

**ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

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

TOWN CLERK, ROCKLAND  
JUL 15 '21 PM 3:14

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

Mr. Mills was absent.

Mrs. Scopeletti Howes, REA Representative; Mrs. Nourse, System Operator; Mr. Graziano, Athletic Director; Dr. Harrison, Rockland High School Principal and citizens broadcasting for WRPS/TV were present in the audience.

On a motion of Mr. Biggins, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, it was voted to accept the minutes of the meeting on February 22, 2021. Mrs. Maroney polled the Committee with Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. Maroney voting in favor

Dr. Harrison and Mr. Graziano explained that Fall 2 Sports has begun for cheerleading, football and volleyball. Coaches and students were trained on the guidelines for covid. Friday football at Cohasset is allowing parents and cheerleaders to attend. Each town has their own protocol of whether fans can attend. Students sign off everyday if they are symptom free. They sanitize and do not share belongings. Contact tracing rosters are provided at each game. Games are broadcast if it is a home game. If there is an away game and the facility tapes the game it can be shown on WRPS.

Dr. Cron told the Committee that the Rogers Middle School search committee will interview candidates on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. On Thursday there is a School Building Committee meeting at 4:30 PM. On Tuesday, there will be a diversity committee meeting at 3:00 PM. March 26th is a Professional Development Day. Rockland High and Rogers Middles school staff absences are due to sickness and close contact quarantining. Congratulations to Rogers Middle School teacher Julie Minahan on earning her doctorate. The Reopening Steering Committee met today.

On four separate motions by Mr. Biggins, seconded by Mrs Davidson, the following Monthly Reports for February were accepted:

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

Mrs. Maroney polled the Committee with Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. Maroney voting in favor.

The following School Newsletters for March were noted:

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

Ms. Hackett gave a budget update and told the Committee that she met with the Town Administrator and Town Accountant. The school's budget is \$282,635 less than the last fiscal year.

Ms. Hackett shared her screen about Chapter 70 money. Dr. Cron and Ms. Hackett had a conversation with Senator Keenan and he will be advocating on our behalf. For FY 22 \$29,557,229 is our foundation budget.

On a motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, the request for Douglas Walo to be reappointed to the Capital Planning Committee was approved. Mrs. Maroney asked for a roll call vote with Mrs. Hennessy, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Biggins and Mrs. Maroney voting in favor.

Superintendent Cron showed the timeline for Rockland's Covid Reopening Plan. Grades PreK-4 will start full-time in person on April 5th and Grades 5-12 will start full-time in person on April 26th. The hybrid models will end on April 5th for K-4 and end on April 26th for Grades 5-12. Before and after school daycare for Grades K-6 would be bussed to and from the McKinley School to their schools. Elementary has a change in time and would have a rolling drop off from 8:50-9:00 AM and be dismissed at 2:45 PM. DESE guidelines would be followed on buses with windows opened, masks worn and assigned seating. There may be small time changes to the bus times. DESE guidelines for elementary buses are 3 students per seat and 2 students per seat for Rogers Middle and Rockland High. Checking with DESE on guidelines for vans. Lunches would be grab and go and breakfast stays the same. There will be two tents at each school for outdoor lunches. Communication on social distancing from 6 to 3 feet with masks. When staff is vaccinated, please let your School Nurse know.

On a motion by Mr. Biggins, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, the vote to approve the Reopening Plan was approved. Mrs. Maroney asked for a roll call vote with Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. Maroney voting in favor.

The EASE/LEAP/STEPS Handbook First Reading was tabled.

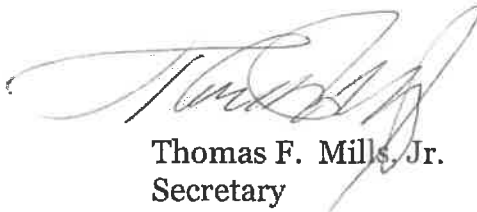
After a brief discussion, on a motion by Mr. Biggins, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, the vote to have School Committee meetings to go in person to the WRPS Studio was approved with the option to go to remote if needed. Mrs. Maroney asked for a roll call vote with Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. Maroney voting in favor. The next School Committee meeting on March 22nd will be remote.

On a motion from Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, the fundraiser was approved. Mrs. Maroney called for a roll call vote. Mrs. Hennessy, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Biggins and Mrs. Maroney voted in favor.

Public Service Announcements from the Committee were: Forward progress, Fall 2 Sports and Town spring sports are starting; reach out to a School Committee member if you want to know what is happening in Town; glad to welcome elementary students back on April 5th; Lacrosse rules have been adjusted; enjoy one of our sports; Thank you to Father Hickey at Holy Family for providing Rockland Public Schools desks to use; School Budget concerns; School Building Committee meeting on Thursday.

On the motion of Mr. Biggins, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Mrs. Maroney asked for a roll call vote with Mrs. Hennessy, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Biggins and Mrs. Maroney voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Thomas F. Mills, Jr.', is written over the typed name and title.

Thomas F. Mills, Jr.  
Secretary