

**ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021, 6:30 PM
VIA ZOOM & WRPS**

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The School Committee met on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom & WRPS. Present were: Mr. Mills, Mrs. Maroney, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Hennessy and Mr. Biggins. Also present were Superintendent Cron, Business Administrator Ms. Hackett, Assistant Superintendent Colleen Forlizzi and Mrs. Lamb.

Mrs. Scopeletti Howes, REA Representative; Mrs. Nourse, System Operator; Ms. Bohn, Rogers Middle School Principal; Mrs. Schipper, Rogers Middle School Assistant Principal; Ms. Crook and Mr. Popadic, Rogers Middle School Music Teachers; Mr. Piazza, Music Director; Ms. E. Zaleski, Rockland Town Account; Emma Woods and Cameron McGuire, students at Rogers Middle School and citizens broadcasting for WRPS/TV were present in the audience.

On a motion of Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, it was voted to accept the minutes of the meeting on March 8, 2021. Mrs. Maroney polled the Committee with Mr. Mills, Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. Maroney voting in favor

Superintendent Cron spoke about the reopening plan and Grades K-4 will return full in-person on Monday, April 5th. Still waiting on tents to be delivered and transportation times. Holy Family School has been a good neighbor and donated desks to the Rockland Public Schools. Grades 5-12 will return to full in-person learning on Monday, April 26th. We are planning for summer school. Elementary Grades 1-4 would like to offer a three week enrichment program with weekly themes based on Waterworld, STEAM and Animal Kingdom contingent on funding. Programs for Rogers Middle and Rockland High Schools are being planned. Dr. Cron reminded everyone it is important to continue wearing masks and social distancing.

On five separate motions by Mr. Mills, seconds by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the following Financial Reports for February were accepted. The Chairman polled the committee with Mr. Mills, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. Maroney voting in favor.

- 1) School Department
- 2) High School Student Activities
- 3) Middle School Student Activities
- 4) Cafeteria
- 5) Day Care

On sixteen separate motions by Mr. Mills, seconds by Mr. Biggins, unanimous, the following Monthly Reports for January/February were accepted. The Chairman polled the committee with Mr. Mills, Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. Maroney voting in favor.

1) Art	Mrs. Thompson
2) Athletic	Mr. Graziano
3) Computer Technology	Mr. Wells
4) Dean	Mr. Damon
5) English (9-12)	Ms. Donovan
6) Health/Physical Education	Mrs. Folsom
7) Math (9-12)	Mr. Casagrande
8) Music	Mr. Piazza
9) Radio/TV Station	Mr. Cable-Murphy
10) Science	Mrs. Armstrong
11) Social Studies	Mr. MacAllister
12) Special Education	Mrs. McGonnigal
13) Middle School	Mrs. Schipper
14) Middle School	Mr. Griffin
15) Foreign Language	Mrs. Shaughnessy
16) Library	Mrs. Kemp

Ms. Bohn introduced Ms. Crook and Mr. Popadic, music teachers from Rogers Middle School. Ms. Crook introduced student Emma Wood and her project, a poem by Robert Frost done through the program Noteflight (an online music software) and Mr. Popadic introduced Cameron McGuire who demonstrated his composition through Noteflight.

The completed fundraisers were noted.

Dr. Cron asked Ms. Hackett to share her screen. Ms. Hackett spoke about the FY21 and FY 22 budgets. Dr. Cron thanked Doug and Biz for their work with them on the budget the last few weeks. Ms. Hackett asked for a vote on the budget. On a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, the Committee accepted the total budget for \$30,865,248 and the Town's portion of the Budget for \$26,338,000. Mrs. Maroney asked to poll the committee with Mr. Mills, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. Maroney all voting in favor.

On a motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Mills the EASE, LEAP and STEPS Parents Handbook was approved. The Chairman polled the Committee with Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Mills, Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. Maroney voting in favor.

On a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, the request for half days on June 17 and 18, 2021 to be used for professional development days at the elementary schools was approved. The Chairman polled the Committee with Mr. Mills, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. Maroney voting in favor.

Mr. Mills motioned to table the vote on the 2021-2022 School Calendar for the next meeting, Mr. Biggins, seconded. Mrs. Maroney polled the committee with Mr. Mills, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. Maroney voting in favor.

On a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, the committee voted to approve the Graduation Procedures. Mrs. Maroney polled the Committee with Mr. Mills, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Hennessy, Mrs. Maroney voting in favor.


On a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, the committee voted to approve the fundraisers. Mrs. Maroney polled the committee with Mr. Mills, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. Maroney all voting in favor.

In personnel information, Dr. Cron congratulated Elizabeth Nourse who will take over upon Donna Lamb's retirement as Executive Assistant. He also congratulated Cheryl Schipper who will take over as Principal for Beth Bohn who is retiring from the Rogers Middle School.

The School Committee public service announcements were: Kudos to the Middle School Admin team and teachers as Parent/Teacher conferences at the Rogers Middle School went well last week; Esten and Rogers Middle School will have calendar raffles this month; no school on Friday, March 26th for students; be safe; Thank you to the teaching staff, admin staff and custodians as it has been a unique year; wear masks, wash hands; thank you to the cafe staff for making lunches everyday; congratulations to the Rockland High School football team; Mrs. Maroney was a full remote academy class visitor in Mrs. Babcock's class and enjoyed her visit.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. The Chairman polled the Committee with Mr. Mills, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Hennessy and Mrs. Maroney voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Mills, Jr.
Secretary