

*Natick Public Schools
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2021*

The School Committee held a meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2021 at 5:00pm via a Virtual Meeting. Chair McDonough called the meeting to order and took roll call at 5:05pm. All members stated they were participating remotely.

Members Present: Julie McDonough, Cathi Collins, Shai Fuxman, Catherine Brunell,
Henry Haugland, Donna McKenzie, Hayley Sonneborn

Others Present: Dr. Anna Nolin Superintendent
Mr. Tim Luff Assistant Superintendent
Susan Balboni Interim Director of Teaching, Learning & Innovation

Public Speak

Dr. Abby Brown voiced her concern about the increased risk of the spread of Covid given the Delta variant.

**NPS Staff COVID Vaccination and Pooled Testing & Approval of
Vaccine Mandate for All NPS Employees**

Dr. Nolin recommended that the committee mandate vaccinations for staff and direct the committee to negotiate with the union. Dr. Nolin further urged the committee to consider pool testing in concert with mandatory vaccines for staff as necessary steps to protect young people. The committee recognized the high rates of vaccinations among staff even without a district policy in place. Mr. Haugland motioned to mandate pool testing and negotiate through collective bargaining. Seconded by Dr. McKenzie. Chair McDonough called for a roll call vote.

Dr. Fuxman – Yes

Mr. Haugland – Yes

Dr. McKenzie – Yes

Ms. Brunell – Yes

Ms. Sonneborn - Yes

Ms. Collins – Yes

Chair McDonough – Yes

It was approved by those present, 7-0-0.

Vaccine and Pool Testing for Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

The committee discussed access to mandatory testing and expectations for pool testing.

At approximately, 6:09pm Chair McDonough motioned to adjourn. Dr. McKenzie seconded. Vice Chair Collins called for a roll call vote:

Dr. Fuxman – Yes

Mr. Haugland – Yes

Dr. McKenzie – Yes

Ms. Brunell – Yes

Ms. Sonneborn - Yes

Ms. Collins – Yes

Chair McDonough – Yes

It was unanimously approved by a vote of those present 7-0-0.

Anna Nolin
Superintendent
Executive Secretary to the School Committee

Attest: _____

Hayley Sonneborn
School Committee Member

Documents Provided in Novus Agenda and materials used at this meeting:

Dr. Nolin's Memo to the School Committee

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