



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

School Committee Minutes

Wednesday, 2/24/2021

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
Lisa Farrell, Osgood Principal
Alexandra Sullivan, Deer Hill Principal
Jenna Giulio, Student Representative

Chairman MacLellan called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 - Shaun Galvin asked whether there is any update on senior events this year (last day, prom, class night, graduation, etc.). Dr. Sullivan thanked Principal Scott and other leadership for their hard work planning these, noted that there have been some changes in regulation that have caused them to change course a time or two, but they anticipate being able to share this information very soon!

Superintendent's report - Dr. Sullivan shared that the second Fall season started on Monday and congratulated many CHS players and coaches on awards and accolades received in the first fall season. We hope to have AD Rotundi in to help us recognize these athletes and coaches in a meeting soon. Dr. Sullivan also thanked families who came to prep the field for practice and play over the weekend.

Jenna Giglio, member of the Superintendent Student Advisory Council, shared an update: CHS has been easing into the new spring semester, which started the week before February break. The swim team put together a great senior night and Jenna shared that other sports teams have as well. The teams and athletes were happy to have a "somewhat normal" athletic experience in recent months. The Superintendent Student Advisory Council meeting included Nathan, Grace and Ella, 8th grade representatives to the Council; and students shared their hopes for what classrooms post-COVID will look like with our Director of Tech, Lisa Radden. Students are happy to be back in school and see friends and teachers in person after break.

Plan for Return to In-Person Learning Transition PK-5 - Dr. Sullivan presented his very comprehensive summary of the events that have led up to the vote to approve returning to full-time in-person learning for our elementary schools. Many parents weighed in to voice their support for this return to full-time in-person learning and the committee and parents all thanked the school leadership and staff for their hard work and collaboration. Principal Sullivan shared that they're looking at this as a new beginning – they are asking



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parents to be patient with the staff and leadership as they build back up to the academic rigor that will come along with time in full-time learning. There will be before and after school care provided by Rec and information will be forthcoming in a newsletter.

The committee unanimously voted to approve a full-time return to in-person learning at the Osgood and Deer Hill beginning March 1.

Budget Update - Mrs. Owen continues to work with town accounting staff and leadership to determine budget forecasting and FY '22 budgets. The committee will present to Capital Budget on March 1. The committee is thrilled that all of the bubblers have been replaced with hydration stations. Many thanks to Mr. Kearney for his advocacy on these!

Next week we will have a public hearing on the budget – please attend if you are able to ask questions and provide feedback on our FY '22 budget.

School Committee Updates:

There have been five applications received for the School Facilities Committee – this constitutes a quorum. There are three applicants for consideration by the school committee. The committee voted to approve the applications of Craig MacLellan, Paul Kearney and Kathleen Burns.

Mrs. Maher announced in the meeting (as she did on FB) that she will not seek reelection in the coming year and encourages those who have a passion for the schools to pull papers. More information is available [here](#).

Mrs. St. Onge noted that the AEC met with a company that acts as a liaison to get electric busses into school districts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.