

GATEWAY REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Gateway Regional School District will provide an exemplary education that challenges all students in an instructional setting appropriate to their needs.

REGULAR MEETING/JOINT BUDGET MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74564249934?pwd=M2pzdzJBSTIMMmY4akhjV2pNaVRQUT09>

Meeting ID: 745 6424 9934

Passcode: rh948v

7:00 P.M.

(A PORTION OF THIS MEETING MAY BE HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION)

I. OPENING OF MEETING

<u>BLANDFORD</u>	<u>CHESTER</u>	<u>HUNTINGTON</u>	<u>MIDDLEFIELD</u>
Michele Crane	Jason Forgue	David Lubbers	Sarah Foley
Terri Garfield		Melissa Nazzaro	
		Edward Renauld	

<u>MONTGOMERY</u>	<u>RUSSELL</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>
	Tara Balboni	Stacy Stewart
	Sarah Page	
	Lyndsey Papillon	

<u>CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</u>	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL</u>
Dr. David B. Hopson, Superintendent	Martha Clark, High/Middle AP
Stephanie Fisk, Asst. Superintendent	Megan Coburn, Chs,Lit Principal
	Jason Finnie, Middle/High Principal
<u>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES</u>	Kurt Garivaltis, Pupil Services Director
Brian Forgue	Deanna LeBlanc, Curriculum Director

OTHERS: _____

II. PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA (3 Minute Limit)

A.

III. STUDENT COUNCIL INPUT

- Brian Forgue said school has continued on a regular schedule in person for the last couple of weeks. He is still not entirely used to being the only person in a classroom with empty hallways. Basketball has started again. They have had one game. Student council students read Dr. Seuss books to kindergarten and second graders. He read to Mrs. Bashista's class.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/RECOGNITION

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

VI. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

VII. JOINT BUDGET SESSION WITH TOWN OFFICIALS

- Ms. Fisk said one Middlefield student moved to Hinsdale prior to March 1, which increases other towns. And decreases them. Blandford and Middlefield are recommending the alternative method
- Mr. Renauld said Huntingtonis recommending the alternative method but it is lower, so they will modify it on the floor to reflect the statutory number.
- Russell finance had not discussed it yet.
- Mr. Myers and Mr. Forgue said Chester will do the same and support the alternative method.
- Ms. Fisk said assessments will go out tomorrow.
- Dr. Hopson said there had been nothing from Montgomery.
- Ms. Fisk said Mr. Morrissey is out of town.

A. Recommendation to approve 2000 account Total \$8,350,697 (Mrs. Papillon Recuse)

Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Balboni to approve the 2000 account total of \$8,350,697.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 9 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Sarah F., Jason, Terri, David, Melissa, Sarah P., Ed, Michele

Recuse: Lyndsey

B. Recommendation to approve 3000 account Total \$1,789,307 (Mrs. Papillon Recuse)

Mrs. Garfield made a motion seconded by Mrs. Foley to approve the 3000 account total of \$1,789,307.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 9 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Sarah F., Jason, Terri, David, Melissa, Sarah P., Ed, Michele
Recuse: Lyndsey

C. Recommendation to approve the FY '22 Budget in the amount of \$16,666,733.00

Mrs. Balboni made a motion seconded by Mrs. Foley to approve the FY '22 Budget in the amount of \$16,666,733.00.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Sarah F., Jason, Terri, David, Melissa, Sarah P., Lyndsey, Ed, Michele

D. Recommendation to approve the alternate assessment method for the FY '22 Budget

Mrs. Nazzaro made a motion seconded by Mr. Forgue to approve the alternate method for the FY '22 Budget.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Sarah F., Jason, Terri, David, Melissa, Sarah P., Lyndsey, Ed, Michele

VIII. CONSENT ITEMS 2/10/2021, 3/3/2021 (Enc's)

Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mr. Lubbers to approve the minutes of 2/10/2021.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Sarah F., Jason, Terri, David, Melissa, Sarah P., Lyndsey, Ed, Michele

Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Garfield to approve the minutes of 3/3/2021 as amended.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Sarah F., Jason, Terri, David, Melissa, Sarah P., Lyndsey, Ed, Michele

Mr. Renauld made a motion seconded by Mrs. Garfield to go into executive session at or before 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of Negotiations: Union and administrative, not to return to open session.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Sarah F., Jason, Terri, David, Melissa, Sarah P., Lyndsey, Ed, Michele

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

A. School Committee

- Mr. Forgue asked about the student return plan and how we proceed with new rules for the commissioner and what we intend to do.
- Dr. Hopson said we have to meet with the association to review and change the MOA. Some will be discussed in executive session. We need to address staff members who are fully remote. We are working on it. He met with the commissioner this morning.
- Mrs. Foley met with her selectboard, finance does not meet until next week. Not sure what their recommendation will be.

B. Chairperson - None

C. Superintendent - None

D. Assistant Superintendent - None

E. Administration - None

F. Town - None

X. COMMITTEE REPORTING

A. Superintendent Search

- Mr. Forgue said we are down to our final 4. Monday was the first forum with Gina Flanagan. If you haven't had a chance to listen to the forums please do so. We are two weeks away. There is a lot of information and not the greatest amount of participation. Those that did participate had decent relevant questions. He is excited about reaching the end.
- Mrs. Crane said people can contact school committee members to give feedback if they want. She has been reached out to by a few folks.

B. Legislative Liaison - None

C. Policy Subcommittee - None

D. Building Liaisons - None

Went into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Future Agenda Items

XII. INFORMATION

Information

The warrant signing committee had reviewed the following warrants, found them to be in order, and approved them.

Warrants

AP#1056 \$2.48	PR#17 \$359,879.49
AP#1055 \$66,016.29	PR#18 \$333,039.65
AP#1063 \$1.88	

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:35 or earlier

A. Negotiations: Union (GEA), Administration

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Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Sarah F., Jason, Terri, David, Melissa, Sarah P., Lyndsey, Ed, Michele

XIV. ADJOURNMENT at 9 p.m. unless extended by majority vote.

Mrs. Foley made a motion seconded by Mrs. Balbon to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Motion Carried (VOTE) Yeas 10 Nays Abstain Absent (Roll Call Vote)

Yeas: Tara, Sarah F., Jason, Terri, David, Melissa, Sarah P., Lyndsey, Ed, Michele

**Respectfully submitted,
Stacy L Stewart,
School Committee Secretary**