

Mt Ascutney School District Board Meeting
August 9, 2021
Approved Minutes

Present at the Meeting:

Board: Amy McMullen, Elizabeth Burrows, Bill Yates, Nancy Pedrick, Rebecca Roisman, Davis McGraw

Admin: David Baker, Jenifer Aldrich, Angie Ladeau, and Kate Ryan

Special Guest(s):

Additional Attendees:

I. Call to Order (Introductions if Needed) @5:13pm pm by Elizabeth Burrows

II. Changes/Additions to the Agenda

Added Tax Anticipation Note, Year End Financials, and Brief Discussion of school year start.
Swapped order of items for discussion.

Welcome to David McGraw. Approval of adding Davis McGraw to the school board.

Motion: Amy McMullen

2nd: Nancy Pedrick

Vote: 5-0-0

III. Approval of Minutes

a) June 7, 2021

Motion: Rebecca Roisman

2nd: Nancy Pedrick

Vote: 5-0-0

Approval of Minutes

b) July 15, 2021

Motion: Rebecca Roisman

2nd: Nancy Pedrick

Vote: 5-0-0

IV. Tax Anticipation Note

A) The MASD will borrow \$2,279,366.02 from Mascoma Bank, for a term of 8/9/21-6/30/22. This note should be satisfied by mid October and is used to cover payrolls of 8/1, 8/15, 9/1 and 9/15 which are prior to the date of the collection of taxes that are due in September.

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Vote: 5-0-0

B) Year End Financials- MASD finished the FY 20/21 year with an overall surplus of \$984,874.00 The school board will discuss in the future what to do with this \$, that can be used in FY 22/23. Specifically the food program ended the year with a deficit, however the deficit actually represents a lower \$ amount than the respective towns had budgeted.

	% contribution	budget \$		actual
surplus/deficit				
MASD	43.72	149,147.00	63,218.00	85,929.00
Hartland	32.64	111,348.00	47,197.58	64,150.42
Weathersfield	23.64	80,646.00	34,183.00	46,463.00
Total	100%	341,141.00	144,598.58	196,542.42

Brief conversation about getting back on the table for SU meeting how the % contributions are assessed and switching the system, from EP to utilizing the student indicator 01 which represents students in the building. Preliminary review indicated this would cause minimal financial impact however would provide for a more fair representation since it would capture students that have true access to utilize the food program.

V. Start of the upcoming school year

Received some basic preliminary information from AOE about covid guidance. Hoping to gain additional information this Thursday in meetings, and receive printed formal guidance. Discussion around the 80% of eligible students vaccination threshold for masking requirements. The AOE is recommending staying masked until 80% of eligible students are vaccinated. The MASD board is considering requiring masking until 80% of the building population is vaccinated. Along with AOE information the board will make a final recommendation at an upcoming meeting. If that threshold is reached, then the board will re-consider the masking policy, not necessarily eliminate it.

Incoming 7th graders will have an orientation the first day of school in the afternoon. And awaiting formal guidance from AOE to know if parents will be allowed in the building, specifically for dropping off K students on the 1st day of school. There will be an information session, virtually if needed, for incoming 9th graders and families.

VI. Items for Discussion

Returned from dinner @6:55pm

a) Strategic Plan-Angie described the strategic planning process for new board member Davis. Elizabeth wanted the MASD goals to be tied to the Portrait Strategic Plan. Angie emphasized the **Leader in Me** (LIM) will be our guiding light as we go forward. The staff will be trained in LIM at opening orientation.

Board looked at the strategic plan goals (1, 2, & 3) as outlined by administrators. Elizabeth spoke about the Weighting Study.

We also looked at Anti-racism policy and procedures. Looked at Act 1 legislation (2019) and the follow up report (1.1.2021) to see where the state has been with respect to ethnic and social equity.

The board then looked at the actual Portrait and the characteristics we want our graduates to possess. So how can the board craft some goals that are measurable?

b) Suggested MASD Board Goals

1. Provide the financial resources to support the goals that are established through the Portrait and our own MASD goals;
2. Create an evaluation (survey) related to ongoing professional development as a pre and post measurement related to staff climate as well as progress on respective initiatives;
3. The Board will host up to four (4) public forums to have open communication and feedback about a specific topic(s) related to board goals;
4. Create a board evaluation that will use a format similar to the one used to evaluate the superintendent;
5. To tie the implementation of the Anti-racism policy to the equity work in the respective towns;
6. An Academic goal to be determined (TBD).

XI. Adjournment

Motion: Nancy Pedrick

2nd: Rebecca Roisman

Vote: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Moody