



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

**School Committee Minutes**

Tuesday May 12, 2020

Zoom Video Call

Virtual Meeting – 143TV and Zoom

**In Attendance:**

Ellen Maher, Chairman  
Jennifer Madden  
Paul Kearney  
Craig MacLellan  
Ashley Colleary

**Also in Attendance:**

Dr. Patrick Sullivan, Superintendent  
Dr. Leslie Scollins, Assistant Superintendent  
Michael MacMillan, Director of Finance & Operations

Chairman Maher called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. **Roll Call Vote; Paul Kearney-Present, Ashley Colleary-Present, Ellen Maher-Present, Jennifer Madden-Present, Craig MacLellan-Present.**

Director of Finance and Operations Michael MacMillan presented our revised FY 21 Operating Budget to the Advisory Committee. The revised budget is \$67,000 less than the budget figure the town provided pre-pandemic. Due to unexpected retirements, the district is able to maintain critical need priorities.

Superintendent Dr. Sullivan advised that we are awaiting guidance from DESE on what school may look like in September. We are looking at the status of all of our grants as well.

Board of Selectman Dr. Paul Schubert commented that in the event students and staff return to the classroom in the fall, he anticipates stringent guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting and are we positioned with enough custodial staff. Mrs. Maher reviewed the District Resource Group study that showed we are short staffed relative to our square footage and the .5 position is a step in the right direction. Dr. Schubert and Mrs. Kennedy also commented that we should be wary of 9C and state aid cuts.

Mrs. Maher requested that the Board of Selectmen take action on our request for a reconstitution of the School Facilities Committee. The Board of Selectmen and the School Committee will meet in joint session on June 9 to discuss.

The School Committee adjourned at 8:57 pm on a motion by Mr. McLellan, seconded by Mr. Kearney, **Roll Call Vote; Paul Kearney- Aye, Ashley Colleary- Aye, Ellen Maher- Aye, Jennifer Madden- Aye, Craig MacLellan- Aye**