



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

**School Committee Minutes**

Wednesday, 4/7/2021

Zoom Video Call

Virtual Meeting – 143TV/Zoom/Facebook

**In Attendance:**

Craig MacLellan, Chairman  
Ashley Colleary  
Lydia St. Onge  
Ellen Maher  
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  
Jenna Giulio, Student Representative

Chairman MacLellan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He stated the meeting is being held remotely under the Town's Declaration of Emergency. All votes will be taken by roll call vote. This meeting is being live streamed on Cohasset 143TV and Facebook. **Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary - Present, Paul Kearney - Present, Ellen Maher - Present, Lydia St. Onge - Present, Craig MacLellan - Present.**

**Public Comment** – None

**Superintendent's report** - Dr. Sullivan said that it's been wonderful having all of the students, who were in the hybrid model, back in the buildings together. He shared some photos of middle school and high school students enjoying their time together in school, as well as some positive messages that were posted throughout buildings and outside.

**Student Update** – Jenna Giglio shared during her update that April is the new September. Tomorrow is her first Thursday back in school in over a year! She said that it's been great to see lots of faces, that the transition back to full time in-person has been really smooth and that the teachers have been very well-prepared. Spirit week this week was a great way to generate some school spirit.

Dr. Sullivan also mentioned that we had mental health awareness week at the schools as well over this past week. Jenna said that there were some fun activities planned at CHS to release stress and create some time for students to be together. Mrs. Maher asked whether there has been an increase in activities and groups/clubs meeting – Jenna shared that she has chorus next quarter and looks forward to participating in that outside. There are other clubs that are beginning to meet more frequently as well.



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There is a monetary food drive for the Cohasset Food Pantry – please consider contributing on Venmo @friendsofcohassetfootball

**Safe Harbor Presentation** - Nicole Balashi and Lauri Pearson joined us to talk about Safe Harbor and what they're up to in the community and the schools.

Safe Harbor will be hosting the first Ground Level Café of 2021 on Friday, May 7th from 5:30-7:30pm.

National Prevention Week will take place May 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. Each year, communities and organizations across the country join forces to promote substance misuse prevention, educate peers, and collaborate with the community to create a safe, clean, and healthy environment. Safe Harbors efforts Include:

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The Safe Homes Campaign: Parents pledge their commitment to providing a safe, and substance-free environment for our children

The Spring Into Action fundraiser put on by Safe Harbor's Youth Ambassadors

Decorating hallways and bulletin boards around Cohasset High School with NPW information

Earth Day cleanup/ Drug Takeback Day taking place on April 24th, 2021

**Deer Hill Softball Field** - CYBSA presented a plan to modify the infield of the softball field at Deer Hill. This project will be funded by CPC and perhaps require some fundraising by CYBSA. The School Committee was asked to approve moving forward with the improvements (which are anticipated to take one business week) and the school administration will ensure that this will not interfere with other groups/programs that are scheduled to use the space. The Committee approved moving forward with the project.

**HS Track and Turf** - The CPC will partially fund a replacement of the track and Capital Budget Committee has approved funding for the remainder of the project; CBC has also approved funding replacement of the turf; which CPC cannot fund. We hope to complete the project(s) over the summer. Thank you very much to Mrs. Maher and AD Rotundi for their work on this!

There was a gift from the PSO of a tree planting to thank the faculty and staff for their resilience and dedication through the past year. Thank you very much to the PSO for this gift. There was also a gift to our arts program from Awesome Blossom in the amount of \$1,437. Another gift was made from the South Shore Playhouse Associates (SS Music Circus) to the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund at Cohasset HS (Athletic Department).

The committee voted to accept all gifts.

**Student Services Update** - Mrs. Cerwonka presented an update on the work of the student services department.



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#### **School Committee Comments and Communication:**

Mrs. Maher watched CBC and they voted to approve many school requests. Thank you, Mrs. Maher and Mrs. Owen, for all of your work preparing these requests. Advisory and the Select Board will have a meeting on Tuesday where they expect to review our proposed budget.

There are 50 students in the Middle School who are participating in a cross-country program – thanks to the PSO, CEF, high school students and coaches who are working with the students!

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.