

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

October 15, 2020

6:00 PM

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mr. Nathaniel Byrne

Also Present:

Dr. Sandie MacDonald
Mr. Kyle Repucci
Guests & Public

Mrs. Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mrs. Grassie, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Enrollment Data – No Action Required

Dr. Sandie MacDonald, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the data as of October 1, 2020. We heard today that VLACS students that have been on a waitlist are beginning to get in. We will have someone starting in November to help with the remote waitlist at the elementary level. The requests for enrollment changes has slowed down.

Bus Data – No Action Required

Dr. MacDonald reviewed the bus counts for September 2020. At the High School/Middle School level we have removed bus R19 and disbursed the route amongst R17, R9, R7 and R6. At the elementary level we have removed bus R10 and placed that route on R1.

Attendance Data – No Action Required

Dr. MacDonald shared that there are only two students that have missed 15 unexcused days.

Master's Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor for SHS

Mrs. Michele Halligan-Foley presented the history of MLADC in Spaulding with Safe School Grant; SAP Grant that has been funded for over seven years. This year there was no funding. She was able to secure some money through the middle school SAP grant. Funding will allow a "Contracted Service" to come into Spaulding one day a week for the school year. She is requesting to be able to use Home Base Collaborative Family Counseling. They will be located in the basement at SHS in the Community Partners room. They follow the same protocols that the school district uses.

Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Mr. Watson, to recommend to the board to approve the request to use Home Base Collaborative Family Counseling through the SAP grant. The motion carried unanimously.

Five Year Plan

Mrs. Christian Allison, Director of Student Services, will present on special education data at the next meeting on November 19, 2020.

Public Comment

Jennifer Gullison, Rochester resident at Seavey Brook Lane, spoke on behalf of the Spaulding Volleyball Boosters/Team asking the School Board to reconsider their decision last week in regards to the 35-mile radius limit for sports for competition and championships.

Robert Creteau, Rochester resident and captain of the SHS golf team, spoke in regards to the 35-mile radius and would like the Board to reconsider options for the students to be able to participate in the tournament. Suggested COVID test and quarantine when they return from the tournament.

Tim Vinciguerra, Rochester resident at 38 Stillwater Circle, spoke in support of letting the sports teams be looked at individually. Parents should have a say and assume the risk. Hopes that the Board is willing to negotiate and talk.

Richard Stuart, Union NH resident, doesn't understand the reasoning behind the 35-mile radius. Feels parents didn't have a say. Golf is the safest of any other sports. All sports should have a say.

Maureen Callaghan, Rochester resident at Forest Park Drive. Her children aren't directly impacted but several people have reached out to her looking for answers. Parents don't know where to go for answers. Appreciates all the communication that the School Department and School Board do to communicate. Take into consideration the people that came tonight.

Other

Dr. MacDonald, at Mr. O'Connor's request, reached out to Mr. Kevin Hebert, Athletic Director, in regards to the head coaches and Booster Clubs. The two policies that guide this are KMB and KMA.

Adjournment

Mr. Pappas moved, second by Mr. Watson, to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Sarah Harrington, Chair