

Lenox Public Schools

School Committee

Via Remote Access

February 25, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Join the webinar:

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Munch, David Rimmmler, Frances Sorrentino, Molly Elliot, Christine Mauro, Robert Vaughan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anne Marie O'Brien

ALSO PRESENT: Brian Cogswell, David Pugh, Mike Knybel

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. HEARING OF VISITORS

- Public comment. Kristen Moriarity inquired re: an update on reopening Morris, referencing Commissioner Riley's directive for April. Anthony Patella, why has basketball not been approved for LMMHS yet? Sophie Patella, Luke Patella also spoke in support of allowing basketball to take place at LMMHS.

III. CORRESPONDENCE. From Ted Collins Hopeful that SC will approve Fall2 and Spring seasons. A letter from Mrs. Nichols to Dr. Cameron re: basketball. WC: Received 6 or 7 letters from parents encouraging SC to allow a basketball season, which were shared with the SC. We will be better prepared to discuss Fall2 and Spring at the meeting on March 1.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion regarding High School Basketball. RV: Request a motion and second to begin basketball ASAP. FS: Would like to get this started as soon as possible if it can be done.

MOTION by FS and seconded by RM to adopt basketball to its full potential if possible or as a fun practice style through end of season, on March 29. MK gym not available if all kids back in building who said they would come. Could now provide a half gym for teams. BC: MIAA requires 10 calendar days from first practice to first game. Would need to check physicals, family id, etc. First practice could be by 3.2 or 3.3, first game 3.12 or 3.13. Only PHS and Taconic still playing at that time. Others finished by 3.12. DP: Winter sports season has been extended to allow an extra week for those schools that started late. Held off due to anticipated spike following winter break. We had the unique issue of not having gym space based on anticipated return of in person students. Can now get up and running. CM: What does the safety plan look like and how do we apply that to basketball? BC: All COVID rules for winter sports in general, some specific to basketball; all masked, balls sanitized before and after practice, basketballs numbered for individual use, mask breaks allowed. DP: No fans, no locker

rooms, no concessions, we have quality coaches, and they're ready to go, knowing protocols. FS: Why only half a gym? MK: Too much labor for custodians to move every day for practice, would do on occasion, for games. ME: Are remote students eligible? DP and BC: Yes they are. RV: Call for a vote

FS: aye

ME: aye

RM: aye

CM: aye

DR: aye

RV: aye

Approved 6-o.

ME inquired about safety of students if games are to take place. DP: Very attuned to this, in terms of player fitness, etc.

DR: Happy that we are able to make this happen.

Nicole Patella thank you for this opportunity for my team and my own kids. Would like to ask for a Senior Night for these kids.

- Discussion regarding Fall 2 Athletics. Discussion postponed to March 1, 2021 meeting. RV: Will be talking about Volleyball, Cross Country Running, Football, Soccer, Golf
- Discussion regarding Spring Athletics. Discussion postponed to March 1, 2021 meeting.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Human Resources
- Finance
- Teaching and Learning
- School Culture and Community Relations
- Governance and Leadership
- Lee/Lenox Shared
- Southern Berkshire Educational Future
- Strategic Planning

MOTION by FS and seconded by RM to adjourn the meeting.

FS: aye

ME: aye

RM: aye

CM: aye

DR: aye

RV: aye

Approved 6-o.

Meeting adjourned 7:26 pm.

VII. DOCUMENTS IN PACKET