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December 16, 2020

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

*The December 16, 2020 School Committee (SC) meeting was called to order by Lisa Brown at 7:00 PM. She reported that the meeting is being broadcast live and recorded for future rebroadcasting.*

*School Committee Members present: Lisa Brown (Chair), Kelli Grady (Vice Chair), Heather Morin (Secretary) Julie Moulder and Becky Charniak*

*School Committee Members Absent:*

*Non-Voting: Superintendent Paul Vieira, Business & Operations Manager Cortney Keegan*

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

There was no pledge of allegiance

### **Student Representative Report**

High School Student Representative William Champagne gave an update on activities that have been happening over the course of the past month at the Douglas High School and he also updated the School Committee on upcoming events.

### **Public Comment & Communication**

There was no public comment

### **Old Business/New Business**

There was no old business

There was no new business

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **COVID-19 Update**

Superintendent Vieira wanted to thank families and staff for following the Covid-19 protocols we have in place. He also wanted to thank all of the district nurses for tracking all of the data and communicating with parents on contact tracing. He said on Friday he will do a brief update for everyone on numbers.

#### **Upcoming School Events**

Superintendent Vieira updates the Committee on Spirit Week events that have been going on throughout the district before the holiday break.

He then wanted to mention something that had come out in the news and was voted on yesterday by the DOE. This vote was in regards to Student Learning Time. He said that what the Commissioner of Education asked his Board to approve was any school district in a hybrid model must average 35 hours of live instruction over a 2-week period. He then said two of our buildings are currently below the 35-hour threshold, the Primary School and High School.

Ms. Charniak asked how far we are off at the Primary School and High School.

Dr. Vieira said that the Primary is very close and is only off by 2 hours, which we can correct with a little tweaking of the current schedule. He then said at the High School we are actually very far off, by almost 12 hours. Dr. Vieira said that they are working on ways to fill in this gap and to get to the average of 35 hours.

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**School Committee & Sub-Committee Report**

**Accounts Payable Report**

There was no Accounts Payable Report

**Consent Agenda**

**Minutes December 2, 2020**

-Ms. Grady made a motion to approve the School Committee minutes for December 2, 2020. Ms. Morin seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Lisa Brown-Aye, Becky Charniak-Aye, Heather Morin-Aye, Julie Moulder-Aye, and Kelli Grady-Aye.

**FY2021 Bus Transportation**

Ms. Keegan said that it was requested by the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectman to change the language in Section C, second page #1. She said we gone ahead and revised the language saying that *“In the event that Douglas Public Schools is closed for twenty (20) consecutive scheduled school days, including Wednesdays, the Parties will meet to agree on a reduction of the payment to be rendered by the Douglas Public Schools and/or the Town of Douglas to Tellstone for the period beginning on the twenty-first school day from the date of closure to the end of the closure period. In establishing the payment to be made, the Parties shall consider the fixed costs incurred by Tellstone to perform under the terms of this contract as well as those costs that were avoided or could have been mitigated under the circumstances.”*. If this were to happen then we would have to meet to negotiate for those days.

Ms. Keegan said was an addition in Section C, #2. *It is the mutual understanding of the Parties that Tellstone incurs additional expenses to clean, disinfect, and prepare buses for use during the COVID-19 emergency. The Parties also mutually acknowledge that the Douglas Public Schools and the Town of Douglas have not sought to reduce the total cost of this contract even though no services have been, or are reasonably foreseen to be required, on Wednesday of each week. The Parties agree that this is a fair exchange of consideration, and that neither Party shall seek from the other any financial compensation for these costs.*

-Ms. Charniak made a motion to approve the revised Memorandum of Agreement between Tellstone & Son, Inc. and the Douglas Public Schools, dated December 16, 2020. Ms. Morin seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Lisa Brown-Aye, Becky Charniak-Aye, Heather Morin-Aye, Julie Moulder-Aye, and Kelli Grady-Aye.

**School Business and Operations Manager Report**

**Transfers and Reclassifications**

There were no transfers of reclassifications

**Other Topics**

There were no other topics

**Adjournment**

-At 7:29 p.m. Ms. Grady made a motion to adjourn the School Committee meeting. Seconded by Ms. Moulder. Roll Call Vote: Lisa Brown-Aye, Becky Charniak-Aye, Heather Morin-Aye, Julie Moulder-Aye, and Kelli Grady-Aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Tibbetts  
Recording Secretary

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