

ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING,
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021, 6:30 PM
WRPS TV STUDIO

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The School Committee met on Monday June 28, 2021, at 6:30 PM at the WRPS TV Studio. Committee members present were Mr. Biggins, Mrs Maroney, Mrs Hennessey, Dr. Mauro-Small and Mrs. Davidson. Superintendent Cron, Mrs. Hackett, Student Representative Ms. Pala and Mrs. Nourse were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills were present in the audience and citizens broadcasting for WRPS/TV.

On a motion by Mrs. Maroney seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the minutes of the School Committee meeting on June 14, 2021 were approved.

Mr. Biggins introduced Mr. Mills thanked him for his 18 years of service on the School Committee and all his years of service throughout the Town of Rockland on various boards and committees. The Committee members thanked Mr. Mills and wished him a happy retirement. Dr. Cron and Chairman Biggins presented Mr. Mills with a certificate of appreciation.

Dr. Cron congratulated Diana Newcomb, she will be replacing Brenda Folsom as Department Head of Health, P.E. and Consumer Science. Dr. Cron asked Mrs. Hackett for a Covid wrap up and the new mask mandate. Mrs. Hackett announced we are now maskless. The current guidance is to wear a mask if you are not vaccinated in a school setting. We are going on an honor system as we have all along. We are not asking for proof and respecting individuals' privacy. We have renewed our contract with South Shore Hospital for testing. So we can quickly isolate any incidents. The contract is through December and can be renewed at that point if needed. Mrs. Hackett reported covid data: the number of students that tested positive 285 and 68 staff members, this includes The Rockland Daycare and all levels of staffing. This is 13% of the student population and 30% of the staff population, that we are aware of. These numbers are from September to June when we had our technology problem. The first case we have on record is September 28. Mrs. Hackett is optimistic and feels we are on the other side of it, but we will remain vigilant. We have a lot of hand sanitizer and masks. We are well equipped if it arises again. Thanked the nurses and Kathi Ryan for all their hard work and great communication with the Town Hall and other agencies. Also acknowledged and thanked the caring families, faculty and staff of Rockland for all their work.

Dr. Cron reminded people to save the date Friday August 13, 2021 for The Rockland Education Foundation Golf Tournament Fundraiser at The Ridder Farm Golf Course. Mrs. Hennessey asked Dr. Cron what the enrollment numbers are for the Summer Enrichment programs. Dr. Cron stated he would get those numbers for the Committee.

On five motions by Mrs. Maroney, seconds by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous , the following May Financial Reports were approved:

- 1) School Department
- 2) Rockland High School Student Activities
- 3) Rogers Middle School Student Activities
- 4) Cafe
- 5) Daycare

On fifteen motions by Mrs. Maroney, seconds by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the following May Monthly Reports were approved:

B) Monthly Reports for May/June

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

The completed fundraiser for RHS Boys & Girls Track Gold Card raised \$1,670.00

On a motion by Mrs. Maroney, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, unanimous, the updated 2021-2022 school Calendar. The update added the holiday Juneteenth which pushes the last day of school out by one day.

On the recommendation of Chairman Biggins, on a motion by Mrs. Maroney, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, approved the first School Committee meeting to be held on Monday August 23,2021 at 6:30 PM in the WRPS TV Studio.

Chairman Biggins asked Superintendent Cron if he had anything to say about the Surplus Report. Dr. Cron stated if you interested in what is available please contact Tim Wells at the Rockland High School. On a motion by Mrs. Maroney, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the Surplus Rort was approved.

On a motion by Mrs. Maroney, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the Paraprofessionals 2021-2022 contract was accepted.

On the recommendation of the superintendent, on a motion by Chairman Biggins, seconded by Mrs. Maroney, unanimous, the Fundraisers were approved

Public Service Announcements included: Wishing everyone a happy, healthy summer. Stay cool and a reminder that there is a free lunch program Picnic in the Park with multiple locations.

On a motion by Mrs. Maroney, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily P. Davidson
Secretary