

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

April 7, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: A. Pascucci, Middleton

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Harvey, Superintendent
J. Sands, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

A. **Call to Order** – T. Cooper, Chair, called the Regular Meeting of the School Committee of April 7, 2020 to Order at 6:00p.m. via Zoom Teleconference.

B. **Executive Session** – A motion was made by T. Cooper and seconded by C. Miller at 6:03 p.m. 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 Teacher’s 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: To Adjourn to Executive Session and Return to Open Session
VOTE: 10-0, Motion Carried on Roll Call Vote

Roll Call 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

C. **Return to Open Session**

D. **Remarks by the Chair** - T. Cooper reviewed the procedure for remote teleconference and participation. She thanked the administration and staff for the work they are doing.

E. **Vote to Set Last Day of 2019-2020 School Year** – M. Harvey reviewed the options relative to the last day of school which is June 22nd, unless online teaching continues through April vacation, and then the last day would be June 16th. This is a local decision. The leadership team and teachers have shown overwhelming support for working through April vacation, which is from April 21st through April 24th. T. Cooper added that parents support online teaching through April vacation. K. DeMarco agreed stating it would be a disservice to the students, and a stoppage would be disruptive. Z. Bhujju also agreed that the teachers and parents are onboard to do what is best for the students. K. Prentakis made a motion, seconded by C. Miller to continue online teaching through April vacation, April 21st through April 24th, making the last day of school June 16, 2020.

Rollcall Vote:

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| 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 |

MOTION: To Teach Online through April Vacation with Last Day of School June 16, 2020

VOTE: 10-0 Motion Carried

F. Coronavirus Response Update – M. Harvey reviewed the events which have happened since the last SC meeting, including the distribution of Chromebooks to students and paraprofessionals; virtual class meetings for training with middle and high school students with a large number of attendees. J. Ciampa inquired about final exams if the last of school is June 16th. M. Harvey stated there will be no final exams. D. Volchok added that seniors are participating in class since there are no senior internships. J. Ciampa asked that the remote learning be put on a platform for future use like snow days, etc. considering the amount of work that has gone into this. M. Harvey stated that the State blocked this pilot program this year. Z. Bhujju added that 8th grade ceremonies will be lost as well.

G. Comments from the Public

Lilly Fischman asked if students would be exempt from work they were unable to make up. M. Harvey responded that students will not be held responsible for work they could not make up.

Kathleena Galietta asked if there was a plan in place to get the students caught up. M. Harvey responded that the school year cannot start earlier and budgets could be an issue. He agreed curriculum will need to be adjusted in the fall for all students.

H. Adjournment – A motion was made by K. DeMarco and seconded by C. Miller to adjourn at 7:10pm.

Rollcall Vote:

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

MOTION: To Adjourn

VOTE: 10-0 Motion Carried on a Roll Call Vote

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
2. Message from Commissioner Riley
3. Options for the Last Day of School