

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY MARCH 4, 2021 AT 7:30 PM**

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Board Members Present: Anthony Perugini-Chair; Adam Grippo-Vice Chair; Kathryn Hallen-Secretary; Faith Ham, Anne Harrigan, Andrew Martelli, Timothy White

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Jeffrey F. Solan, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Vincent Masciana, Chief Operating Officer; Kevin Hanlon, Curriculum Coordinator K-8; Michael Woods, Principal-Dodd Middle School; John Perosino, Assistant Principal-Dodd Middle School.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:30 P.M.

- A. Roll for Quorum. The roll was called and a quorum determined.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
Mr. Perugini led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE

Dr. Solan welcomed all and remarked that this year has been unique. He said all of tonight's presenters have gone above and beyond to support our students. This middle school showcase highlighted teacher planning, preparation, instruction and assessment practices during the pandemic. Teachers highlighted technology tools that help foster student engagement of remote and in-person learners.

Language Arts Teacher, Maria Mullally, and Librarian and Research Skills Teacher, Kristen Shanley, spoke about how the 7th Grade team has collaboratively planned at a high level this year to help implement the curriculum. Reading Support Teacher, Kristen Castellano, presented on synchronous learning needs and the use of GoGuardian software. Science Teacher, Brian Lopez, discussed and shared a video on the use of video labs where students can see teachers conduct experiments. World Language teacher, Cristin Kochanowicz, explained how students use Screencastify to record their voices and their screen. Art Teachers, Shelli Theriault and Marsha Berkun, explained the software and techniques they are using to accommodate their virtual learners as well as in-person learners.

Board of Education members thanked the presenters. They complimented the teachers on the creativity and perseverance during the pandemic. They discussed how many of these new techniques they have implemented will continue to be used once our schools transition back to normal, in-person learning.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Grippo, and seconded by Ms. Harrigan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Perugini, Board Chair

Attest:

Carol K. Jesensky, Board of Education Clerk

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