



Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee Regular Meeting

DATE: Wednesday September 2, 2020

TIME: 5:30 P.M. Executive Session

6:00 P.M. Regular Session

PUBLIC COMMENT – excluding personnel issues

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AGENDA

- I. Executive Session (5:30 p.m.)
- II. Routine (6:00 p.m.)
- III. Public Comment (excluding personnel issues)
- IV. Student Advisory Report - none
- V. Educational Presentation
 - Transportation for Fall 2020/2021
 - School Nutrition for Fall 2020/2021
 - Fall 2020 Athletics
- VI. Policies
- VII. Action Items
- VIII. Reports
- IX. Sub Committees and Liaisons
- X. Public Comment (excluding personnel issues)
- XI. Committee Discussion
- XII. Adjournment

I. ROUTINE

- A. Attendance
- B. Opening Ceremony – None
- D. Secretary’s Report
 - A. Move to accept the 8/25/2020 Meeting Minutes
- E. Warrants – have been be emailed, please sign and return
- F. Correspondence



II. PUBLIC COMMENT

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III. STUDENT ADVISORY REPORT

None



IV. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Transportation for Fall 2020/2021 –

Roland Joyal, Executive Director, Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative

School Nutrition for Fall 2020/2021 –

Stephen Presnal, Director of Finance and Operations

Fall 2020 Athletics –

Jennifer Willard, Superintendent of Schools



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Transportation for Fall 2020/2021

Roland Joyal, Executive Director
Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative



SCHOOL NUTRITION IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

**Southwick-Tolland-Granville
Regional School District**

September 2, 2020

INITIAL RESPONSE



**USDA APPROVED SERVING
MEALS TO STUDENTS WHO
WERE NOT IN SCHOOL**



**ALSO APPROVED NSLP FREE
STATUS FOR ALL STUDENTS;
NO "MEANS TESTING"**



**STGRSD PROVIDED "FREE"
MEALS TO ALL FAMILIES WHO
NEEDED OR DESIRED MEALS**



**POWDER MILL SCHOOL
SERVED AS MAIN PICKUP
LOCATION**



**ADDITIONAL SERVING
LOCATION CREATED IN
GRANVILLE; DELIVERIES IN
TOLLAND**

SUMMER AND CURRENT STATUS



**USDA approved Seamless
Summer Option for MA districts**



**Summer feeding handled by
Our Community Food Pantry**



**STGRSD working with SNA and
partners on equitable meal
service strategies**

BREAKING NEWS



**USDA APPROVED
EXTENSION OF
WAIVER; ALLOWS
FREE MEALS TO
ALL STUDENTS**



**ALLOWS SERVING
MEALS TO
STUDENTS NOT
PHYSICALLY IN
SCHOOL**



**FULL
REIMBURSEMENT
TO DISTRICTS FOR
LUNCH &
BREAKFAST**



PLANS & PROTOCOLS FOR SY 2020-21

- Follow DESE guidelines for school nutrition & safety
- Large gatherings in cafeterias not possible
- Breakfast & lunch to be served in classrooms
- Will require pre-ordering of meals using P-O-S system
- Continue "curbside" service for full remote students and hybrids when not in school
- Focus on "hot and healthy food"

Next Steps



Review anticipated guidance from DESE re: USDA waiver



Implement pre-ordering system and communicate to families



Continue with menu development; focus on equity for all models



Fine tune meal delivery procedures for classroom and curbside service



Fine tune waste disposal and clean up procedures



Provide training to School Nutrition & teaching staff



Adjust as necessary and prepare to pivot!

Fall Athletics 2020

September 2, 2020

Guiding Principles

All reopening planning was conducted with the following guiding principles.

Principle Number 1 SAFETY: Ensure staff and student safety upon return

Principle Number 2 EQUITY: Ensure equity for all students.

Principle Number 3 TRANSPORTATION: Transportation to school on days when students do not attend due to Cohort groups, and with their homes being a significant distance from our school location, it could limit a students' ability to participate in sports.



DESE Guidance

- **Core health and safety practices**

*"In our Initial Fall Reopening Guidance, we put forth the goal of the **safe** return of as many students as possible to in-person school. **This requires us to establish a new culture of health and safety in our schools this fall. It is not one mitigation strategy, but a combination of several strategies that will substantially reduce the risk of transmission.**"*

Excerpt from Guidance for Courses Requiring Additional Safety Considerations for Fall 2020

Changes to Academics

- Principle Number 1 SAFETY: Ensure staff and student safety upon return
 - Limit contact with students from other districts
 - CTEC students have academic classes remotely
 - Minimize exposure to the public in school sanctioned activities
 - No Diversified Learning Experiences Fall 2020
 - Revisions to Band/Chorus class per DESE guidance



PE Requirements

For physical education activities and dance:

- If outdoors, without masks, these activities can occur with 10 feet of distance between individuals.
- If outdoors, with masks required, these activities can occur with 6 feet of distance between individuals.
- If indoors, with masks required, these activities can occur with 6 feet of distance between individuals.

Note: These activities cannot occur indoors without a mask.

Additional Requirements

This section contains guidance for physical education classes during the school day. With physical activity, individuals tend to breathe more heavily and speak louder, which increases the potential for dispersal of respiratory droplets.

- No physical education classes can have activities with close physical contact.
- Physical education should prioritize activities that do not require shared equipment.
- Prioritize outdoor activities, whenever possible.

What Would Sports Look Like?

Scheduling Possibilities:

- Shortened seasons (8-10 games)
- Create smaller localized 'Bubbles' of schools that will play each other in a modified season (*Ex: Southwick would ONLY play games against Hampshire, Gateway, Westfield, Agawam, West Springfield*)
- Allow for possibility of PVIAC or League Tournaments (or not)
- Flexibility of schools to participate in Fall 1 or Fall 2 (sport specific)
- Flexibility of each school to participate or not (sport specific)
- Play certain sports on certain days to minimize buses and logistical concerns
- Sub-Varsity play only on weekends

Part of Decision Making

Priority is to open school with limited variables to ensure safety of ALL staff and students

Safety Protocols: STGRSD taking conservative approach.

“Pre-Workout/Pre-Contest Screening: Athletes and coaches may not attend practices or games if they are isolated for illness or quarantined for exposure to infection.”

Social distancing:

“Practice – Coaches are responsible for ensuring social distancing is maintained between players as much as possible. This includes additional spacing between athletes while stretching, warming up, chatting, changing drills, etc. Athletes must maintain spacing, and there should be no congregating of athletes while running drills. Workouts should be conducted in ‘pods’ of athletes, with the same 5-10 athletes always working out together.”

Continued...

- We would need to create a practice of no spectators as we do not have staff to enforce social distancing requirements.
"Spectators must practice social distancing between different household units and accept personal responsibility for public health guidelines. The number of spectators is determined in compliance with EEA, DESE and DPH guidelines."
- Mask Breaks: During play, when spacing between players is greater than 10 feet athletes, may momentarily take brief face covering relief. The default expectation is that the mask will be on.

Field Hockey

Modifications to rules:

- Number of players on field - 7 v 7 (must have goalie)
- No penalty corners - fouls in circle would be 25 yd. hits
- Free Hits - all players must be 5 yards away
- No bully's - it will be alternating possession



Modifications around game management:

- Four balls must be placed behind each goal and on opposite sideline on cones (no ball girls/boys)

Substitutions:

- Substitutions will take place at mid-field (no contact between players)

Soccer

Change to rules within the game:

- It is a violation to intentionally head the ball.
- It is a violation to place your hands on any part of an opposing team member's body.
- It is a violation to intentionally make body contact with an opposing team member's body. This includes "shoulder to shoulder" tackling, backing into them or any other intentional contact. However, a player is allowed to make unintentional contact with an opposing team member if the player is attempting to make "foot to ball" contact and the resulting contact with the opposing team member is below the torso, fleeting and minor in nature.
- It is a violation to attempt or to slide tackle.
- Persistent infringement of any of the above modified rules (III a-d) will also result in a yellow card.



Soccer Restarts



- All players on the field MUST properly wear their face covering on every restart.
- All players must maintain 6 feet of distance between themselves and all teammates and opponents at the commencement of all restarts.
- All indirect kicks MUST be played on the ground except for a goal kick.
- There will be no throw-ins.
- It is a violation to kick a goal kick in the air beyond the midfield line.

Soccer continued...



- It is a violation for the goalkeeper to kick, punt, dropkick or throw the ball in the air beyond the midfield line.
- The use of a dropped ball is suspended.
- The use of a traditional defensive “wall” is not allowed on any restart. Players may attempt to impede the path of the ball to the goal by standing in the way but they must be at least 10 yards away from the ball and at least 6 feet away from other players.
- Corner kicks are an indirect kick.
- Penalty kicks will be handled in the same manner of a penalty shootout in that the ball will be dead once it has hit the goalkeeper or goal. No rebounds allowed.

Cross Country



Meet Protocols:

- Dual Meets Only - Competitions should be dual meets (2 teams) only until further guidelines are given.
- Course Previews – Course previews should be provided virtually via maps or video before the day of the meet. No on-site course previews should be allowed. Consider increasing the amount of course markings and checkpoints to help guide runners (especially novice runners) through the course.
- Course Selection - An emphasis should be placed on a wider course that allows for social distancing and spacing throughout the meet.
- Start Line and Finish Line protocols have changed.

Volleyball

- Balls are to be replaced with a clean ball after every rally. This task is to be completed by an adult
- To reduce intermittent contact with opponents, front row plays will be restricted from traditionally attacking the ball while the ball is above or in front of the 3-foot line.
- Time outs require social distancing of 6 feet.



Golf

- Minimal Changes to Game



Consultation

- Board of Health
- Public Health Nurse
- Lead Nurse

Local College Decisions

- Westfield State University- cancelled
- Western New England University- cancelled
- Springfield College- cancelled
- American International College- cancelled

Recommendation

After consultation with the local health officials, using the guiding principle of modifications of courses and programs to limit the exposure of COVID from other districts, and with the District's priority being focused on the safe reopening of school, it is my recommendation not to unnecessarily expose our community, which has extremely low COVID rates, to other districts where COVID rates are higher. Therefore, I would recommend not playing a Fall Sports A schedule and propose moving all sports to the Fall B schedule, COVID and teams permitting.

V. POLICIES

2nd Reading: ADF School District Wellness Program

2nd Reading: JICFB Bullying Prevention



VI. ACTION ITEMS

Postpone 2020 Fall Sports (Fall 1)

Approve Leave of Absence

Approve Home Education Proposals

Approve School Choice Seats

Accept MOA with SEA

Approve Revised 20/21 District Calendar

Retirement Resolution



A. Postpone 2020 Fall Sports

Move to postpone the 2020 Fall Athletics Season to commence in the spring of 2021 so that teams may participate in the MIAA “Fall 2” season for the 20/21 school year.



B. Approve Leave of Absence

Move to approve a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for Unit A member Tyler Bladyka for the period August 25, 2020 – August 24, 2021.



C. Approve Leave of Absence

Move to approve a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for Paraprofessional Peter Fiorentino for the period August 25, 2020 – August 24, 2021 so that he may work as a building-based substitute for the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District.



D. Approve Leave of Absence

Move to approve a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for Paraprofessional Ruth Ramah for the period August 25, 2020 – August 24, 2021.



E. Approve Leave of Absence

Move to approve a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for Paraprofessional Jillian Winkler for the period August 25, 2020 – August 24, 2021.



F. Approve Home Education Proposals

Move to approve Home Education Proposals
HS-2021-51 through HS-2021-63.



G. Approve School Choice Seats

Move to approve the following school choice seats for the 2020/2021 school year:

1 kindergarten seat per DESE guidance;

1 grade 2 seat per DESE guidance;

1 grade 5 seat per DESE guidance;

1 grade 6 seat per DESE guidance.



H. Accept Memorandum of Agreement between the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District and the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Education Association

Move to accept the Memorandum of Agreement between the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District and the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Education Association, Inc. which addresses terms, conditions and understandings during the state's COVID-19 emergency.



I. Approved the revised calendar for 20/21 school year

Move to approve the revised calendar for the 2020/2021 school year, rev 5.2.



J. Be it resolved, that the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Committee hereby extend their congratulations to Catherine Faits in recognition of six years of clerical excellence, and we hereby convey our sincere appreciation for your valuable efforts, dedicated service, and assistance rendered, which has enhanced the image of the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional Schools, and a record of these resolutions shall be permanently entered into the minutes of this School District.



VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent

A. Director of Finance and Operations



VIII. SUB COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

Negotiations: Locke, Berry, Schantz

Finance: TBD, Locke, Houle

L.P.V.E.C. Bd. Directors: Petschke

L.P.V.E.C. Bd. Governors: Houle

Policy: Schantz, Berry, Seddon

Buildings and Grounds: Houle

(ILT): Petschke, TBD, Berry

Wellness Liaison: Locke

SPED Liaison: Petschke

Technology: Petschke, Schantz

Southwick Capital Committee: Berry

Southwick 250th : Berry

Legislative Liaison: Rotating Attendance at MASC



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X. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- A. Old Business
- B. New Business



XI. ADJOURNMENT

