

School Committee Minutes
Virtual Meeting
Thursday, August 12, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Members attending: Sharlene Cronin SusanMary Redinger, Suzanne Allen, Abby Besse, Shannon Molloy, Maureen Babcock.

Others in Attendance: Linda Dwight

Abby Besse read the Vision Statement.

SusanMary Redinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and let the community know that the School Committee has heard everyone who has reached out over the past few weeks. The School Committee shared what they have learned and understand about the complexities of COVID and how they will be used to drive policy decisions. Schools cannot be held with zero risk.

Public Commentary:

Kevin Callaghan, 268 Old Littleton Road
John Cogan, 79 Whitney Road
Amy Bassage, Littleton County Road
Rachel Kopay, 221 Littleton County Road
Jen Manel, 273 Stow Road
Mike Derse, 32 Mass Avenue
Jennifer Finch, Codman Hill Road
Keli Callaghan, 268 Old Littleton Road
Talia Charles, Sherry Road

Review COVID Policies for 21/22 School Start/VOTE (6:25)

Suzanne Allen and Abby Besse presented the background and recommendations of the CDC, AAP, DESE guidelines as well as the MASC that were included and incorporated into the mask policy.

Suzanne Allen read through the policy and the Committee discussed each point in the policy. The Superintendent can make exemptions to this policy for certain individual circumstances. Sharlene Cronin made the motion and Suzanne Allen seconded to approve the mask policy as presented and amended.

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

Abby Besse presented changes to the Distance Between Students Policy that will amend the policy to allow a 3-foot distance between students changing from the current 6 foot distance.

Sharlene Cronin made the motion and Suzanne Allen seconded to approve the distance policy as amended.

VOTE: ALLEN (AYE), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Molloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)

Executive Session

SusanMary Redinger made the motion and Abby Besse seconded to move into executive session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(1) for the following purpose: to discuss complaints brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual (OML Complaint). The Committee will not be returning to open session.

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