

School Committee Minutes  
Virtual Meeting  
Monday, August 3, 2020

Members attending: Sharlene Cronin, SusanMary Redinger, Suzannne Allen, Shannon Molloy, Abby Besse, Maureen Babcock and Linda Dwight

Others in attendance: Aziz Aghayev, Taylor Caroom, Brooke Caroom, Vivien Jamba, and Will Walling-Sotolongo.

SusanMary Redinger called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Brooke Caroom read the Vision Statement

SusanMary Redinger read a statement indicating that the meeting was being held remotely and the meeting was being held via video conferencing. Members in attendance were identified through a roll call process.

**Public Comment: None**

**Student Report:** Vivien Jamba reported that graduation went smoothly. The event was lived streamed live on the HCTV channel so people could watch from home. The speakers were great. Valedictorian and Solitarian, Liza Toll and Grace Acton gave a joint speech which was unique and well done. Dr. Luke Reynolds, a former teacher, was a great keynote speaker as well.

Scott Hoffman thanked his team for the great effort involved in planning and putting together a safe and social distancing graduation. Mr. Hoffman indicated HCTV will be creating a recording of graduation to share with the community. Mr. Hoffman thanked Ms. Aciukewicz for photographing each of the students.

**HPS Re-entry Plan (vote)**

The Committee had a robust discussion on the Harvard Public Schools Re-entry plan that included:

- Survey Data
- Commissioner Riley's update
- HES -Hybrid and remote options
- TBS- Hybrid 1A and 1B and remote options
- Timeline for decisions
- Budget Impact

Suzanne Allen moved and Abby Besse seconded to accept the District Re-entry Plan as amended to include six-foot distancing guidelines at both schools and to implement continual School Committee review with the Superintendent as we move through the Phases.

VOTE: Allen (Aye), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Molloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)

The Committee opted to wait until August 10<sup>th</sup> to vote between the hybrid or the fully remote option for return.

Dr. Dwight and Shannon Molloy will be working with members of the HTA to develop language around the teacher unpaid or reduced assignment leave consideration.

### **Agenda Items**

Policy

Budget

Remote Plan

Survey Results

### **Approval of Minutes**

With no objection SusanMary Redinger approved the minutes of the July 27<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting as amended.

### **Liaison/Subcommittee Reports**

SusanMary Redinger reported that Abacus Architect firm visited Bromfield to evaluate the walkway to see if it is structurally and economically feasible to reuse some of the existing structure. There is a deadline of September 1 to bring the project changes and cost estimate to CPIC for submission and vote at the Special Town Meeting in October.

### **Public Commentary**

MaryAnn Prouty – 39 Candleberry Lane - Re-entry process.

Sue Voute – 94 Bolton Road – Re-entry plan process.

### **School Committee Commentary**

Shannon Molloy –The Commissioner’s announcement raises equity issue around opening in that if Harvard can open, we are saying we are affluent and that opening is now tied to funding and the opportunity to participate in sports. We represent the students in our town and it is our responsibility to reconcile this with the larger community.

SusanMary Redinger suggested that Shannon register for the MASC – School Reopening webinar and ask questions.

**SusanMary Redinger** thanked everyone for coming and for their support as we work together to make our district a resource for the entire school community.

At 8:30 p.m. SusanMary Redinger with no objection adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Zadroga

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