

Minutes
Maynard School Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 6:00 pm
Remote Special 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 6:10 pm. An attendance roll call was taken.

Mary Brannelly - Present
Elizabeth Albota - Present
Lydia Clancy - Present
Hilary Griffith - Present
Natasha Rivera - Present

Ms. Clancy indicated she did not understand the purpose of holding the meeting and requested that Ms. Rivera preside over the meeting. Ms. Rivera indicated that the majority of members were in favor of meeting as a board to discuss COVID safety protocols and agreed to preside over the meeting instead.

Also present were Brian Haas, Superintendent; Jennifer Gaudet, Assistant Superintendent; Jeff Ferranti, Director of Student Services; Colleen Andrade, Administrative Assistant; Charles Gobron.

Anticipated Speakers: Charles Cariagenes, Mike Barth, Rob Rouleau

Committee Discussions on COVID Safety Protocols

Superintendent Haas created a FAQ document that was sent to all staff and families. It will be put on the website as well. He answered SC Member's questions.

Draft protocols have also been created regarding COVID response communications. This document will be made public after approved and discussed with administrators.

The level of communication was discussed. It was suggested to have easily accessible information on each of the school sites that has clear and updated information about quarantine protocols and other relevant information. It was noted that some links provided in Smores were not redirecting to pages.

Mr. Haas indicated consent forms to allow students to be tested will be going out to families. Students who need to quarantine this year will receive work the same as normal sick time out of school. Each school handles that a little differently. A job posting went out for a building sub/student liaison who will help with quarantine students, to connect with students who need to be home.

Students and teachers use google classroom now as well, so students can see their work electronically.

A concern was voiced asking if all students were compliant with mask wearing and if there was assigned seating on busses. Mr. Gobron stated that they had a good relationship with the bus drivers at GM and did not have any problems last year.

The spaces used for sick students last year was a DESE protocol which was lifted this year. GM still has these spaces. The Fowler nurses' office has a small room within it which will be used. MHS has a separate space where sick students can rest.

Mr. Barth said that the Grade 6-8 students will spread out in the lobby in the morning, 4th and 5th graders go to the cafe or gym.

Mr. Rouleau said if there was any school day event, it would be by grade level and students would be spread out.

Mr. Haas noted that picnic tables were purchased to be used for lunch and for outdoor classrooms space if teachers wished to use them.

Mr. Barth said that one grade ate outside, the next grade ate inside.

SC Members discussed their views on mandating vaccination. Members' views were varied, where most felt it might be worth considering. but depending on current vaccination rates, it may not be an issue. Ms. Rivera asked Mr. Haas to revisit this discussion with the Committee when more information was known.

Once student schedule changes are complete, the buildings would create seating charges for classrooms and lunch.

Mr. Haas said if they needed to close a grade or building due to absent staff or cases, he needed to contact the State, they had the capacity of moving into remote if approved. He clarified that Merv 8 air filters were used. Plexiglass was also used in the cafes. They were following the guidance they were given for this year.

Ms. Rivera made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Griffiths 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mary Brannelly - Yae
Elizabeth Albota - Yae
Lydia Clancy - Yae
Hilary Griffith - Yae
Natasha Rivera - Yae

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Colleen Andrade
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools
Approved 12/16/21