

**Leicester Public Schools  
School Committee Minutes  
January 12, 2021 @ 6:30 PM**

**Location: Per Governor Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A sec. 20, the meeting was held via online:**

Meeting ID

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**Call to order- 6:30**

Roll Call:

Nathan Hagglund	Present
Scott Francis	Present
Tom Lauder	Present
Stella Richard	Present
Donna McCance	Present

Also, in attendance were Dr. Marilyn Tencza, Superintendent of Schools  
Cady Maynard, Director of Finance and Operations

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Hagglund asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Showcase**

Jacob Cruz, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School Student, presented his STEM project, which earned him the MA 2020 Design Thinking Award.

**Approval of Minutes**

12-15-20 Open Session Minutes

12-28-20 Open Session Minutes

01-06-21 Workshop Minutes

01-06-21 Executive Session Minutes

Member Scott Francis made a motion to approve minutes as submitted. Member Tom Lauder made a second.

*Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- Yes, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance- Yes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).*

## **Data**

### Attendance Data

Dr. Tencza shared with the committee a presentation of the attendance rates in each of the school buildings. Member Tom Lauder ask to see data on how the absentee rate is affecting student grades.

## **Reports**

### High School Student Liaisons Report

Morgan Merrell and Abigail Johnson gave a presentation on how the transfer from remote learning to in-person learning is going at each school. They also listed events happening at the Middle and High School.

### School Committee Chairperson Report

Chairperson Nate Hagglund reported the committee attended a joint meeting with the Board of Selectman regarding future use of the Memorial School Building. The committee decided more discussions would be needed later in the year if the MSBA accepts a Statement of Interest for a new Middle School.

### Superintendent's Report

#### SWCEC – Accept First Quarter Report

The School Committee reviewed and voted to accept the SWCEC 1st Quarter Report as presented.

Member Scott Francis made a motion to accept the SWCEC 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report as presented. Member Tom Lauder made a second.

*Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- Yes, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance- Yes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).*

### Cohort Updates

A letter was sent out to all parents in the district with an invitation to switch learning models. Parents have been asked to contact building principals by January 15, 2021 if they would like to switch their child's learning model.

Dr. Tencza has been asked about the new state program of pool testing. Dr. Tencza did indicate to the state that we would be interested in joining the program but there will need to be more discussions before it rolled out to the district.

The Student Learning Times regulations set by DESE have been met. Building principals will be contacting parents with schedule changes.

### School Committee Liaisons Report

Member Donna McCance updated the committee on the progress of District Improvement Plan, Wellness Committee and the District Data Team.

## **Reading of Policies**

### First Reading- Section E

Member Scott Francis made a motion to table the discussion of Section E Policies until the workshop meeting. Member Tom Lauder made a second.

*Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- Yes, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance- Yes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).*

## **Finance Items**

### Warrant Signing

28A [Submit Date: 12-29-2020, Warrant Due Date 01-07-2021]

30A [Submit Date: 01-12-2021, Warrant Due Date 01-21-2021]

Member Scott Francis made a motion to approve the signing of the warrants 28A and 30A. Member Tom Lauder made a second.

*Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- Yes, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance- Yes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).*

### FY21 Budget Expense Report (December)

Cady Maynard, Director of Finance and Operations discussed the Expense report as of December 2020.

Member Scott Francis made a motion to approve the FY21 expense report as presented. Member Tom Lauder made a second.

*Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- Yes, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance- Yes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).*

### FY21 Budget Transfer Request

Ms. Cady Maynard, Director of Finance and Operations stated that there are no transfer request at this time.

### FY22 Budget Presentation

Ms. Cady Maynard presented the committee the projected budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

## **Business Items**

### 2021-2022 School Year Calendar (First Reading)

Dr. Tencza presented a preliminary calendar for 2021-2022. Discussions about the calendar will continue at the next workshop meeting.

## **School Building Project**

Dr. Tencza discussed submitting a Statement of Interest to MSBA regarding the replacement of the Middle School building in the spring.

Jeff Berthiaume, vice chair of the School Building Committee, felt that the current SBC would not have any more work to complete and felt that is appropriate to dissolve the SBC committee. A new committee will need to be formed if there are any future plans to build a new building.

Member Scott Francis made a motion to dissolve the School Building committee. Member Tom Lauder made a second.

*Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- Yes, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance- Yes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).*

Dr. Tencza and the School Committee thanked the SBC committee for all their hard work for the last seven years.

**Upcoming Meeting(s)**

02-01-21 @ 5:30 Workshop

02-09-21 @ 6:30 Open Session Meeting

**Convene in Executive Session-7:49**

Member Tom Lauder made a motion to enter into executive session, not to reconvene in open session. Member Scott Francis made a second.

*Roll Call vote- Mr. Hagglund-Yes, Mr. Francis-Yes, Mr. Lauder- Yes, Ms. Richard- Yes, Ms. McCance- Yes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).*

**Adjournment**