NEW BUSINESS

**Item #3161 - Second Reading of Policy**

**COVID-19 Pandemic Re-Opening Policy**

Mrs. Hurst, Chairperson of the Policy Subcommittee, said that the Subcommittee met on August 5, 2020 and reviewed the changes suggested by Mr. Swartz.

Mrs. Pelavin moved that the District School Committee vote to approve for a second reading as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee the following policy:

**COVID-19 Management Policy.**

Seconded by Mr. Swartz.

Roll call vote:  Cormier, yes; Hurst, yes; Pelavin, yes; and Swartz, yes.

Count – 4 yes.  Mayor Nicholson abstained from voting.

**Item #3162 – Re-Opening of School Plan**

Dr. Pellegrino presented a PowerPoint of Preliminary Plans for the re-opening of the Gardner Schools. As presented at the July 29, 2020 School Committee meeting, it is one plan with three models – all structured on “time on learning”.

- 1. All students return to school and keep social distancing.
- 2. Hybrid model – half in remote learning, half in school and then switch.

The deadline to submit the plan to the DESE has been extended to August 14, 2020.

Dr. Pellegrino presented a list of the PPE equipment purchased and changes that have made to the school buildings. To date the total expended was $354,730.16. He described the facility changes made for the safety of the students and the teachers.
Dr. Pellegrino recommended that the re-opening of the schools be a full remote opening and to access the situation as to when the Hybrid Model could be adopted.

**Motion**

Mrs. Pelavin moved that the District School Committee vote to approve Dr. Pellegrino’s recommendation to re-open schools with the Fully Remote Learning Model and to continually access information as to when to switch to the Hybrid Model.

Seconded by Mrs. Hurst.

Roll call vote: Cormier, yes; Hurst, yes; Pelavin, yes; and Swartz, yes.

Count -4 yes.

Mayor Nicholson abstained from voting.

**Item #3163 – Annual School Calendar 2020-2021**

Dr. Pellegrino presented a calendar for the school year 2020-2021 with the start of the school year for teachers and staff to begin August 31, 2020 and with remote learning for students to begin on September 15, 2020. School will end on June 17, 2021.

Mrs. Pelavin moved that the District School Committee vote to approve the Annual School Calendar 2020-2021 as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Swartz.

Roll call vote: Cormier, yes; Hurst, yes; Pelavin, yes; and Swartz, yes.

Count -4 yes.

Mayor Nicholson abstained from voting.

**Item #3164 – Upcoming Meetings**

Mrs. Pelavin recommended that the School Committee schedule a full Committee meeting for Monday, August 31, 2020, the first day of school for teachers and staff. All members were in agreement.

The Facilities Subcommittee plans to meet on August 18, 2020.

The Finance Subcommittee will meet per their schedule.
FINAL COMMENTS
Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. Cormier, Mrs. Pelavin, and Mr. Swartz all spoke about the difficult decisions that have had to be made regarding re-opening schools safely. The coming months will present difficulties. All decisions are subject to change.

Mayor Nicholson thanked the School Committee members, Dr. Pellegrino, his staff, the parents, the students and the teachers for their efforts to plan to re-open the schools

ADJOURNMENT
Mrs. Pelavin moved to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Swartz.
Roll call vote: Cormier, yes; Hurst, yes; Pelavin, yes; and Swartz, yes.
Count – 4 yes.
Mayor Nicholson abstained from voting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Anne Hurst, Secretary