

**ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING,
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021, 6:30 PM
ZOOM & WRPS**

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The School Committee met on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 6:30 PM via Zoom and WRPS. Committee members present were: Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Maroney, Mr. Biggins, Mr. Mills and Mrs. Hennessy. Also present were: Superintendent Cron, Business Administrator, Ms. Hackett and Mrs. Lamb.

Mrs. Scopelleti-Howes, REA Representative; Mr. Mahoney, South Shore Vocational Technical Representative; Mrs. Nourse, System Operator and citizens broadcasting for WRPS/TV were present in the audience.

On a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, the minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2021 were approved. Mrs. Maroney polled the Committee. Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Hennesey and Mrs. Maroney voted in favor. Mr. Mills abstained.

Mr. Mahoney, South Shore Vocational Technical Representative, updated the Committee on student numbers. There are presently 144 Rockland students in grades 9-12. The Vo-Tech has had 244 applications for the incoming freshmen with 55 of them 8th grade Rockland students. The students this year are in a hybrid model doing a full week of shop and 2 days of academics. Things have been going well and attendance has been great.

Superintendent Cron reminded the audience that kindergarten registration is ongoing until March 5th. Dr. Cron shared a PowerPoint about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The DEI Committee met for a third time on January 26th. The DEI Committee is made up of Principals, Assistant Principals, the Dean and Freea Leahy. Creation of a 5th Core Value for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is ongoing. At the March 26th Professional Development day, schools will draft a new core value and it will be incorporated into one Core Value by the Steering Committee and then brought to the School Committee for approval.

On four separate motions by Mr. Mills, seconds by Mr. Biggins, unanimous, the following January Monthly Reports were accepted:

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| 1) | Administrators | Dr. Harrison, Ms. Bohn,
Ms. Smith, Mrs. Scheufele,
Mrs. Sheehan |
| 2) | Guidance | Mrs. Black |
| 3) | Nurse | Mrs. Ryan |
| 4) | Pupil Personnel Services | Dr. Maniglia |

The following newsletters for February were noted:

- 1) Esten
- 2) Jefferson
- 3) Memorial Park
- 4) Middle School
- 5) High School

Dr. Cron showed a PowerPoint on case numbers for Covid. Ms. Hackett explained the Rockland High School positive and close contacts are mostly from sports teams. Cases are going down. The duration of quarantining is 14 days from the last date of exposure for all town employees. A survey was sent to faculty and staff about their input on students returning back to school full time. It will be sent out to parents this week.

Superintendent Cron shared a PowerPoint on the budget. There has been a drop in Chapter 70 funds based on enrollment. There has also been more home schooling this year and parents are holding back their kindergarten aged children plus we had a large graduating class of 155 this past year. Very hopeful things will turn around. Reaching out to Town Selectmen on February 16th.

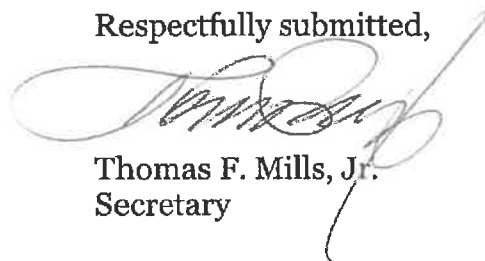
Ms. Hackett requested a sum of \$100,000 for use of technology related expenses plus costs for the leases of our vans. On the motion by Mr. Biggins, seconded by Mr. Mills, unanimous, the request for FY 22 Capital Requests was approved.

On a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the two fundraisers were approved.

The Committee public service announcements included: this time of year is tough for all, kids struggling, sports teams missing out on things; meeting in person; need something, ask, talk to someone; wants everyone to be safe and get back to school; be safe, take mental health breaks; recharge; Covid numbers are going down; vacation week; stay healthy.

On a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Mills, Jr.
Secretary