

**Leicester Public Schools  
School Committee Minutes  
February 1, 2021 @ 5:30 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- 5:30**

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

**Public Comment**

There was no comments from the public.

**Memorial School Building**

In response to Select Board member Rick Antanavica’s comments regarding the future use of the Memorial School building, member Tom Lauder asked for more discussion with the School Committee. The School Committee turned over the building, which held the former Memorial School, to the town. Dr. Tencza stated that a Statement of Interest would be submitted in the spring once MSBA opens the application process. MSBA will ask the SOI to specify which school is in need of replacement but it does not allow specifying a site for the new school. A new school building committee will need to be formed to decide the best site for a new school. Dr. Tencza also stated that she will look into the application process required to reopen the Memorial School and hopefully, will have more information at the next School Committee meeting.

Harry Brooks, chairperson of the former School Building Committee and vice chair of the Select Board, feels that the Select Board will not move forward to repurpose the MS building until it is decided if a new school can be built on the site.

### **Cohort Update**

Dr. Tencza presented the latest data regarding the transfers in between learning models. January 15<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for families to transfer to a different learning model.

A link has been added to the school website detailing the status of students/staff in quarantined in each school. The information will be updated every Wednesday.

The nurses and Dr. Tencza are still gathering information about pool testing being offered by the state.

### **Reading of Policies**

#### Section E

Dr. Tencza and the administration team reviewed Section E of the School Committee policies. The policies were compared to the MASC policies and they suggested which policies needed revisions. The Committee will review the suggestions and discuss at the next meeting.

Member Stella Richard made a motion to table the discussion of Section E Policies until the 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).*

### **FY22 Budget**

Ms. Cady Maynard, Director of Finance and Operations, stated she has reviewed the Governor's budget, which was released last week. Ms. Maynard is waiting for the final budget amounts from the Town Administrator. With the information received from the Town Administrator, Ms. Maynard will present a final budget to the school committee at the next meeting.

### **FY22 School Calendar**

Dr. Tencza presented two options of the 2021-2022 school calendar to the district unions for their review. Once a calendar is chosen and reviewed by the district's leadership team, Dr. Tencza will present it to the committee for a vote.

### **Fall 2 Sports**

MIIA has approved the Fall 2 season to start 2/28/21. Mr. Ted Zawada, High School Vice Principal, gave a presentation of the modifications that will be required due to Covid19. The School Committee will need to vote by February 12<sup>th</sup> if the district will participate in the Fall 2 Sports season.

**Upcoming Meeting(s)**

February 9, 2021 @ 6:30 - Open Session Meeting

March 1, 2021 @ 5:30 – Public Hearing

**Executive Session**

M.G.L. Chapter 30 (A) Section 21 (a)(2) Convene in Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with EAL and Food Service, not to reconvene in open session.

At 6:53 pm, 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).*