



MCCPS Board of Trustees

Minutes

Board Retreat, Session #2

Date and Time

Saturday August 1, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Location

Artie Sullivan is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Board Retreat

Time: Aug 1, 2020 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3898394128?pwd=QndLYk9jVjcyNEJ5dXZGRWhnMDhSUT09>

Meeting ID: 389 839 4128

Passcode: MCCPS

Trustees Present

Artie Sullivan (remote), Ellen Lodgen (remote), Ian Hunt (remote), Jessica Xiarhos (remote), Karl Smith (remote), Paul Baker (remote), Peter Cheney (remote), Peter Cohen (remote), Richard Doron (remote)

Trustees Absent

Rebecca Whidden, Rodolphe Herve

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened

Richard Doron

Guests Present

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I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Artie Sullivan called a meeting of the board of trustees of MCCPS Board of Trustees to order on Saturday Aug 1, 2020 at 9:02 AM.

C. Accept Remote Participation

Paul Baker made a motion to accept the Governor's executive order allowing remote meetings.

Ellen Lodgen seconded the motion.

Note: In light of the ongoing COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak, Governor Baker issued an emergency Order on March 12, 2020, allowing public bodies greater flexibility in utilizing technology in the conduct of meetings under the Open Meeting Law. This committee makes a motion to accept this Executive Order for this meeting of the Board of Trustees, on August 1, 2020.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Ellen Lodgen	Aye
Richard Doron	Absent
Rebecca Whidden	Absent
Jessica Xiarhos	Aye
Artie Sullivan	Aye
Paul Baker	Aye
Peter Cohen	Aye
Peter Cheney	Aye
Karl Smith	Aye
Ian Hunt	Aye
Rodolphe Herve	Absent

Richard Doron arrived.

D. Review Agenda and Expectations

For the second half day board retreat, the plan is to cover the following agenda items:

- Re-opening plan - proposed approach and general discussion
- Sam Faulk from Board On Track will provide guidance on how to best utilize the tools and services available with MCCPS' subscription
- Open meeting law - general training and review of on-line videos provided by the Commonwealth

II. School Reopening

A. School Reopening Plan

The group began the meeting with general commentary and board members provided various feedback and their impressions on the proposed plan. The general consensus is that communication is high point and Peter should be commended.

Much due diligence has been performed and the current plan is a cautious and measured one.

Based on the overall anxiety and concerns raised, Peter's intention is have to have a stronger plan for remote learning at the inception rather than attempt to 'catch-up' if and when the school shifts to all remote.

Peter's plan is to meet with all faculty and staff and spend the additional 10 days mandated by the state, and perform a higher level of preparation to implement the best remote plan possible.

Peter is creating a detailed packet which will need to be voted on before submission to DESE.

The overall consensus is to have a vote on the plan as is, and allowing Peter some flexibility for minor updates (if needed) for final submission.

Artie Sullivan made a motion to commence the MCCPS school year on September 10th with a full remote setting with a 4 phase transitions plan: full remote, hybrid, alternative half day, and full in-person - with the option for the school to move between phases based on the status of the outbreak.

Paul Baker seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Paul Baker	Aye
Ian Hunt	Aye
Peter Cohen	Aye
Rebecca Whidden	Absent
Artie Sullivan	Aye
Ellen Lodgen	Aye
Jessica Xiarhos	Aye
Peter Cheney	Aye
Rodolphe Herve	Absent
Richard Doron	Aye
Karl Smith	Aye

III. Board on Track Training

A. Board on Track Training

Sam Falk from BOT introduced himself and reviewed the overall goals for the session. Generally speaking he was interested in helping out all of the board members and allow us to maximize the use of the BOT tool.

He reviewed his role as well as those of his colleagues, Mike on Governance, Brianna - day to day, and Sam - chief product and customer officer.

He provided several insights into how to schedule meetings, track anticipated attendance, identifying quorum concerns, and other helpful tools available to all board members.

IV. Accountability Plan

A. Accountability Plan

The group discussed the accountability plan, noting that submission has been delayed due to technical issues with the DESE portal site.

The appendix included within the charter renewal document was reviewed, along with the proposed amendment to make the charter a 'regional' school by requesting to include Swampscott and Nahant within the 'district'.

Peter discussed the use of 'Teaching Force' and his goal to commence using this approach and then share the concepts with area schools.

Additional discussion ensued regarding teacher involvement and incorporating some of the concepts within the board goals and objectives.

Artie Sullivan made a motion to adopt the accountability plan as presented for next 5 school years - 2020 through 2025.

Ellen Lodgen seconded the motion.

Ellen - fix a typo - fixed

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Artie Sullivan	Aye
Rebecca Whidden	Absent
Ellen Lodgen	Aye
Jessica Xiarhos	Aye
Ian Hunt	Aye
Paul Baker	Aye
Richard Doron	Aye
Peter Cohen	Aye
Rodolphe Herve	Absent
Karl Smith	Aye
Peter Cheney	Aye

V. Open Meeting Law Training

A. Discussion of Open Meeting Law and MCCPS Board and Committee Procedures

Karl Smith presented some videos from the state and discussed some general concepts surrounding Open Meeting Laws..

He will be posting all of the links to the BOT dashboard / notification section.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Ellen Lodgen made a motion to moves to Adjourn.

Karl Smith seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Ian Hunt	Aye
Richard Doron	Aye
Artie Sullivan	Aye
Ellen Lodgen	Aye
Karl Smith	Aye
Peter Cohen	Aye
Peter Cheney	Aye
Rodolphe Herve	Absent
Jessica Xiarhos	Aye
Rebecca Whidden	Absent
Paul Baker	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Smith

Documents used during the meeting

- MCCPS retreat.pdf
- MCCPS AP. PROVISIONALLY APPROVED. 7.30.20.docx