

MINUTES
Maynard School Committee Special Meeting
Thursday, October 29, 2020, 6:30 pm
Remote Meeting

Pursuant to Gov. Baker's Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20, the School Committee has modified meeting procedures to ensure the safety of all participants. The public was not allowed to physically access this School Committee meeting. This meeting was held virtually (internet) using Zoom Technology. All members of the public were invited to join the meeting virtually online or by phone. In addition, a recording of the meeting is posted on the WAVM YouTube page under Maynard School Committee Meetings. (<https://www.youtube.com/user/WAVMproductions/playlists>)

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30pm. An attendance roll call was taken

Mary Brannelly - Present
Jessica Clark - Present
Natasha Rivera - Present
Lydia Clancy - Present
Bethlyn Houlihan - Absent

Also present were Brian Haas, Superintendent; Jennifer Gaudet, Assistant Superintendent; Colleen Andrade, Administrative Assistant.

Urgent Business

MIAA originally recommended that teams would not play other teams whose Towns were in the red. Since then, it has been realized that many Towns in the red have no student cases in their schools, schools that have gone remote were due to staff needing to quarantine. Therefore MIAA, as well as the Maynard Board of Health both support and have deemed it safe and appropriate to play, and have made the recommendation for MHS to play schools who have no COVID cases, but whose Town may be in the red. The School Committee has been asked to vote to allow Maynard students to play against teams within their Town Pods that are in the red, but where the School has no rate of infection. It was indicated that there would not be any postseason competitions. Spectators to games are still limited to 50 people.

This was an urgent matter since the fall season is almost over and if approved tonight, teams would have the opportunity to continue playing and could reschedule games before the season officially ends. If this vote waited until the next School Committee meeting, there would be no time to reschedule enough games. Superintendent Haas was in communication with other districts to keep apprised of any situation.

Barry Roche, soccer parent and referee spoke about the safety during games and was in support of continuing these games for the season.

There was a suggestion to hear from the Athletic Director in the next few weeks.

Ms. Rivera made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to modify the safety plan to be allowed to play Towns that are in the red, with the understanding that school cases would be monitored between the joint Boards of Health, to continue fall sports through the week ending november 14th.

Ms. Brannelly 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Brannelly - Yae

Jessica Clark - Yae

Natasha Rivera - Yae

Lydia Clancy - Yae

Motion passed 4-0

Policy

Ms. Clancy asked that without objection to take the agenda out of order for priority.

There was no objection.

IJNDD - Social Media Policy

This has been worked on for many months and had been to School Committee several times.

Ms. Brannelly made a motion to accept IJNDD - Social Media Policy

Ms. Rivera 2nd the motion.

Discussion

General Expectations of Use of Social Media, paragraph B was removed. Paragraph B became paragraph A.

Under Contact with Students and Content of Social Media Posts #2, added "without prior approval" at the end of that paragraph.

It was noted that the IT Director would have access to all technology platforms.

Other policies for technology and social media were still under review.

Ms. Brannelly amended the motion to accept IJNDD - Social Media Policy with the edit of general expectations of use of social media, paragraph B will now be A and paragraph C will now be B.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Brannelly - Yae

Jessica Clark - Yae

Natasha Rivera - Yae

Lydia Clancy - Yae

Motion passed 4-0

This policy will be sent out by the Superintendent to all staff who will need to sign that they have read it.

ACAB - Prohibition Of Harassment

Formally policy #16 which has not been revised in a number of year. This policy was cited by MASC to review as part of the COVID policies.

Changes were made in the 1st paragraph, added (MPS). On page 2 and 4, state Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum instead of a name.

Ms. Rivera made a motion to adopt ACAB - Prohibition Of Harassment to replace Maynard School Committee policy #16 with edit to replace throughout the document Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum to instead just say Assistant Superintendent and remove Jennifer Gaudet's name.

Ms. Brannelly 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Brannelly - Yae

Jessica Clark - Yae

Natasha Rivera - Yae

Lydia Clancy - Yae

Motion passed 4-0

JLCB - Immunization of Students

There have been no changes to this policy since the last time School Committee reviewed it.

Ms. Brannelly made a motion to approve and adopt JLCB - Immunization of Students.

Ms. Rivera 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Brannelly - Yae

Jessica Clark - Yae

Natasha Rivera - Yae

Lydia Clancy - Yae

Motion passed 4-0

KI - Visitors to the School

This would replace policy #210. Added the first paragraph, which includes music to the list of programs offered.

Ms. Rivera made a motion to approve and adopt Policy KI - Visitors to the School to replace the Maynard School policy #210.

Ms. Brannelly 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Brannelly - Yae

Jessica Clark - Yae

Natasha Rivera - Yae

Lydia Clancy - Yae

Motion passed 4-0

IHB - Special Instructional Programs and Accommodations (Programs for Children with Special Needs)

There were no new changes since the last meeting.

Ms. Rivera made a motion to accept and approve IHB - Special Instructional Programs and Accommodations (Programs for Children with Special Needs).

Ms. Brannelly 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Brannelly - Yae

Jessica Clark - Yae

Natasha Rivera - Yae

Lydia Clancy - Yae

Motion passed 4-0

It was noted that this was actually approved and adopted on January 30, 2020 when all MASC policies were adopted if there was no existing MPS policy in place, but it was amended since then.

Ms. Rivera made a motion to approve to amend the policy IHB - Special Instructional Programs and Accommodations (Programs for Children with Special Needs).

Ms. Brannelly 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Brannelly - Yae

Jessica Clark - Yae

Natasha Rivera - Yae

Lydia Clancy - Yae

Motion passed 4-0

IHBA - Programs for Students with Disabilities or Impairments

The only changes were to add to the title "or Impairments" as well as "to be overseen by the Director of Student Services" throughout the document.

Ms. Rivera made a motion to approve the amended policy IHBA - Programs for Students with Disabilities or Impairments to include the adopted date of 1/30/20.

Ms. Clark 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Brannelly - Yae

Jessica Clark - Yae

Natasha Rivera - Yae

Lydia Clancy - Yae

Motion passed 4-0

IHBAA - Observations of Special Education Programs

Adopted in January, some revisions have been made.

Where the policy noted 5 days, was changed to state 2 days.

Changed Special Education Director to Director of Student Services.

Paragraph #5 changed Law and Regulations to Mass General Laws.

Ms. Brannelly Made a motion to accept the amended policy IHBAA - Observations of Special Education Programs with the noted adopted date of 1/30/2020.

Ms. Clark 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Brannelly - Yae

Jessica Clark - Yae

Natasha Rivera - Yae

Lydia Clancy - Yae

Motion passed 4-0

EEAA - Walkers and Riders

Took out the first paragraph and changed as determined by “time and date stamp”.

Discussion about 1st graders walking home, or being dropped off without a parent present, as well as being allowed to walk home from school. It was noted that Green Meadow’s policy did not allow younger students to walk home alone.

Ms. Rivera made a motion to approve the amended policy EEAA-Walkers and Riders noting the 1/30/20 original adopted date.

Ms. Brannelly 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Brannelly - Yae

Jessica Clark - Yae

Natasha Rivera - Yae

Lydia Clancy - Yae

Motion passed 4-0

School Committee members will review the below policies which will be a first reading at the next School Committee meeting.

***NEW* COVID Travel Policy:** written by the District; edited and approved by legal; reviewed by MEA & MESA

***NEW* IHBHE - Remote Learning:** reviewed by MEA & MESA

***NEW* IHBHE-E - Remote Learning:** reviewed by MEA & MESA

AC - Non-discrimination: formerly #14

IHBG - Homeschooling: formerly #661

IKE - Promotion and Retention of Students: formerly #516

It was noted that there would be a School Committee workshop prior to the next meeting on Goals.

Ms. Rivera made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Brannelly 2nd the motion.

Roll call vote:

Natasha Rivera - Yae

Mary Brannelly - Yae

Jessica Clark - Yae

Lydia Clancy - Yae

Motion passed 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Colleen Andrade

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools

Approved 11/19/20