

**Hopedale School Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting of  
Wednesday, September 2, 2020**

Members Present:     Alysia Butler, Chair  
                              Lori Hampsch, Vice Chair  
                              Lisa Alberto  
                              Jennifer McKeon  
                              Kristi Brytowski

Also Present:           Karen Crebase, Superintendent  
                              Marie Atkinson, Nurse Leader

By invitation of the Board of Health, the members of the School Committee joined the Board of Health's remote meeting at 6:07 pm to discuss the school department's readiness to reopen the school buildings and to provide a forum for public comment and questions. Mrs. Butler asked the School Committee members to introduce themselves and offered an introductory statement. The Superintendent provided a report of the Reopening Advisory Board's work and the current status of PPE distribution and safety protocols in place at each building.

The Board of Health members, Health Agent Bill Fisher, Superintendent Karen Crebase and Nurse Marie Atkinson addressed questions from town officials and the public regarding: contact tracing; communication protocols between public health nurses, the Board of Health, and the schools; actions to be taken if there is a positive case in the schools; the definitions of quarantining, isolation, and close contact; and modes of instruction. The Superintendent reported that plans will be in place if there is a need to move to full remote learning or if there is a recommendation for full in-person instruction. Decisions to change the modes of instruction will involve state guidance, recommendations from the Board of Health and the participation of school officials.

When there were no further questions from the public or town officials, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting upon a motion by Mrs. Alberto which was seconded by Mrs. McKeon at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne McGuane, Recording Secretary  
APPROVED: October 6, 2020