

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

April 29, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Cooper, Chair, Middleton C. Miller, Vice Chair, Boxford
B. Thornborough, Boxford M. Gnoza-Ogden, Topsfield
D. Volchok, Boxford K. Prentakis, Middleton
K. DeMarco, Boxford J. Ciampa, Middleton
Z. Bhujju, Topsfield W. Hodges, Topsfield
A. Pascucci, Middleton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Harvey, Superintendent
J. Sands, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
P. Bullard, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

A. Call to Order – T. Cooper, Chair, called the Regular Meeting of the School Committee of April 29, 2020 to Order at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom Teleconference.

B. Executive Session – A motion was made by T. Cooper to enter into Executive Session in accordance with Chapter 30, Section 21a (3) of the General Laws for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Masconomet Teachers’ Association, whereas discussing these subjects in open session might have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee. The Committee will return to open session, motion seconded by K. Prentakis at 6:38 p.m.

MOTION: To Adjourn to Executive Session and Return to Open Session
VOTE: Motion Carried

ROLLCALL VOTE

T. Cooper – yes	C. Miller – yes
B. Thornborough – yes	M. Gnoza-Ogden - yes
D. Volchok – yes	K. Prentakis – yes
K. DeMarco – yes	J. Ciampa – yes
Z. Bhujju – yes	W. Hodges – yes
A. Pascucci - yes	

Return to Open Session

C. Remarks by the Chair – T. Cooper reviewed the protocol for teleconferences and audience comments.

D. Coronavirus Response Update – M. Harvey informed the SC that virtual faculty meetings regarding extending the school closure through the end of the year. Leadership team meetings are continuing. Teachers are reaching out to the small number of students not participating in remote learning with the guidance department. The last day of school for seniors will be May 29, 2020. A virtual parent meeting for incoming 7th graders and video tour will be forthcoming. Seniors who have not passed the MCAS can earn competency in the subject matter to considered passing the MCAS.

E. Student Services Update – P. Bullard provided the SC with an update. Student Services are holding weekly meetings to assist with rolling out the remote learning plans and services to their students. One on one students who have a para in class with them or after class for assistance are receiving this service virtually. IEP meetings are being held virtually and as long as testing has taken place, evaluations can be completed with the IEPs being sent electronically to parents. Transition planning is ongoing and meetings are scheduled with counselors. Moving forward coordinators will move up to the next grades with their students, or “loop” with their students. This allows continuity between the students and their coordinators. Guidance counselors are contacting students via phone regarding engagement and remote learning. They are also in contact with parents and DCF if needed. Communication with both students and families is critical during this time. Z. Bhujju asked if there could be weekly check in for students. Patty agreed to explore that option. T. Cooper asked if there would be any additional resources needed for the fall. Patty explained that timelines for testing and evaluations will be done as soon as they can be completed. K. DeMarco asked if student services were participating in the weekly meetings with subject teachers. P. Bullard reported that they are attending the virtual team meetings and the remote learning meetings. There has been greater participation by the subject teachers.

F. Comments from the Audience – Meredith Shaw of the Tri-Town Council offered support services and will add offered resources to the virtual calendar. There are volunteer opportunities available. The Project Safety hotline is being staffed 24/7 by a counselor. Any suggestions can be emailed to Tasha Cooper. Z. Bhujju asked to review the impact on services with regard to the elimination of one Administrator Position and one Administration Support Position at a future meeting.

G. Adjournment – A motion was made by C. Miller and seconded by W. Hodges to adjourn at 8:37p.m.

ROLLCALL VOTE:

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| B. Thornborough – yes | M. Gnoza-Ogden - yes |
| D. Volchok – yes | K. Prentakis – yes |
| K. DeMarco – yes | J. Ciampa – yes |
| Z. Bhujju – yes | W. Hodges – yes |
| A. Pascucci - yes | |

MOTION: To Adjourn
VOTE: Motion Carried

Submitted By: _____
Lynn Viselli, Recording Secretary

Approved _____
Date

Per the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the list of documents that were either distributed to the Masconomet School Committee before the meeting in the packet or at the meeting.

1. Agenda