

**ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**ROCKLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING,
MAY 10, 2021, 6:30 PM
WRPS TV STUDIO**

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The School Committee met on Monday, May 10, 2021, at 6:30 PM at the WRPS TV Studio. Committee members present were: Mr. Biggins, Mrs. Hennessy, Dr. Mauro-Small, Mrs. Maroney and Mrs. Davidson. Superintendent Cron, Student Representative Ms. Pala and Mrs. Lamb were present.

Ms. Hackett was absent.

Ms. Bohn, Principal of Rogers Middle School; Ms. Nicole Cedrone, Mr. Cedrone and present in the audience were citizens broadcasting for WRPS/TV.

Mr. Biggins opened the meeting. Mr. Biggins suspended the regular School Committee Meeting and on a motion by Mrs. Maroney, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the 2022 School Budget Public Hearing was opened. The Superintendent gave a powerpoint presentation of the FY 22 School Budget. He told the Committee that they are anticipating an increase in Special Education spending. They are adding a Special Education lead teacher in each building. Adding reading specialists at each elementary level and instructional tutors.

Mr. Biggins thanked the Town Administrator, Town Accountant, Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen for their support of the schools and help throughout the year.

On a motion by Mrs. Maroney, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the FY 22 Rockland Public Schools budget for \$30,865,248 was approved, of which \$26,338,219.52 is Town Appropriation.

On a motion by Mrs. Maroney seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, it was voted to suspend the Public Budget hearing and resume the regular School Committee meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Maroney, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the minutes of the School Committee meeting of April 26, 2021 were approved.

Ms. Bohn introduced Nicole Cedrone who is this year's 351 Project Student. Ms. Bohn explained that the 351 Project is a service learning program and one student is selected from Grade 8 to represent Rockland. The Committee congratulated Ms. Cedrone on her accomplishments. Dr. Cron and Chairman Biggins presented Ms. Cedrone with a Certificate of Accomplishment.

Dr. Cron told the Committee that there will be a free special three week summer program for all students that will be themed base. The Superintendent announced that the elementary school Principals will have a Virtual Kindergarten night on June 1st at 6:00 PM. A reminder that the Rockland Education Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 13th this year. AP exams have begun. Good luck to the students taking them. May in Mental Health Awareness Month. If you or anyone you know is struggling, please reach out. The Superintendent introduced Maria Pala, the Student Representative for the next year. Maria is a Junior and Vice President of Student Government.

On four motions by Mrs. Maroney, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the following reports were accepted.

A) Monthly Reports for March/April

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

The following May Newsletters were noted:

B) School Newsletters for May

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

On a motion by Mrs. Maroney, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the 2021-2022 Rogers Middle School Student Handbook was tabled.

On the recommendation by the Superintendent, on a motion by Mrs. Maroney, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the request for approval for Jane Hackett to have authority to sign for the district was approved.

On the recommendation by Dr. Cron, on a motion by Mrs. Maroney, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the request for approval for the High School fundraiser was approved.

Public Service Announcements included: Clubs and sports are wrapping up; Student Government having elections for freshmen; Happy belated Mother's Day; Good luck with the AP and MCAS testing; Members will be taking a virtual course on Charting the Course for School Committee meetings; recognize teachers; Pfizer vaccines are authorized for use on children ages 12-15; School Building project starting to move; kids back on the fields playing sports.

On a motion by Mrs. Maroney, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the meeting adjourned at 7: 12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Emily P. Davidson
Secretary