

Wiscasset School Department
School Committee Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm Via ZOOM
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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chairman Dunn

2. Roll Call Jason Putnam Michael Dunn
 Desiree Bailey Michelle Blagdon
 Indriani Demers

3. Adjustments to Agenda - No agenda adjustments

4. Accept December 8, 2020 School Committee Meeting Minutes (**action required**)
***Motion** - To approve the December 8, 2020 minutes as presented made by I. Demers, second D. Bailey, 5-0, passed.

5. Approval of Policies - All first read. No action required.

JRA - Student Education Records and Student Information
JRA-R - Student Education Records and Student Information Administrative Procedure
JRA-E - Notification of Rights Under FERPA

6. Superintendent’s Report
Superintendent Wood reported that more students are going “green” (4 days per week) as more accommodations are made to the buildings. Overflow rooms have been set up at WES for snack breaks, etc. There are still 27 students from WES that are fully remote learners. Currently grades 2,4 and 5 have returned to 4 days in person. Next week grades K, 1 and 3 will return. There have been no student issues at all. Students will start returning fully, in person, to WMHS on January 19 (18 students are scheduled to return). WMHS will continue to bring small groups of students back as space permits.

- I. Demers asked if students are wearing masks correctly and above the nose. Dr. Wood answered that all students as well as community members are being responsible mask wearers.

Dr. Hanna from Mid Coast Health has Zoomed with the WES staff to answer any questions. It is Dr. Hanna’s feeling that it is safe for students to be back in school. Lincoln County currently has the second lowest transmission rate in the state. Superintendent Wood stated that she and the administrative team will be watching the guidelines from the CDC and ME DOE. Another round of grant money will be available and Superintendent Wood will be watching for more information regarding this.

7. Leadership updates

Principal Lomonte stated his commitment to getting students back to school. WMHS is in need of more space and man power so they will be inviting students back based on criteria such as grade level and targeted needs.

Currently there are 31 fully remote students at the middle school level and 46 fully remote students at the high school level. The student population remains steady - last year there were 274 student and currently, there are 271 students.

To add more space, there is a portable classroom arriving soon and the boys locker room is being converted.

M. Blagdon asked about the timeline for the projects - J. Merry reported that the locker room project is currently underway and because this is a big demolition project, he doesn't have a firm completion date.

Principal Lomonte thanked the School Committee attending the WMHS Share out.

There will be a Zoom tribute to Jeff Speed (retiring head custodian) on January 27 at 7:00 pm.

Phase II of the connectivity project will begin on June 1.

John Merry shared that he has been reviewing bus routes several times a day in relation to students returning to in person learning.

The 20 passenger bus that has been ordered has arrived.

There was a huge rock plugging the sewer line at WES - was a big job to remove.

There are still custodian positions available.

Marilyn Sprague, RN - see attached.

8. Old Business

8.1 Job Descriptions and evaluations (**action required**)

a. Food Service Staff

b. Food Service Manager

***Motion** - To approve both the Food Service Staff and Food Service Manager job descriptions as presented made by D. Bailey, second by J. Putnam, 5-0, passed.

8.2 School Re-entry Plan

Deputize the Superintendent to make changes to the plan approved at the August 11, 2020 meeting, without Committee approval based on emerging legal or health guidance.

***Motion** - To "deputize" Superintendent Wood to make decisions to the school re-entry plan without Committee approval based on emerging legal or health guidance made by M. Blagdon, second I. Demers, 5-0, passed.

9. New Business

9.1 Resignations

a. Ralph Keyes - Anticipated retirement June 30, 2021 (action required)

***Motion** - To accept the retirement of Ralph Keyes effective June 30, 2021 made by M. Dunn, second J. Putnam, 5-0, passed.

9.2 New Hires

a. Eilif Johanssen - Custodian

b. Margaret Ligotti - School Social Worker WMHS (**action required**)

***Motion** - To accept the School Social Worker position as presented made by D. Bailey, second M. Blagdon, 5-0, passed.

10. Calendar and Announcements

Next meeting will be 2/9/2021 online.

11. Public Comments

No public comments.

12. Enter into Executive Session to discuss superintendent evaluation per MRSA Title 1, Section 405(6)(A) (**action required to enter session**)

***Motion** - To enter into executive session as described made by D. Bailey, second by I. Demers, 5-0, passed.

Enter executive session at 7:55 pm

Exit executive session at 9:00 pm

13. Adjournment at 9:01 pm

Respectfully submitted by Stacey Souza, Administrative Assistant