



BERLIN-BOYLSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tahanto Regional Middle/High School
1001 Main Street, Boylston, MA 01505
Monday, November 28, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Present: Michael Totman, Chair; Meagan Grill, Vice Chair; Lori Hart, District Clerk; Julie Lee, Committee Member; Jessica Degliaberti, Committee Member; Robert Holmes, Committee Member; Jeffrey Zanghi, Superintendent of Schools; Carol Costello, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Sally Stukuls, Principal, Tahanto Regional Middle/School; Matt Porcaro, Athletic Director, Tahanto Regional Middle/High School; Caroline MacKenzie, Student Representative;

Absent: None

Called to order: 6:32 p.m.

- I. Mr. Totman made a statement regarding the half-day proposal.
- II. Public comments
 - a. Dave Arcand of Berlin, MA made a public statement regarding the half-day proposal on December 2, 2022.
 - b. Maura Goulet, of Boylston, MA made a public statement regarding the half-day proposal on December 2, 2022.
 - c. Meg Edwards and her twin brother Jonathen Edwards, of Boylston, MA made a public statement regarding the half-day proposal on December 2, 2022.
 - d. Jamie McNamara of Boylston, MA made a public statement regarding the half-day proposal on December 2, 2022.
 - e. Alma Caramanica and her twin brother Jackson Caramanica of Boylston, MA made a public statement regarding the half-day proposal on December 2, 2022.
 - f. Jake O'Brien of West Boylston, MA made a public statement on the half-day proposal on December 2, 2022.
- III. School Committee Discussion
 - a. Mr. Zanghi noted the factors that go into making such a decision including safety, inclusion, and the support of staff and students.
 - i. He noted that there were several options: half-day, early release, or no change to the school schedule.

- ii. He noted that a half day requires a vote of the School Committee, and an early release or no change to the school schedule does not require a vote.
 - iii. He notes that a half-day vote would add a day to the school year at the end of the day.
- b. Mr. Holmes made a statement of congratulations to the team and to the students in general.
- c. Mr. Zanghi noted that the after-school programs will run in both elementary schools for students who normally attend those programs. It would not be open to those students who do not normally attend.
- d. Mrs. Degliaberti asked a clarifying question regarding attendance penalization at the elementary level.
- e. Mr. Porcaro noted that there will be a bus for fans at Tahanto to transport them to the stadium at 1:00 p.m. so a 12:30 dismissal at the High School will be plenty of time.
- f. Mrs. Lee made a motion to make a district-wide half-day with dismissals at 10:56 a.m. for Tahanto and 11:45 a.m. for both elementary schools. Mrs. Grill seconded the motion. Mr. Holmes made a comment. Vote 5-1. Mrs. Degliaberti dissented.**
- g. Mrs. Grill made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Lee seconded the motion. Vote 6-0. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.**