject Teachers at the Coombs School, Megan Smith, Kim Palmer, Katie Martin, Liesl Crehan and Kristen Daly

Mrs. Bartlett recognized the Coombs School specialists as *Unsung Heroes* for their commitment, resilience, dedication, and positive can-do attitude working this difficult school year; specifically how throughout the year it was clearly evident how they managed the challenge of not having a classroom and successfully demonstrating the *212 Extra Degree of Effort*. She and Mrs. DeBoer then presented each of them with gifts.

9. Student Representative, Skyla Rimple

Skyla updated MMHS happenings and thanked the Committee for the opportunity to serve as student representative. School Committee members briefly began a discussion of including other grade representatives to the meetings and commended her for her dedication and enthusiasm.

10. District Nurse Coordinator Update

Nurse Stacey presented district updates and current COVID data. Mrs. Bartlett expressed gratitude to Stacey in her role as nurse coordinator during this difficult and unprecedented school year.

11. Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2021

Mrs. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2021, seconded by Mr. Myers, with an edit to the date at the top of the page to change the date from May 5, 2021 to May 19, 2021.

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

Opposed: none

12. Report of the Superintendent

School Year 20-21 Update (District/Schools)

Mrs. DeBoer presented the district/schools and end-of-year events and updates.

Highlights from Mashpee Enterprise: 115 students graduated on June 5; \$130,200 local scholarships, additionally, \$12,167 in John and Abigail Adams scholarships to be utilized by students who plan to attend Massachusetts public colleges and universities. Shout-out to Aiden Chisholm who has been chosen as the recipient of the Harold P. Collins Citizenship Award given to one student in the eighth grade. Shout out to Quashnet School Science Teachers, Mrs. Babich, Mrs. Mayen and Mrs. Warren for their fascinating hatching project with students.

Mrs. DeBoer highlighted the Mashpee Public Library summer reading program. She shared enrollment information including home-schooled, School Choice and remote learning numbers.

Mrs. DeBoer shared the MPS 4-year Plan for Success (Strategic Plan) including the summary of how the plan was developed.

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the MPS 4-year Plan for Success (Strategic Plan), the June 16, 2021 final draft, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Lewis.

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

Opposed: none

● **SEL Grant**

Dr. Hanscom spoke about the third Innovation grant we've received since 2018. This proposal is for the school year 22-23 and is for innovative practices in social emotional learning for students. It aligns with the approved Strategic Plan.

● **Communications/Acknowledgements**

Dr. Curley shared the commendation letter from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding the Spring special education audit outcome.

Mrs. DeBoer commended Food Service Director, Mr. Stickley. She read a letter from Mrs. Fulone, KCC preschool teacher, regarding the bread pudding cooking competition with her class and Mr. Stickley and how he went above and beyond with her preschoolers.

- **Administrator Share-Outs**

Mr. Triveri shared the MMHS athletic department updates and end-of-the-year happenings.

Mrs. Carroll, Outreach Coordinator shared updates on volunteer and community engagement and #WEAreMashpee store.

Dr. Hanscom shared a brief overview of district STAR/DESSA student data results.

Dr. Goulart shared Coombs School happenings and end-of-year events.

Mrs. O'Brien highlighted the Quashnet School recent and end-of-the-year events.

Mrs. Balestracci shared MMHS recent and end-of-the-year events expressing gratitude to Mrs. Vinitisky for ensuring a well-planned and seamless graduation day ceremony.

Ms. Ashley Lopes, Director Finance, briefly spoke on the one month staff insurance premium hold.

- **Genius Academy Update**

Mrs. DeBoer gave an overview and an update of the Genius Academy summer program.

13. Report of the Director of Finance

- Update on the FY21 budget, expenditures, revolving accounts, grants and FY21 close-out
- Update - Food Services
- Update COVID-19 related grants

Ms. Lopes, Director of Finance, reported budget updates.

FY21 Budget Transfers

- Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the 21-04 budget transfer in the amount of \$356,992.51, seconded by Mr. Davis

Roll Call Vote: In favor: Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. Myers, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Davis
Opposed: none

14. Subcommittees/Liaison Meetings/Working Groups

- **Finance Working Group (5/28/21 Meeting)**
- **Cape Cod Collaborative (Don Myers)**
- Mr. Myers stated the CCC reorganization meeting took place with the new chair, Judy Lindahl and vice-chair, Scott McGee.

15. Specifically Assigned/Unfinished Business

- **Post MAGNA Award Happenings (Nicole Bartlett)**

The MAGNA award has arrived and Mrs. Bartlett displayed it to the committee members and viewers. She shared the early discussion of a possible teacher exchange program with Central Consolidated Schools. A joint meeting with the Mashpee Tribal Council most likely to take place in the Fall. There was a discussion of the use of the Donors Choose award.

- **August 12, 2021, School Committee Retreat (Late Afternoon)**

There was discussion to hold the retreat in the late afternoon; time and location to be determined.

- **Reminder: Diversity Workshop on July 26, 2021 from 1pm-2:30pm with Dr. Kalise Wornum**

It has yet to be determined if this is an in-person or remote workshop and if town officials will attend.

- **Ratification of MOA regarding merit pay with Mashpee Teachers' Association and vote regarding merit pay for non-union employees**

Mrs. Lewis made a motion to ratify the MOA and approve the merit pay for all Unit A, Unit B, Unit C members and non-employees, seconded by Mr. Myers.

Roll Call Vote: In favor: Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. Myers, Mrs. Lewis
Abstained: Mr. Davis; Opposed: none

16. New Business

MASC/MASS Joint Conference in Hyannis, MA on November 3-6, 2021 (Full conference - live or virtual: \$345 before 7/15/21; \$495 after 7/15/21)

Mrs. Lewis asked to table New Business discussion. Mrs. Bartlett asked that members notify Gail Hannan as soon as possible if they planned to attend to take advantage of the early-bird sign up. More information to follow at the next meeting.

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

None

18. Public Comment

Mrs. Sharon DeFrancesco asked Dr. Hanscom to read a statement sharing her gratitude that the seniors were able to participate in that right of passage, the senior prom. She expressed thanks for the photos and videos.

19. Adjournment of Public Meeting - Enter Executive Session (Note: There will be no return to public meeting after Executive Session ends)

Mr. Myers made a motion at 8:50pm to meet in an executive session, not returning to public meeting, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Mashpee Teachers' Association, seconded by Mrs. Lewis.

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

Opposed: none

20. Executive Session

- **Executive Session pursuant to G.L. C. 30A § 21 (A0 (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining - Mashpee Teachers' Association**
- **Adjournment of Executive Session**

Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22pm seconded by Mrs. Lewis

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

Not present: Mr. Davis

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Fisher

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School Committee Recording Secretary