

**HADLEY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS 01035
Minutes- December 20, 2021**

5:30 PM – Regular Meeting

Hadley Public Schools – We are guided by the mission to provide a safe and supportive environment that fosters cooperation, critical thinking, creativity, and integrity; and educating students to contribute positively to a global society.

Present: Fasihuddin, Klesch, Brugger, Percy, McKenzie Absent: Phifer

1. Call to Order

Klesch made a motion to open the meeting, Percy seconded and the vote carried 4-0-0.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

Business Manager reports to be presented in January

Fields & Capital will be presented in January

No Executive Session

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment

4. Presentations/Discussion Items

a. Field Trip Request D.C.

Ms. Lanham and Mr. Burns were present to request approval for a trip to Washington D.C. in November 2022 for eligible sophomores, juniors and seniors. Lanham provided the SC with the trip itinerary, curriculum connections, and financial details, including fundraising. Burns informed the SC that the Board of Trustees is providing a generous donation toward the trip. He said that the trip should not cost more than \$500.00 per student with financial aid for students who are in need. Brugger made a motion to approve the trip as presented. Percy seconded and the vote carried 4-0-0.

b. Presentation of Goals, Director of Special Education

Celia Snow was present to share her goals with the SC. She said she did not view the Special Education Department as a separate entity and seeks to work with the building principals closely within strategic school plans. She spoke to goals in reading interventions, tier interventions, and screening process. Snow also spoke about SEPAC workshops to include all families. ESPs will be invited to attend PD sessions. Snow said that she has met with the Hopkins special ed teachers regarding the academic support period and the life skills program. There is a focus on classroom inclusion with modified lesson plans and accommodations for students as needed. Snow meets with all clinical support staff weekly. Fasihuddin thanked Snow for the comprehensive plan.

c. Presentation of Goals 2021-2022, SEL/MTSS Coach

Wojtowicz was present to share the status of the ESL Program and multi-tiered levels of support for students, including conducting monthly PD sessions for HES faculty. Examples of the PD topics were shared with SC members, with a focus on SEL strategies. She also spoke of progress on PBIS incentives this year. She has communicated with families to inform them

about the PBIS incentives program. Community partners include PINS, Cinemark, and Hadley Police and Fire Departments. SC members expressed appreciation for the report on progress made. Fasihuddin thanked Wojtowicz for her presentation. McKenzie thanked her for the support and resources she has provided.

- d. [Requests](#) for flags/banners in the classroom (displayed prior to implementation of Flag policy) – McKenzie reviewed the flag/ banner approved policy and provided the list of requests for display of existing flags within the district. She asked that the SC approve the flags listed on the request document. Brugger made a motion to approve the requests. Percy seconded and the vote carried 4-0-0.
- e. Vaccine and Pool Testing Requirements Extra-Curricular Activities – McKenzie spoke to a public inquiry about mandating vaccines or testing to participate in extracurricular activities and athletics. She said that such a mandate would have to be supported by the Board of Health.
McKenzie reported on the vaccine rates for athletics as an example. SC members agreed that it would be up to the Board of Health to address any mandates. Percy asked about mask policy for indoor athletes. McKenzie said she believed they wore masks but would check on it. SC members advocated for testing and booster shots. No requirements for testing or vaccines will be considered at this time.
- f. FY23 Budget Update
McKenzie informed the committee that she had submitted a school budget estimate to the Town Administrator on December 15th. An increase to local contribution is estimated at 3%. She spoke of unknown costs for the budget next year, such as a possible 28% increase in heating fuel costs, tuitions and outcome of contract negotiations. Klesch asked about grant monies available to offset some of the increased costs. McKenzie responded that she did not have any additional information on infusion of new funds at this time.

5. School Committee Reports/Discussion

- a. Finance – Percy had no updates to report for December.
- b. Policy – Brugger said that the committee was working on name change policies.
- c. CES- Klesch said she was unable to attend the meeting and will provide information next month.

6. Announcements

Fasihuddin informed that she had been invited to Hadley Council on Aging to participate in addressing supporting an aging population. They are looking to hold more intergenerational collaborative events.

Hadley Learns will be meeting on second Thursday of January again with Climate themes.

7. Action Items

- a. Approval of Washington DC Trip- Motion: Brugger; Second: Percy; Vote: 4-0-0.
- b. Approval of Requests for display of flags and banners in District- Motion: Brugger; Second: Percy; Vote: 4-0-0.
- c. Approval of Minutes of November 22, 2022- Motion: Percy; Second: Brugger Vote: 3-0-0, Klesch abstains

- d. Approval of AP Warrants for November 2021-Motion: Percy; Second: Brugger; Vote: 3-0-0, Klesch abstains.
- e. Approval of Warrants for November 2021 -Motion: Klesch; Second: Brugger; Vote: 4-0-0.

8. Next Meeting Dates

January 24, 2022 @ 5pm - Policy Subcommittee

January 24, 2022 @ 5:30 pm - Regular School Committee Meeting

11. Adjourn Regular Meeting

Motion: Klesch; Second: Percy; Vote: 4-0-0.