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**MARLBOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 26, 2023 @ 6:00pm
Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School – Library**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Wes Skorski, BOE Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

BOE Members Present: Wes Skorski, Ruth Kelly, Louise Concodello, Susan Stolfi, Patrick Pabouet, Angela Colantonio, Kerri Barella and Anna Holden.

Administration Present: Dr. Holly Hageman, Superintendent
Dan White, Principal
Kim Kelley, Assistant Principal

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Celebrations:

Kim Kelley announced there will not be a video this month but she will have a video at next month's BOE meeting.

4. Public Comments:

Dave Porteous, 15 Edstrom Rd. provided a few quotes by notable people about the importance of education.

5. Additions to the Agenda: None

6. Consent Agenda:

- 6.1 Minutes of 12/15/22 Regular Business Meeting (Encl. 6.1)
- 6.2 Personnel Actions
- 6.3 Reports – receive and file the following document: monthly enrollment report (Encl. 6.3);
- 6.4 Grants – none;
- 6.5 Approval of Policies (Second Read)
(REFERENCE: December 15, 2022 Agenda, Encl. 9.2, P4118.233/4218.233/1700 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments and P5142.4 - School Resource Officer)

S. Stolfi made a motion that the Board approve Consent Agenda items 6.1 - 6.5., seconded by R. Kelly. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Oral Reports:

7.1 Advisory Groups

- **PTO** – Dan White reported the following: PTO held their meeting on January 11th and discussed activities including an Author visit scheduled for March 30th, a Rope Warrior assembly with PE teacher, Trafford Underwood, which ties into the Kids Heart Challenge; The Book Fair was the best on record; PTO is supporting field trips for K and grades' 3-6 trip

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to RHAM Concert; Wolf Pack game was a huge success, over 300 tickets sold, proceeds go to PTO and to the MES Music program.

- **Operations, Wellness & Safety** – Principal White reported: There were Internet Safety presentations led by a local State Trooper for students and parents last month; The new security camera installation is well underway; Quotes are being reviewed for chimney repair that was recommended through the recent roof inspection.
- **SAC** – Kim Kelley informed the Board that SAC members met this afternoon and they spoke about the cafeteria table roll out and discussed upcoming Spring events. Kim also spoke about feedback from families regarding after school club participation.
- **Board of Finance Liaison** – Louise Concodello reported there was a special meeting held on January 12th where there was a request from the BOS to bring forward a vote on a \$250,000 appropriation in a Public Hearing at a Town Meeting on Wednesday, February 1st. Louise also reported that the BOF next regular meeting will be on February 16th where the BOE will present their adopted Operating and Capital Plan Budgets.
- **AHM** – Kerri Barella informed the Board of the following: Cocoa with a Cop was well received; Just Breathe signs were recently approved and AHM will be getting metal signs to place around the parks in town; AHM received data back from the RHAM student survey regarding marijuana, vaping and alcohol usage; There will be on-line Welcome to Reality Social Media Presentations on January 31st and February 28th; There will be a paint night at AHM on February 28th where 50% of proceeds will go to Project Graduation.

7.2 **Subcommittees**

- **Policy** – Louise Concodello stated there was not a policy meeting in January.

7.3 **Chairperson** – No report

7.4 **Superintendent and Administrative Team** – Dr. Holly Hageman gave an update on the Literacy program and the Waiver that will be sent to the CSDE by the end of February when it is due. She discussed that next month there will be a presentation for the Board on the elements of the Waiver relative to the K-3 literacy program.

8. **Unfinished Business :**

None

9. **New Business:**

9.1 Dr. Holly Hageman gave a presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed FY24 Budgets. The Proposed Budget, including both the Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan, amounts to a 0.71% increase over funding approved for FY23. The Operating Budget includes the addition of two necessary positions, a School Resource Officer and a Director of Operations. A significantly smaller Capital Plan request compared to FY23 funding buffers the Operating Budget increase of 4.96%, 2% of which is related to the added positions. Board Members were asked to submit any questions by 2/3/23 to be answered at the next meeting on 2/9/23.

9.2 **Review January Financial Report** – Dr. Hageman reviewed the January financial report indicating a projected surplus of \$45,127.22

10. **Public Comments:** None

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11. Communications:

- 11.1 Staff Vacancy Summary - Submitted

12. Future Meetings & Topics:

- 12.1 Special meeting - Budget Workshop, Thursday, February 9, 2023 6:00 p.m.
- 12.2 Board of Finance Meeting: Board of Education Budget Presentation, Thursday, February 16, 2023, 7:00PM in MES Library
- 12.3 Next Regular Business Meeting, Thursday, February 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment:

R. Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Seconded by A. Colantonio. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carmela Monte
Board Clerk