



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

School Committee Minutes

Wednesday, 12/16/2020

Zoom Video Call

Virtual Meeting – 143TV/Zoom/Facebook

In Attendance: Craig MacLellan, Chairman
Ashley Colleary
Lydia St. Onge

Also, in Attendance: Dr. Patrick Sullivan, Superintendent
Dr. Leslie Scollins, Assistant Superintendent
Susan Owen, Director of Finance & Operations

Absent: Paul Kearney
Ellen Maher

Chairman MacLellan called the meeting to order at 6:01p.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, Lydia St. Onge-Present, Craig MacLellan-Present.**

Public Comment-None

Superintendent's Report- Student Advisor Update- Student Representative Jenna Giglio updated the committee regarding the Student Advisory Council meeting last week, where they created a survey to gauge student experience of the hybrid model. Ms. Giglio thanked Principal Scott and the teachers for encouraging students to take the survey. She stated that the alternating Wednesdays are going great and that students are grateful for the opportunity for more in-person learning. Ms. Giglio mentioned that Best Buddies had a pajama day, and the Spanish Club hosted the Pulsera Project which benefits children in Central America. She is also happy that Winter Sports have started.

High School Improvement Plan- Principal Brian Scott presented the 2020-2021 High School Improvement Plan which includes four SMART Goals aligned with the district plan. The four goals are: Goal #1 Expand independent learning opportunities for students; Goal #2 Articulate and publish data to inform instructional practices; Goal #3 Develop assessments that allow for a variety of ways that students can demonstrate mastery and assist in creating a common student experience; Goal #4 Develop an appreciation for diversity and individual differences and foster social and emotional safety for all students. Mr. Scott gave a brief overview of the School Council, he stated that they review the annual school budget, identify the education, social, and emotional needs of the students, adopt educational goals of state and local initiatives, and develop and formulate a school improvement plan for Cohasset High School. The Committee had a lengthy discussion.

Middle School Improvement Plan- Principal John Mills presented the 2020-2021 Middle School Improvement Plan, which includes four SMART Goals aligned with the district plan. The four goals are: Goal #1 Student Social and Emotional Support; Goal #2 Hybrid Instruction; Goal #3 Cultural Inclusivity; Goal #4 Family/School Collaboration. The Committee had a lengthy discussion.



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Deer Hill Improvement Plan- Principal Alex Sullivan presented the 2020-2021 Deer Hill School Improvement Plan, which includes three SMART Goals. The three goals are; Goal #1 Promote Inclusion and develop cultural competency through the implementation of at least six practices to include professional development, curriculum, and social emotional supports; Goal #2 implement the newly adopted Bridges math program across all grade levels and classrooms; Goal #3 Implement a minimum of 4 practices to leverage technology effective instructional tool within the SAMR model. The Committee had a lengthy discussion.

Joseph Osgood Improvement- Principal Lisa Farrell presented the 2020-2021 Osgood School Improvement Plan, which includes three SMART Goals. The three goals are: Goal #1 Professional Practice; Goal #2 Strengthen Safety and Security; Goal #3 Promote the Social and Emotional well-being of all students and staff. The Committee had a lengthy discussion.

Proposed Inclement Weather Protocol Plan- Superintendent Sullivan reviewed the inclement weather FAQ document that he compiled. The School Committee discussed the pros and cons of converting snow days to full remote learning days. **Motion by Mrs. Colleary to allow the Superintendent of Schools to implement the option of remote learning during weather related school closures, seconded by Mrs. St. Onge. Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary-Aye, Lydia St. Onge-Aye, Craig MacLellan-Aye.**

Student Learning Time Update- Assistant Superintendent Dr. Scollins reviewed the Student Learning Time survey with the Committee. She stated that all districts were asked to submit time on learning data to DESE. She submitted information for Grades 1, 4, 7, and 10. She stated that live instruction in Cohasset is averaging at 46 hours/month with the included Wednesday in-person day.

Disposal of Surplus Materials- Motion by Mrs. St. Onge to approve the disposal of outdated Social Studies Books, seconded by Mrs. Colleary. **Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary-Aye, Lydia St. Onge-Aye, Craig MacLellan-Aye.**

Finance- Director of Finance & Operation Mrs. Susan Owen presented the FY21 School Budget update and stated that, in month five of the school year, they are at 38.6% and they are currently under budget.

FY22 Budget Calendar- Mrs. Owen reviewed the FY22 Budget Calendar and provided updated meeting dates for the next fiscal year.

FY22 Budget Priorities- Mrs. Owen reviewed the Budget Priorities, which include Elementary Numeracy, Instructional Technology, Social Emotional Learning, Safety & Facilities, and Addressing Learning Gaps. The Committee had a brief discussion. **Motion by Mrs. St. Onge to adopt the FY22 Budget Priorities as presented by Mrs. Owen, Director of Finance & Operations, seconded by Mrs. Colleary. Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary-Aye, Lydia St. Onge-Aye, Craig MacLellan-Aye.**

School Committee Comments and Communication- Goals- Mrs. Colleary asked Superintendent Dr. Sullivan to link the Cohasset School Committee 2020-2021 Goals in the Superintendent Newsletter and on the School Website for reference. **Motion by Mrs. Colleary to adopt the 2020-2021 School Committee Goals, Seconded by Mrs. St. Onge. Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary-Aye, Lydia St. Onge-Aye, Craig MacLellan-Aye.**



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Reports from sub-committee liaisons- Mrs. Colleary stated that the Policy Sub-Committee met and has been hard at work updating the Policy Manual. Chairman MacLellan gave an update that was provided by Mrs. Maher, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He stated that Mrs. Maher met with the Community Preservation Committee at their December 7th meeting and presented the Turf and Track Replacement Statement of Interest. He stated that they are interested in the project and want to be kept updated on the progress. Mrs. St. Onge stated that the next step for the Alternative Energy Committee is for a letter of intent to Ameresco so that the AEC can pursue the potential for solar panels/canopies at the schools. The Finance and Facilities Sub-Committee met last Thursday to review the Capital Budget list. Lastly, the Capital Budget Committee will be meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020, to outline the meeting schedule for capital requests.

Approval of Minutes- Motion by Mrs. Colleary to approve the Minutes of September 2, 2020, as drafted, seconded by Mrs. St. Onge. Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary-Aye, Lydia St. Onge-Aye, Craig MacLellan-Aye.

Motion by Mrs. Colleary to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. St. Onge. Roll Call Vote: Ashley Colleary-Aye, Lydia St. Onge-Aye, Craig MacLellan-Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Documents Used at the Meeting

High School Improvement Plan	C-1
Middle School Improvement Plan	C-2
Deer Hill Improvement Plan	C-3
Joseph Osgood Improvement	C-4
Proposed Inclement Weather Protocol Plan	C-5
Disposal of Surplus Materials	C-6
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