



## **Cohasset Public Schools**

143 Pond Street

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### **Cohasset School Committee Meeting**

#### **School Committee Minutes**

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Willcutt Commons

91 Sohier Street

Cohasset, MA 02025

Virtual Access via Zoom and Facebook

6:00 P.M.

#### **In Attendance:**

Craig MacLellan, Chairman

Ashley Colleary

Lance Dial

Paul Kearney

Lydia St. Onge

#### **Also, in Attendance:**

Dr. Patrick Sullivan, Superintendent

Dr. Leslie Scollins, Assistant Superintendent

Susan Owen, Director of Finance & Operations

Barbara Cerwonka, Director of Student Services

Lisa Farrell, Osgood Principal

**Roll call:** Chairman MacLellan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Ashley Colleary – Present, Lance Dial - Present, Paul Kearney- Present, Lydia St. Onge - Present, Craig MacLellan - Present

**Public Comment:** None

Superintendents Report – Cohasset Football is playing at the Superbowl at Gillette Stadium right now!

No student representative tonight because the students are at the game. This is the third time at the Superbowl and we've had one win in the past.

Dr. Scollins - Elementary Progress Report Update – A letter was sent out for families who are part of the elementary schools. A committee looked at our current standards-based progress report and discussed what needed to be done to align with updated standards and to align report card K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade so that the categories are the same. The committee members took the progress report back to their schools for feedback and brought that information back to revise and finalize the progress report. Next Tuesday at 10:30 (will be recorded and posted on website) there will be a webinar with a brief presentation and an opportunity to ask questions. Sample templates are on the website now. 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> progress reports will go home next week, and K progress report will go home in January.

Dr. Sullivan – after last week's meeting there was an induction for the National Honors Society, and we inducted 58 new members!

Girls Soccer Team went to States and played against Hamilton – Wenham. Played a great game and Hamilton-Wenham scored one more goal in overtime.



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The fall sports season was excellent overall! Huge thanks to all who played, coached, attended games, and to athletic director Rotundi.

Captains Breakfast was hosted at Gillette football captains and cheer captains were able to attend.

Mamma Mia! Will be presented this weekend. Ticket are \$10 at the door and will be sold at all three shows this weekend.

**CHS Vaccination Attestation as of 11/23/2021**

CHS:

Total Students enrolled: 424

Fully vaccinated: 371

%: 88%

Staff: 97

91.75% vaccination rate of staff at CHS

TOTAL Vaccination rate: 88.29% at CHS

There has been an uptick of COVID cases at the elementary level.

CMS:

Total students: 318

Students fully vaccinated: 213

%: 67%

CMS staff: 49

93.88% vaccinated

Total: 71%

Deer Hill – 61/63 staff are vaccinated – 96.83%

Osgood – 86%

Two emails sent home this week – What to expect for synchronous and asynchronous learning if a student has to quarantine. Protocol for mask removal at CHS/CMS

DESE reserves the right to make a change in their approval of maskless vaccinated people at school based on local and state data.



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Data about vaccinated students - MISS system will provide percentages and families should attest to vaccination once their child is fully vaccinated.

Principal Scott will be running an extended homeroom on Monday morning giving teachers a message to read to all students.

**AEC Update – Ms. Tanya Bodell** – Provide an update on the status of the alternative energy committee initiatives that could improve power reliability and cost savings at the schools.

Outreach and Recruitment underway -CHS Green Team and CMS StuCo are coordinating with AEC to provide student representatives

Cohasset has an opportunity to try out electric buses for 3, 5, or 7 years

Cohasset would have to provide drivers and schedule – can fill out a survey and NLX can provide a quote within a week.

Parking canopies/ carports are still an option if interested. Economics of roofs (best option for solar) AEC is looking into PPA Power Purchase Agreement, PPA with roof replacement, BRIC Grant

Select board has approved pursuit of a FEMA BRIC Grant - this is a 6-mile grid that would benefit schools

Potential improvement – schools could have nearly perfect power and batteries could be put on sights to improve outages by 50% - this would keep sanitation pumps, refrigeration and other power

Eight batteries could be placed at strategic locations

Timeline – proposal is due to MEMA on Monday, December 6 and it may not progress, but the AEC is trying and will keep us updated.

Mrs. Colleary – buses – do we have an opportunity to do an overlapping electric bus and other third-party leasing for the district or do we have to choose one or the other.

Challenges for the district – driver shortage, parking, small district/ limited bus fleet

Two buses are outsourced to local motion for METCO transportation.

Grant is for two electric buses

Mr. Dial – what do we need to do now to figure out what could happen with the buses?

There is a survey that has been provided to Mrs. Owen. Once that has been returned to Enel X they give us a quote.

7 – 9 month estimate to be built.

Create a strategy and a timeline at next finance and facilities meeting and go ahead with survey.



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School Roofs – do we need any information? As a part of the microgrid if we could get 75% of the rooftop solar paid for. Right now it looks like state isn't going to cost share on the roofs for many more years. With permission – if we could get 26% paid for, we could replace the roofs early

**School Improvement Plans** are usually set in the spring but are being set in the fall this year so that they could align with the District Strategic Plan. All school are using the same template.

Osgood Improvement Plan – Lisa Farrell

There are three new representatives from the community on the Osgood School Council: Lauren Grogan, Jenna Thibault, Andrew Knowlton

CPS vision statement and core values listed on all four SIPs

School Data:

Preschool – 37

K – 127 (6 teachers)

1 – 109 (6 teachers)

2 – 105 (5 teachers)

Total – 371

Goal #1: During the 2021 – 2022 school year, The Osgood will increase student learning in the areas of Math and Literacy. The increase will be the direct result of professional development offered through the year in Literacy and continued math professional development in year 2 of the math program. This improvement in student learning will be evidenced by improvement in the Reading and Math i-Ready assessments of at least 15% school-wide.

Goal #2: The Osgood will continue to implement Responsive Classroom strategies that are focused on promoting equitable opportunities for, and social emotional wellness of, our students. The Osgood will explore strategies from The Zones curriculum in order to support our students with recognizing and expressing their emotions.

Goal #3: During the 2021 – 2022 school year The Osgood will locate and identify three new partnerships within the school district, and community. These partnerships will enhance and support communication among all stakeholders, and create a larger learning community for the students to be an active part in.

Deer Hill School Improvement Plan – Principal Sullivan could not be in attendance. Mrs. St. Onge presented the Deer Hill SIP slides.



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#### **Special Education Update – Mrs. Barbara Cerwonka –**

Parent Feedback Surveys – have received many back and there has been positive feedback throughout this month. 50% strongly agreed with everything; 17% agree for all questions; remaining amount were strongly agree/ agree

NOVEMBER: 41 meetings

7 initial evaluations – all parent sourced – 3 eligible, 2 not eligible @ elementary; 2 not eligible at M/H

9 reevaluations – 3 eligible Elem., 5 M/H eligible; 1 M/H ineligible

1 Independent evaluation

24 reviews

Legal training at CPS on 504s – processes, updates, how the laws have changed. It was so popular that another training was done.

All 504 materials were gathered and sent to the law firm. All papers were reviewed and reassembled into a 504 binder that has been sent to each school. The same binder with practices, procedures and forms are available and used across the district.

SEPAC meetings – October – Kathy Breen – Elementary Team chair presented. Secondary Team chair presented in November. This month school psychologists from all school will be presenting. Next week there will be interviews for full time social worker position.

Gathering information because three staff members had been in the middle of a Wilson training. Info gathering to all staff about where they are at in terms of the training.

November staff meeting conducted with Tara Noyes – presented about MTSS and a referral or two to MTSS came out of that meeting. Will work with CMS staff about MTSS this month.

Therapeutic Programming – had reached out to do a self-assessment with former special ed directors. Have contracted with them to closely look and develop in our therapeutic programming and to use some of our grant funds to do that in order to develop our in district programming for students.

#### **Scholl Committee Updates -**

School facilities committee met last night and Dr. Sullivan presented. Will move to an RFP for an assessment of our facilities within all buildings. This is a first step toward an SOI that will be submitted together with superintendent and director of operations and finance. Other town entities will be brought into the fold during this process. No decisions have been made yet except to move forward with the process.

Policy and communications – goals established with communication's in order to forward on SC goals. Coordinating with Lisa Radden to develop effective communication and resources.

Kicking off facilities and capital subcommittee – after school snacks, outdoors lights, upkeep of grounds



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Wellness committee sent out a survey to work toward goal of after school snacks. Hoping to get that going this school year

Can we get a participation report on what kids are signing up for in terms of school offering – split by age and gender?

Community Question – Kristen Quinn, 216 Sohier Street – Osgood has a holiday concert coming up. Does Deer Hill have a plan for a holiday concert or a spring play?

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Lydia St. Onge, seconded Lance Dial.**

**Aye – all**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM**