

*MASD Mission Statement*

*To honor, encourage, and celebrate the excellence, diversity, and aspirations of each learner through creative and motivating challenges.*

**Mt. Ascutney School District Board Meeting  
November 1, 2021  
Approved Minutes**

**Present at the Meeting:**

Board: Amy McMullen (V), Elizabeth Burrows (P), Bill Yates (V), Nancy Pedrick (V), Rebecca Roisman (V), Davis McGraw (V).

Admin: David Baker (P), Jenifer Aldrich (P), Angie Ladeau (V), Kate Ryan (V), Katie Ahern (V), Colleen DeSchamp (V) and Larry Dougher (P).

Special Guest(s):

Additional Attendees: Christine Osgood (V), Jeff Rogers (V), and Julie Cahoon (V).

I. **Call to Order** (Introductions if Needed) @ 6:34 p.m. by Elizabeth Burrows.

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

Changed the order of the Items for Discussion

III. **Approval of Minutes**

a) October 4, 2021

Motion: Nancy Pedrick

2nd: Davis McGraw

Vote: 6-0-0

IV. **Public Participation/Announcements**

Encouraged board members to register for the VSBA virtual conference.

V. **Principal's Report**

VI. **Superintendent's Report**

a) Vaccinations

59% of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are vaccinated.

b) Hiring

Still looking for more staff. In need of:

- Special Ed Support Staff
- Cases Manager
- BCBA (Board Certified Behavioral Analyst) or BCABA
- SEI
- Reading Interventionist

- c) COVID
  - There was an exposure at HES and Windsor.
  - Working on winter athletics protocol now
  - TTS programming should be ready soon,
  - Vaccines for children ages 5-11 have been approved and the date for administering @ Windsor High School has been set.
  - Surveillance testing remains on hold.
  
- d) SU Budget
  - 1 more meeting with committee members
  - Hope to have an prelim budget ready for approval for 11/22 SU school board meeting
  
- e) Recovery Plan

Planning ESSER III Forum for 11/8 @ 6:30 p.m. in Municipal Building

## VII. **Items for Discussion**

- a. Budget

The Finance and Operations Director made the presentation about our possible new WHS Dining Hall. Three possible funding scenarios were presented including various combinations of using capital reserve balance and FY21 surplus:

  - > Scenario 1: \$319,018 current Cap Res Balance, \$985,703 FY21 surplus (minus \$200K for tax relief and \$140K dining hall), leaving \$964,721 in the Cap Res Fund.
  - > Scenario 2: \$319,018 current Cap Res Balance, \$985,703 FY21 surplus (minus \$140,000 dining hall) leaving \$1,164,721 in the Cap Res Fund.
  - > Scenario 3: \$319,108 Cap Res Balance, \$985,703 FY21 Surplus (minus \$200K in tax relief, \$140,000 dining hall, \$150,000 ABS roof, \$75,000 burners), leaving \$739,721 in Cap Res Fund.
  
- b. School Lunch Coordinator

Requesting for a new position for this person to go into classrooms and teach students about health and food. The annual salary would be around \$70K including benefits. The applicants would be those persons with a master's degree. Lots of discussion around the specifics of the position. Concern that making time in the school day for this learning would take away more instruction time, and create more work for teachers.
  
- c. Transportation to Programs and Reimbursement

Discussion around there used to be a bus to pick up Cornish students and bring them to WHS. Support for the idea that those students attending the Springfield Tech Center, would receive some sort of reimbursement for their travel since transportation isn't provided.
  
- d. Follow Up on Social Media Use/Misuse
  - General message sent to families.
  - Scheduled class meetings with grade levels.

e. Staff Chronic Stress

- Administrators met with the Student Council.
- Working on events for fun, and staff to meet each other.

f. Anti-Racism Update

A MASD board member met with Jeff Rogers from the JEDI committee, and West Windsor Selectboard. They are happy to participate in a forum for communities. There was a presentation made by Courtney Hillhouse. Looking to create space at the beginning of each meeting to have an update from the JEDI committee. Will be inviting Courtney Hillhouse to come and share her presentation at the next board meeting.

g. Community Forum Preparations

VIII. **Items for Action**

None

IX. **Setting the Next Agenda**

Date: Monday, December 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

Items: Budget, Anitracism/JEDI-Courtney Hillhouse, Principal's Report, Superintendent's Report.

X. **Executive Session (VSA.T11 Section 313): Personnel**

Motion to enter (9:13 p.m.): Nancy Pedrick

2nd: Bill Yates

Vote: 6-0-0

Motion to exit (10 p.m.): Bill Yates

2nd: Nancy Pedrick

Vote: 6-0-0

XI. **Adjournment @ 10:02 p.m.**

Motion: Bill Yates

2nd: Nancy Pedrick

Vote: 6-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy L. Moody