

**Millbury Public Schools
School Committee**

*Regular Session
Meeting Minutes*

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MILLBURY
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MILLBURY, MA 01527

Date: July 29, 2020

Present: Mrs. Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson
Mr. Chris Wilbur, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Julia Lagerholm, Member
Mr. Nick Lazzaro, Member
Mrs. Jessica Bristol, Member
Mr. Christopher Lowe, High School Principal
Ms. Rigney, High School Assistant Principal
Mr. Patrick Mara, Junior High Assistant Principal
Mr. Andrew Tuccio, Shaw School Principal
Mr. Corey Burke, Elmwood Assistant Principal
Ms. Lizz Boutiette, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Ms. Kate Ryan, Director of Pupil Services
Mr. Rick Bedard, School Business Manager
Mr. Greg Myers, Superintendent of Schools

Location: Millbury Jr/Sr/ High School Auditorium

Time: 7:00pm

Mrs. Nietupski opened the meeting at 7:05 PM by reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. Nietupski welcomed the community members to the public forum. She explained open meeting law. She stated that the reason for this open forum was for parents, community members and teachers to offer suggestions or concerns regarding the reopening of schools.

1. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes - Tabled
2. Report of the Administration

Mr. Myers stated that he has received guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the reopening of schools. He stated that he received the initial guidance on June 25th and formed a task force with administrators, teachers, parents, and community members. The guidance included three types of plans for the district to create: in-school all students, hybrid, and remote learning. Mr. Myers stated that he divided the task force into four groups: Safety, Academic and Operations. The approved plan by the School Committee must be submitted August 10 to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Mr. Myers stated that at the last School Committee meeting, the Committee voted to drop the in-person reopening plan on his suggestion. He stated that he does not feel that social distancing can be achieved if all students return to school.

3. Open Forum

Mrs. Nietupski opened the public forum. She stated that anyone that wished to speak must sign in and will have 2-12/ minutes. She stated that there would be questions entertained, only concerns or statements. She stated that the Chairperson reserves the right to ask you to stop if you are being out-of-order. She stated that no one should mention a name, no heckling, no applause and no booing should take place. Mrs. Nietupski stated she reserves the right to close the forum if there is any inappropriate behavior..

PERSON	COMMENT/CONCERN
Jason Poroux	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the plan for students with IEPs?
Jessica Gardner 2nd Grade Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wants more teacher interaction and feedback/evaluation on work; zoom on a regular basis, more structure for remote learning• Pickup Procedures at Elmwood neet modifications• How are we supporting fully remote kids if parents are working?• How will quarantines work?
Jillian Wollbridge 2nd Grade Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Difficulty teaching at home• Son became depressed• Wants kids to return to school• Could teachers come to home
Kelly McGuire Elmwood Street School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surveying parents on what plan they want• What survey results are being used• Are we meeting social distancing• How will the Elmwood team of teachers balance in person and remote learning, will it be consistent?
Sjobian Yoko High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Survey what parents want to send kids back to school• Remote learning did not work for my child• What will a typical day look like in remote learning• Will there be MCAS testing• Considering college schedules - hybrid - remote through holidays) - hybrid• COVID Testings - Staff and Children
Allison Ucello High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wants weekly updates from teachers• All work on one platform• Ongoing mental health plan - let parents volunteer• How will plans be reassessed through year
Ashley Cavanagh- Russo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nothing from remote learning in spring• Hated zoom meetings• No accountability for student work• Need time with teacher

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not getting education from remote learning
Christopher Roux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Glad all students not returning ● Keep younger kids home and remote teaching ● High school students should attend school ● 2 weeks on 2 weeks off ● How will morning and aftercare work
Dan Ribedeau 2nd Grade Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kids need to go back to school important socially ● Zoom was a check in; no teaching some were at 7pm ● Have not read kids spread COVID to adults ● Younger kids should attend school; older kids should learning remotely
Dave Desimone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child on IEP ● Wants more interaction with special ed support staff ● What are the reasonable accomodations ● Only focus on zoom for 11-12 seconds ● What is plan to notify parents when a child or staff member tests positive ● Are you testing staff ● Can teachers come to houses ● How much COVID spread are we willing to tolerate before closing schools
Heather Kennedy Elmwood Street (3 kids)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elementary social development can't be created outside of school ● Will mask sanitation and social distancing be enforced at Elmwood ● Hire more aides to support distancing ● Have parents help organize mask donations ● Students mental and social media use must be watched ● Hve high school students learning remotely and use high school for more spacing to bring all younger students back to school ● Plexiglass on desks ● Provide chromebooks to families that need
Mr. Oullette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Zoom did not work, child bored ● How will hybrid rotate ● Protocols for disinfecting ● Hire an outside agency to deep clean once a week
Liz Minor High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accountability and expectations - More strict standards ● Affects GPA ● Will public see the plans and expectations for reopening schools ● How to support teachers ● Teachers sending emails to students should cc parents ● What about athletics ● Do not want MCAS

Jason Abraham Junior and High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Remote Learning did not work student on 504 ● More back and forth with teachers ● Want student back to school at 100% ● Could not figure out what assignments were ● Email parents with assignments and due dates ● Zoom with kids that are in the classroom ● Schedule zoom meetings in advance and let parents know the schedule ahead of time
Danielle O'Rourke Kindergarten Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IEP student remote learning very difficult ● Unable to clearly communicate with teachers ● Worried child will not progress ● Some in person teaching is better than none
Joanne Pressley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Needs social interaction ● Is option for fully remote ● How will parents be notified if someone tests positive ● More structure and class time for young kids - it was only once a week.
David Delaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concerned about food insecurity ● Must make best decision for community well being ● Will support any decision
Joan Hickey Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child needs structure and accountability remotely ● Remote Learning should include normal routines - pledge, morning meeting, agenda for the day ● Parents should know all assignments ahead of student; increase communication
Tammy Gillo Elmwood Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concerned that preschool, kindergarten and first grades are not required to wear masks. ● How will MPS support wearing masks ● Parents will volunteer to make masks and deliver food ● How long will students/staff be quarantine if tested positive or if someone in home test positive ● Will staff or students be tested ● Schools ventilation systems ● How will breaks and student exercising take place
Eneida Sanchez High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How will school and desks be sanitized ● More structure and accountability if remote learning ● What are the plans for sports
Alan Delassandro Prek- 1st, 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kids need to be in school for morale ● They know how to behave properly during COVID
Ms. Raymond 3rd Grade Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Too much work on the computer child just click and did not ready content ● Wants math and spelling packets ● Live teaching sessions with students ● Let parents know schedule and assignments ahead of students

Parent Elmwood Street School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Had to print out all work ● Each teacher communicated differently - very confusing ● Please use same platform ● Use only one password and login
Jessica O'Coin Preschooler / 9th grader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Survey should show different preferences for each child ● Parents should kids to wear masks ● Trust the administration
Jessica Garder 3rd Grade Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High school should be remote younger students should all go to school ● Support for teachers ● How much understanding does administration have for teachers when their own children show up on screen? ● Difficult to build relationships for students when they do not meet their teachers in person ● Need to have some in person time with teacher (one day a week) ● In a hybrid situation if scheduled by last name my child will not see her friends as their last names are at the end of the alphabet and hers is at the beginning. ● Students should be able to read to Title I teachers 1:1
Kim Oullette Elmwood and Shaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need aftercare ● Parents are not teachers - children suffer ● Need to know Plans ASAP ● Is there a way to send students to school on hybrid days with siblings
Jen Jumper 2nd grade parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health and safety are priority ● Plan to hire more nurses ● What to do with COVID systems ● Parents do send their children to school sick w/fevers etc. ● How will students and staff be assessed ● How in later grades will students grades account for the fact that they are behind because of COVID
Ms. Richie 2nd Grade /High school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hard to motivate high school student when they do not hear from teachers ● Before and aftercare needed ● Zoom meetings happened when I was working and child could not attend ● Will extra nurses be available during school day ● Teachers should have 1:1 meetings with parents for targeted goals ● Create lessons that kids can learn outside classroom ● Hire more aides to sanitize and help with social distancing ● Need system in place for testing, quarantining travelers ● Can parents get tested and volunteer in school ● Use one platform for all learning - multiple apps with own logins - impossible ● Please have one place to submit work ● Parents spent too much time troubleshooting and less time

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Mrs. Nietupski closed the public forum and commended the audience on how amazing they were. She stated that they had heard of other School Committees in other towns having difficult and inappropriate issues.

6. Old Business

Mrs. Nietupski stated that at the last meeting she asked the Committee members to consider joining the School Committee Policy Subcommittee. She stated that Mr. Lazzaro has shown interest in joining the Committee.

7. Executive Session

The Committee will consider moving into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21(A)3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with SEIU Local 888 because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

Mrs. Lagerholm - YES, Mr. Lazzaro - YES, Mr. Wilbur - YES, Mrs. Bristol - YES, Mrs. Nietupski - YES

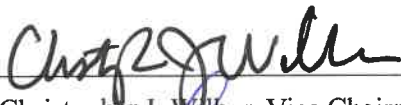
8. Future Topics

9. Next Meeting: August 5, 2020 Regular SC Meeting, 7:00PM

10. Adjourn - Mrs. Nietupski stated that the meeting will close after the Executive Session without discussing further business.

Approved:

Jennifer B. Nietupski, Chairperson



Christopher J. Wilbur, Vice Chairperson



Julia Lagerholm



Nicholas Lazzaro



Jessica Bristol