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## REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Regional District School Committee

Fifty-Sixth District Committee

September 15, 2020	Remote Meeting	7:00 PM Open Session
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**Per Governor Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A sec. 20, the public will not be allowed to physically access this School Committee meeting. Members of the public can access the meeting via live stream**

**A. Call to Order** Roll Call: Members and Regular BH Administration Present:  
7:02 PM

**In Attendance:** Francis Fistori – Avon, Eric Erskine: Braintree, Aidan Maguire: Canton, Thomas Polito: Dedham, Michael Franzosa: Holbrook, Matthew O'Malley: Milton, Kevin Connolly: Norwood, Marybeth Nearen, Randolph, and Charles Flahive: Westwood.

**Not in Attendance:** N/A

**Administrators in Attendance:** Chuck Gisondi, Jill Rossetti, Michelle Resendes, Geoff Zini, David Galego, Michelle Sylvia, Paul Bavuso, and Angelo Dimitriou

**B. Open Session** *ZOOM LINK*

**C. Public Comment:** N/A

**D. Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Gisondi

Issuance of Bond Anticipation (Vote Required)

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> time we have secured short term bond. Interest is 0.5% for 7.5 Million. Michelle and finance team did an excellent job putting this together,

**Motion to approve short term Bond:** Michael Franzosa, Holbrook

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Vote (Roll Call) passed** unanimously

E. **Warrant: Vote:**

**FY20: Warrant Number 23:** \$5,290.91

**Motion to approve** Warrant Number 23: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

**Vote** (Roll Call) passed unanimously

**FY21: Warrant Number 5:** \$208,482.94

**Motion to approve** Warrant Number 5: Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

**Vote** (Roll Call) passed unanimously

F. **Minutes Approval**

August 04, 2020, includes attendance update

**Motion to approve Minutes for August 4, 2020:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Charlie Flahive, Westwood

**Vote** (Roll Call) passed unanimously by Committee

G. **New Teacher and Staff recognition** (Mr. Zini, Principal)

Principle Zini introduced and welcomed the new teachers and staff that have been hired to date (See attached). Mr. Zini also spoke about orientation and introducing them into the school community. This introduction included changes in position, custodial staff and Guidance Department personnel. He also told the committee that there are a couple position openings available but that interviews were underway and they will soon be filled.

H. **Professional Teacher Status** (Jill Rossetti, Superintendent-Director)

The superintendent introduced the 12 Faculty Members who achieved Professional Teacher Status this school year (see Attached) She congratulated the group for reaching this milestone.

I. **Summer School Report** (Kim Poliseno, COOP Coordinator)

Ms. Poliseno, Summer School Coordinator reported on this year's program. She explained that there were nine participants (3 Special Education). All but one student finished program. The one student who did not complete moved away from area. This summer program was fully remote. Please see report.

J. **Website Presentation** (Matthew Eisan, IT Director)

The IT Director worked with the Sub-Committee to work on issues that were brought to the table including updating the DSC website page, including and updating new sub-committees, member contact information, easy access to meeting agendas and minutes, and looking at ways to make the site more user friendly. Marybeth Nearen, Randolph expressed her gratitude and enjoyment she had experienced working with the IT Director and felt that the meeting was a good beginning and looks forward to future collaboration.

Member Aidan Maguire asked if it would be possible to use ZOOM when the committee starts to meet in person. He feels like the ZOOM format allows more people to be part of the meeting. Matt said he would look into technology for that and the Committee will have to look into the legality of this as the remote sessions are part of the special provision to the open meeting law covering closings due to the pandemic.

**K. DSC Chair Report:** Mr. Tom Polito, Jr.

**Update: DSC Recording Secretary**

Mr. Polito reported that the former DSC Recording Secretary has met with the Committee. The terms of the employment offer remain unchanged.

The former DSC Recording Secretary stated that she would think about it and report her decision to the DSC Chair, Mr. Polito.

**MOA**

The Committee will bring this to Executive Session (see below)

**Contract Agreement with BHEA**

The Committee will bring this to Executive session (see below)

**School Calendar (Vote Required)**

Changes in state guidelines make it necessary again to update the school Calendar. The Committee has had an opportunity to review it and the updated calendar requires a vote.

**Motion to approve the updated school calendar:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Eric Erskine, Braintree

**Vote (Roll Call) passed** unanimously

**L. Subcommittee Reports**

**Policy Subcommittee:** (Vote Required)

**1. Travel**

The Travel Policy has been approved/reviewed by our legal team. This policy addresses how staff who travel outside of MA have to prepare coming back to work/school during COVID pandemic.

**Motion to pass the Travel Policy:** Eric Erskine, Braintree

**Second:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Vote (Roll Call) passed** unanimously

**M. Administrator's Reports:**

**1. Principal's Report:**

**1. Opening of School**

Mr. Zini spoke about how hard everyone (teachers, staff and administrators) have been working to be ready for first day of school. Everyone is excited and the plans in place and everyone is ready to go. Seniors will be in the

Building on Friday and it will be the first time students have been back since last March.

**2. Business Manager Report: N/A**

**3. Superintendent's Report** Superintendent Rossetti will provide an update on a variety of matters going on throughout the district.

1. Update of the Opening of School

Most of the opening of school information has been reported on. The Superintendent expressed that she will continue to bring all new requirements and DESE changes and updates to the Committee. She wants to remind everyone that this is all new and the Hybrid plan in place is fluid.

2. Final Teacher and Staff Hiring Report

The Superintendent reports that positions are filled for most part but we have a couple new hires who have not started yet. We are set to go for first day and we are excited to be able to do so.

**N. Unfinished Business:**

There are four current DSC members who are up for re-election this November who were unable to complete their re-election paperwork by the stated deadline. Marybeth Nearen, Randolph spoke about how hard it is to get signatures and comply with state registration process during our shutdown. There were no provisions made for this. They will have to be appointed or write-in for the November election.

**O. New Business Topics** not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting

Member Charlie Flahive, Westwood said that he thought the Flu clinic happening at the school was a great idea and hoped to be able to take advantage of it. He asked that everyone should stay safe.

**P. Executive Session:**

An executive session may be called to discuss collective bargaining, strategies and/or possible litigation under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (b), 2, 3 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws. Open meeting discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body.

A vote was taken to stop and go into Executive session to discuss MOA Contract and return to open session to vote on their decision.

**Motion to go into Executive Session and return:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood

**Second:** Marybeth Nearen, Randolph

**Vote (Roll Call) passed** unanimously

- Note: Matthew O'Malley, Milton, did not go into Executive Session. He had to leave meeting.

Committee returns from Executive Session at 8:15 PM

MOA and Contract Agreement

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**Motion to approve MOA and Contract Agreement:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood  
**Second:** Marybeth Nearen, Randolph  
**Vote (Roll Call) passed** unanimously by members in attendance

**Future Business** – Next School Committee meeting will be held on October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The School Committee reserves the right to implement additional remote participation procedures and will notify the public of these procedures as soon as practicable.

**Q. Adjournment 8:25 PM**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Kevin Connolly, Norwood  
**Second:** Marybeth Nearen, Randolph  
**Vote (Roll Call) passed** unanimously by members in attendance.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:  
Pamela Donnellan, Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent-Director

Approved By DSC: 10/20/2020



