



Cohasset Public Schools
143 Pond Street
Cohasset, MA 02025
Continuing the Commitment to Excellence
Cohasset School Committee Meeting

School Committee Minutes

Tuesday, 6/15/2021

6:00 P.M.

Zoom Video Call

Virtual Meeting – 143TV/Zoom/Facebook

In Attendance:

Craig MacLellan, Chairman
Ashley Colleary
Lance Dial
Lydia St. Onge
Paul Kearney

Also, in Attendance:

Dr. Patrick Sullivan, Superintendent
Dr. Leslie Scollins, Assistant Superintendent
Susan Owen, Director of Finance & Operations
Barbara Cerwonka, Director of Student Services
Bob Erlandsen, CMS Teacher

Call to Order and Roll Call - Chairman MacLellan called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. He stated the meeting is being held remotely under the extension of certain COVID 19 orders despite the cessation of the MA State of Emergency. All votes will be taken by roll call vote. This meeting is being live streamed on Cohasset 143TV and Facebook. **Roll Call: Ashley Colleary - Present, Lance Dial – Present, Paul Kearney - Present, Lydia St. Onge - Present, Craig MacLellan - Present.**

School Committee Reorganization – The Committee votes for chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary. Chairman MacLellan reads the description of each role.

Nominations for chairperson for 2021 – 2022 year - Mrs. Colleary nominates Mr. MacLellan. Mr. Kearney seconds. **Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary - Aye, Lance Dial – Aye, Paul Kearney - Aye, Lydia St. Onge - Aye, Craig MacLellan - Abstain.**

The nomination carries by a vote of 4 Ayes and 1 abstention.

Nominations for vice chair for the 2021 – 2022 year – Mrs. St. Onge nominate Mrs. Colleary. Seconded by Mr. Dial. **Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary - Aye, Lance Dial – Aye, Paul Kearney - Aye, Lydia St. Onge - Aye, Craig MacLellan - Aye.**

The nomination carries by a unanimous vote.

Nominations for secretary for the 2021 – 2022 year – Mrs. Colleary nominates Mrs. St. Onge. Seconded by Mr. Dial. **Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary - Aye, Lance Dial – Aye, Paul Kearney - Aye, Lydia St. Onge - Aye, Craig MacLellan - Aye.**

That nomination also unanimously carries.

Public Comment - None

Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Sullivan welcomes Mr. Dial to the school committee. He speaks about Juneteenth, this year is the first year it is an official holiday in the state. In the district, a group of CHS students will go to Osgood and Deer Hill to do age appropriate activities surrounding themes of freedom and justice. At the Middle School they are making a freedom quilt.



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Dr. Scollins and Mrs. Cerewonka update about the Literacy Committee, focusing on Elementary Literacy. TLA, Teaching Learning Alliance, a consulting group, did a walkthrough in the district to help make a plan for the next year in terms of literacy instruction. Meetings with math and reading specialists are scheduled to review end of year benchmark tests. The district is looking at a variety of assessment tools to use in grades K – 5 and beyond.

Summer Learning program was expanded so that all who applied have been accepted into the program beginning July 12.

The Wellness Committee recently met and new Wellness information will be shared through the Navigator soon.

Strategic Planning Steering Team met and will be ready to present the content for approval at the next meeting.

Cohasset Trek Grand Canyon Trip – Bob Erlandsen & Jon Fortin – Teachers

Want to plan eighth grade trip for next year with COVID Protocol and possibly a high school trip for students who were not able to do a trip due to COVID.

Trip – Fly into Las Vegas, tour of national Parks, stop in Sedona with 20 – 25 kids.

The committee asks questions and provides feedback regarding Canyon trip.

Motion to approve the proposed Canyon Trip as proposed by Mr. Erlandsen and Mr. Fortin by Mrs. St. Onge, seconded by Mr. Dial. **Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary - Aye, Lance Dial – Aye, Paul Kearney - Absent, Lydia St. Onge - Aye, Craig MacLellan - Aye.**

Finance – Mrs. Owen provides an FY21 May Finance update. SpEd Tuitions are higher than expected as a result of changes in outplacements. The utility budget will break even. In conclusion, FY21 has been a fiscally challenging year but we've been able to maintain a balanced budget and close the year in good shape.

The committee asks questions and engages in discussion with Mrs. Owen.

Kindergarten Tuition – The committee's intent was to provide a reimbursement to this year's families as we did last year. Chairman MacLellan clarified information that had been shared at earlier meetings. Mrs. Owen identified that ESSER II grant funds allow for an \$800 refund to the 98 kindergarten families. The committee asked questions and clarified understanding.

Motion to approve the \$800 kindergarten tuition reimbursement by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mrs. St. Onge. Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary - Aye, Lance Dial – Aye, Paul Kearney - Aye, Lydia St. Onge - Aye, Craig MacLellan - Aye.

School Committee Comments and Communication –

Subcommittee & Liaison Assignments:

SUBCOMMITTEES

Policy & Standards - Lydia St. Onge & Ashley Colleary

Superintendent Evaluation - Paul Kearney & Craig MacLellan

Collective Bargaining - Lance Dial & Craig MacLellan



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Finance & Facilities - Lance Dial & Paul Kearney

Security - Lydia St. Onge & Ashley Colleary

Communication - Lydia St. Onge & Ashley Colleary

REPRESENTATIVE & LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

School Councils

Osgood: Craig MacLellan

Deer Hill: Lydia St. Onge

Middle School: Paul Kearney

High School: Ashley Colleary

PSO - Paul Kearney & Craig MacLellan

Elder Affairs - Paul Kearney

Special Ed PAC - Paul Kearney & Ashley Colleary

Media - Craig MacLellan

Legislative Liaison - Paul Kearney & Ashley Colleary

Safe Harbor Coalition - Ashley Colleary

CEF - Paul Kearney

Emergency Management - Craig MacLellan

Hall of Fame - Lydia St. Onge

Warrant Review - Craig MacLellan

PEB - Lance Dial

Internal Scholarship - Lydia St. Onge

AEC - Lydia St. Onge

LRP - Lance Dial & Craig MacLellan



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Safe Schools Committee - Paul Kearney & Craig MacLellan

Diversity Committee - Ashley Colleary

Wellness Committee - Paul Kearney

CALENDAR for SC Meetings 2021 - 2022: July 14, 28; August 4, 18; September 8, 22; October 6, 20; November 3, 17; December 1, 15; January (2022) 5, 19; February 2, 16; March 2, 16, 30; April 13, 27; May 11, 25; June 8, 22

Motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2021 – 2022 as discussed by Mr. Dial, seconded by Mr. Kearney. Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary - Aye, Lance Dial – Aye, Paul Kearney - Aye, Lydia St. Onge - Aye, Craig MacLellan - Aye.

Policy Revisions – Policy changes and updates include policies from sections A, G and J related to Student Services and School Finance. Language update for state compliance.

Motion to approve compliance-oriented changes as presented in policy binder as presented by the policy subcommittee dated June 15, 2021. Group one changes based on feedback from the state and Policy JJF separation of CHS and CMS activity account. Motion by Mrs. St. Onge, seconded by Mr. Kearney. Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary - Aye, Lance Dial – Aye, Paul Kearney - Aye, Lydia St. Onge - Aye, Craig MacLellan - Aye.

FY21 School Committee Goals – Annual review of goals:

Negotiate and ratify the CTA Contract through FY24 school year – yellow

Communication and Collaboration goals - green

Safety and security goals - green

Continuing school improvement projects and capital improvements; review and reassess long term capital plan developed by the district in 2018- yellow

Student achievement – through spotlights hear reports from nurse, guidance counselors on social emotional wellness – yellow (done indirectly)

Student led round table conversation – green

Continue public recognition of student achievement – yellow

Reports from Subcommittee & Liaisons –

Mrs. Colleary – Loving Movie showed on Alumni field with the diversity committee and safe harbor, photo to celebrate pride month

Mr. Kearney – Wellness committee was able to get a grant for the second year. Expanding the committee this coming year.

Mrs. St. Onge – Communications committee met with Lisa Radden re: website updates and Dr. Sullivan sent out survey via navigator and via email for feedback from leadership, staff and families about how to update our website.

Mr. MacLellan – committee please send evaluations for superintendent evaluation

Approval of Minutes – none



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Meeting adjourned to move into Executive session reason #3 strategy related to collective bargaining by Mr. Dial, second by Mrs. St. Onge. Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary - Aye, Lance Dial – Aye, Paul Kearney - Aye, Lydia St. Onge - Aye, Craig MacLellan - Aye.

Motion to adjourn regular meeting by Mrs. Colleary, second by Mr. Dial. Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary - Aye, Lance Dial – Aye, Paul Kearney - Aye, Lydia St. Onge - Aye, Craig MacLellan - Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.