

**Special Services Committee Meeting  
School Department Board Room # 2**

August 20, 2020

6:00 PM

**Members Present:**

Mrs. Sarah Harrington, Chair  
Mr. Nathaniel Byrne  
Mrs. Anne Grassie  
Mr. Thomas O'Connor  
Mr. Matthew Pappas  
Mr. Robert Watson

**Members Absent:**

**Also Present:**

Dr. Sandie MacDonald  
Mr. Kyle Repucci  
Matthew Beaulieu  
David Camire  
Paul Lynch  
Matthew Munn  
Karen Stokes  
Guests & Public

Mrs. Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

***Approval of Minutes***

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Grassie, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2020 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

***Enrollment Data – No Action Required***

Dr. Sandie MacDonald, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the data as of August 20, 2020 @ 3:00 PM. The survey is open through August 21, 2020.

***Fall Return to Athletics 2020***

Mr. Kevin Hebert, Athletic Director, and Mr. Justin Roy, Principal, reviewed the recommendations for High School and Middle School Fall Return to Athletics 2020. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Watson moved, second by Mr. Pappas, to recommend the Board approve the Athletic Directors plan for school fall sports. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Watson moved, second by Mr. Pappas, to recommend the Board accept the proposed Fall Return to Athletics 2020 Plan in principle and to schedule a Special Board meeting for September 3, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

***Spaulding High School Open Campus***

Ms. Jenna Kotsonis, Assistant Principal, and Mr. Roy reviewed the Open Campus for Seniors only proposal. Brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mr. O'Connor, to recommend the Board approve the Open Campus for Seniors proposal as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

***Rochester Schools Music Department 2020-2021***

Ms. Joanne Houston, RSD Music Director, and Mr. Roy reviewed the 2020-2021 procedures for Elementary, Middle School and High School music classes and band lessons. Brief discussion ensued. Mr. Beaulieu asked for costs to be available to the Finance Committee by September 3, 2020.

***Red Raider Mascot – Allies United for Change***

Ms. Beth Friedman Grosso, Ben Pouliot, Denise Pouliot, Whitney Carrier, Annaliese Saint-Val (student), Renee Yvon Napolitano all spoke on behalf of Allies United for Change to remove the Red Raider mascot. David Miller presented a proposed plan to remove the current Red Raider mascot.

Mr. Watson moved, second by Mr. Pappas, to table the vote until after public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

***Five Year Plan***

Mrs. Karen Stokes mentioned the Chromebooks that have been purchased.

***Public Comment***

Hunter - Rochester resident and SHS student, spoke in favor of the current mascot.

Laura Turgeon – Rochester resident and Class of 1983, spoke in regards to history of the mascot and supports keeping it.

Gary Baribeault – Rochester resident and Alumni of SHS, spoke in support of the current mascot.

Tabatha Davis – Rochester resident, spoke in support of the current mascot.

Katie – Jr. @ SHS spoke in support of the current mascot.

Kelly – Rochester resident, spoke in support of the current mascot.

Joe – Farmington resident and Alumni of SHS, spoke in support of the current mascot.

Jennifer Dube – Rochester resident

Allie Main – Rochester resident, spoke in favor of removing the current mascot.

Mandy Schulkind – Rochester resident and Alumni of SHS, spoke in favor of removing the current mascot.

***Other***

Mr. Watson moved, second by Mr. Pappas to take the mascot motion off the table. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Watson moved, second by Mr. Pappas, to recommend to the Board to retire the Red Raider mascot and direct the Superintendent to present a plan within 90 days to replace it. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Dr. MacDonald reviewed the updated 2020-2021 bus routes. The route start times were adjusted to start 15 minutes later than previously approved. This is to help with social distancing and student arrivals at school.

***Adjournment***

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Grassie, to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Sarah Harrington, Chair