

**HADLEY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS 01035
Minutes- August 30, 2021**

Zoom Meeting

5:30 PM – Regular Meeting

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

1. Call to Order

Klesch made a motion to open the meeting at 5:30 pm. It was seconded by Phifer and vote carried 5-0-0.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

McKenzie requests that Ms. Dowd move to top of Presentations and Discussion items on Agenda in order to attend HA Orientation.

Added agenda item- disposition of two non -functional pianos from Hopkins

Add discussion of Capital Requests

Add to Action items- Approval of changes to Form/ Policy

3. Public Comment 5:32 PM

Fasihuddin shared the SC Public Comment policy

Melissa Aloisi- expresses what a great help Lauren McGarr has been to her family.

Expresses concern about the 80% vaccination rate being considered.

Rachel Briggs- fully supports mask mandate for all and requests vaccination mandate for HPS.

Sarah Pegus- also supports all precautions and mandates aforementioned by previous public comments. She added that she wants to be informed of all information about any positive cases in the schools.

4. Presentations/Discussion Items 5:44 PM

a. COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies for 2021-22

- o Review of Dashboard, Vaccine Clinic, Routine COVID Safety Checks/ Routine COVID Pool Testing

McKenzie reminded everyone that the weekly dashboard is posted in the Superintendent's weekly newsletter. She reviewed the most recent data. She said she would include information about positive case in the schools in the future. Pool testing and surveillance data, as well as vaccination rates will also be included in the dashboard. McKenzie mentioned upcoming vaccine clinic. Information on signing up for pool testing was provided.

- o Protocols for responding to positive COVID cases

McKenzie explained the protocol to be followed for positive cases, including further testing, quarantine, monitoring of symptoms, exemptions, etc. The protocols distributed by DESE were shared. Anyone who tests positive must remain home regardless of vaccination status. SC members commented positively on the detail provided.

- o Face [coverings](#), hand hygiene, [physical distancing](#)
McKenzie reviewed the Hadley Board of Health Advisory on masking and protocols for social distancing. 6:26 PM
- b. Review of [HES Handbook 2021-22](#) and [Summary of Changes](#)
SC members received the summary of changes, which included updates to health, arrival time, dress code, attendance, grammar and spelling corrections, and update of Table of Contents. Dowd reviewed the changes. Percy made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 HES Handbook as presented. Phifer seconded and the vote carried 5-0-0.
- c. Review of [HA Handbook 2021-2022](#) and [Summary of Changes](#)
McKenzie reviewed summary of changes, including the dress code.
Percy made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 HA Handbook as presented. Phifer seconded and the vote carried 5-0-0.
- d. Principal Updates
Ms. Dowd reviewed all of the school opening activities, family communications, family engagement, and staff preparations in regard to health and safety protocols. She spoke in detail about extra measures being taken in the cafeteria and at recess.
McKenzie informed SC that Enrollment is 241 at HA and they are off to an organized and successful start.
- e. Summer Retreat Update- McKenzie reminded SC of the dates for the retreat at 5:00 pm. on September 7th and September 16th. She said she will send the agenda to the members. She reviewed agenda items that have been determined to date. The SC members decided to meet in person for the retreat.
- f. Disposition of property- McKenzie reported that there are 2 upright pianos that are not functional and need to be disposed of. Phifer made a motion to approve disposal of the pianos if there is no one who would like them. Percy seconded and the vote carried 5-0-0.
- g. McKenzie reviews available funding and suggests that the SC NOT request capital item for October Town Meeting. SC members in agreement.

5. Business Manager Reports - Chris will present at regular meeting in September

6. School Committee Reports/Discussion 6:30 PM

- a. CES – Klesch- the next meeting is at the end of September. Director update has been shared with members. Discussion of COVID safety protocols and mask mandates in districts. Fasihuddin suggests that the new director attend an introduction at future SC meeting.
- b. Finance – Percy- Meeting was a report by the Town Auditor
- c. Policy – Brugger- brief meeting held earlier tonight. MASC had sent out notice for suggested policy for mask coverings. Committee does not feel the need to establish a SC policy at this time because DESE has made clear policies available. First reading of adjustment to home school. Policy- IHGB-E-1 was reformatted, with no changes to policy content. McKenzie asks approval of form because this is the time of home school applications. Klesch made a motion to approve the new form for Policy [IHGB-E-1](#). Phifer seconded and the vote carried 5-0-0. Brugger mentioned that JFBC final reading is under action items. Klesch made a motion to approve policy JFBC as presented. Brugger seconded and the vote carries 5-0-0.

- d. Fields and Capital – Phifer- Phase I contract was completed as of July 2021 with a 1-year warranty. Looking for design and costs for Phase 2. He added that there is no need to present a request to CPA at this time. McKenzie agreed, saying that an update could be provided at their October meeting.

7. Announcements

Fasihuddin- World's Fair earlier in August- very good attendance with a diverse population attendance. A three-part *Indigenous Matters* Series to be hosted at Library. Information available on Hadleylearns.com

Indications for a strong desire for community engagement.

8. Action Items

- a. Approval of Minutes July 26, 2021- Motion: Phifer; Second: Brugger; Vote: 5-0-0.
- b. Approval of AP Warrants for July 2021- Motion: Percy; Second: Brugger; Vote: 4-0-1
- c. (Klesch abstains)
- d. Approval of Warrants for July 2021 Motion: Percy; Second: Brugger: Vote 4-0-1(Phifer abstains)
- e. Approval of new form for Policy IHGB-1 – Motion: Klesch; Second: Phifer; Vote: 5-0-0.
- f. Approval of policy [JFBC](#) at the second and final reading- Motion: Klesch; Second: Brugger; Vote: 5-0-0.
- g. Approval of HES Student Handbook- Motion: Percy; Second: Phifer; Vote: 5-0-0.
- h. Approval of HA Student Handbook- Motion: Percy; Second: Phifer; Vote: 5-0-0.
- i. Approval for disposition of 2 pianos at HA- Motion: Phifer; Second: Percy; Vote: 5-0-0.

9. Next Meeting Dates

September 7, 2021 @ 5pm - School Committee Strategic Planning and Discussion of ESSER Funding

September 16, 2021 @ 5 pm- School Committee Strategic Planning Second Session

September 27, 2021 @ 5 pm - Policy Subcommittee

September 20, 2021 @ 5:30 pm - Regular School Committee Meeting

Reason for 3rd Monday - Board of Trustees Dinner on 9/27

10. Convene Executive Session 7:10 pm

*Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with to discuss contract negotiations with non-union personnel, and **NOT** to reconvene in open session*

Klesch- makes motion; Brugger seconds

Roll Call Vote: Fasihuddin:_yes; Brugger yes; Klesch,_yes; Phifer; yes; Percy yes

11. Adjourn Regular Meeting- Motion: Klesch; Brugger; Vote: 5-0-0.