

Lenox Public Schools

School Committee

Via Remote Access

February 8, 2021 @ 6:30pm

to join the webinar:

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Munch, Frances Sorrentino, Christine Mauro, Anne Marie O'Brien, Robert Vaughan, David Rimmner, Molly Elliot

ALSO PRESENT: William Cameron, Michael Knybel, Brian Cogswell, Department Chairs

I. CALL TO ORDER. RV, Chair; 6:30 pm

II. HEARING OF VISITORS

- Public comment. Anthony Patella inquired about the timing for discussion and approval of Fall II Sports. BC indicated that would be discussed at the March 1 School Committee meeting.

III. CORRESPONDENCE. RV: Correspondence from Molly Rivest re: returning all students to full time in person learning.

IV. BOARD REPORT:

- School Committee Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2021

MOTION by ME and seconded by CM to approve the minutes of January 29, 2021.

RM: aye

FS: aye

CM: aye

AO: aye

DR: aye

ME: aye

RV: aye

Approved 7-0.

- School Committee Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2021

MOTION by DR and seconded by FS to approve the minutes of February 1, 2021.

RM: aye

FS: aye

CM: aye

AO: aye

DR: aye

ME: aye

RV: aye

Approved 7-0.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Revised Richmond Tuition Agreement. WC: We have added language to indicate that grades 10-12 are included in the tuition agreement, when there is interest, and availability in those grades.

MOTION by ME and seconded by CM to accept the Lenox Public Schools-Richmond tuition agreement revision.

RM: aye

FS: aye

CM: aye

AO: aye

DR: aye

ME: aye

RV: aye

Approved 7-0.

- Presentation of Secondary Budget – Mike Knybel and LMMHS Department Chairs. WC requested MK present the budget, with support from the Department Chairs as needed. MK: Thanks to WC and MF for working closely with us on this budget. MK presented the simplified summary presentation, outlining and highlighting changes from year to year. RM: What type of year were you considering for next year when creating the budget? MK: Normal for most, some students will struggle. SC members asked questions of Department Chairs regarding specifics of their department budgets. RV addressed the long term goal of building upgrades or a new facility in the Administration section of the budget. Noted that it is very long term, but appreciate that MK brought it to our attention. SC members thanked the department chairs for their diligence in preparing the budget and the hard work and great results happening in the classrooms. WC: A large thank you to Mike Jackson regarding his contributions in getting staff proficient in the areas needed to perform under the circumstances for this school year. SC members discussed capital needs, short and long term.
- FS: What is the target date for returning our students to class full time? Suggest this be on the agenda for March 1. RM: Next K-1 reopening meeting scheduled? RV: March 4. Waiting for updated information re: vaccination of teachers.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. 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.

RM: aye

FS: aye

AO: aye

CM: aye

DR: aye

ME: aye

RV: aye

Approved 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

IX. DOCUMENTS IN PACKET

- School Committee Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2021
- School Committee Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2021
- Revised Richmond Tuition Agreement

X. DOCUMENTS SENT SEPARATELY

- LMMHS revised Preliminary Budget
- LMMHS Budget Summary PowerPoint

Submitted by *Amy Noble Novitsky*.