

**Hopedale School Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of
Tuesday, May 22, 2021**

Members Present: Alysia Butler, Chair
Lisa Alberto
Jennifer McKeon
Kristi Brytowski
Kaitlin Federico

Also Present: Karen M. Crebase, Superintendent
Lynne Davis, School Accountant

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:14 am on the grounds of the Community House with a quorum present.

1. Policy EBCFA- Face Coverings - The Superintendent reviewed recent state guidance on face coverings for public schools. To locally implement the new guidelines, the Face Covering Policy, Reopening Plan and Memorandum of Agreement with the HEA need to be addressed. With regard to Policy EBCFA, the Superintendent and Policy Sub-Committee recommended adding language which references DESE and state guidelines. Upon a motion by Mrs. Alberto which was seconded by Mrs. McKeon, the Committee unanimously voted to adopt the revised language. The policy will be effective immediately under the provisions of Policy BGB.

2. Reopening Plan Revisions: The Superintendent reported that language on pages 11, 18, 19 and 23 regarding distancing, face coverings, recess, and transportation needs to be updated to align with new state guidelines. Upon a motion by Mrs. Alberto and seconded by Mrs. Brytowski the Committee unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommended revisions to the Reopening Plan.

3. Presentation and Discussion of FY 2022 Budget – The Chair opened the Annual Public Hearing on next year's budget. Mrs. Davis noted that the school department is seeking a budget in the amount of \$12,706,522 which is a .59% increase over last year's and a 2.59% increase over FY2020's appropriation. Upon a motion by Mrs. Alberto and seconded by Mrs. Brytowski, the Committee unanimously confirmed the budget request and opened the hearing for discussion. A brief discussion of the budget process followed and the Chair thanked members of the administration and Budget Sub-Committee for their efforts.

4. Special/Annual Town Meeting– Upon a motion by Mrs. Alberto and seconded by Mrs. Brytowski, the members unanimously voted to recess at 9:25 am to attend the Town Meeting and to adjourn at its conclusion.

The Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 11:36 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne McGuane, Recording Secretary
APPROVED: June 1, 2021