

Monomoy Regional School District
Monomoy Regional School Committee - Zoom Meeting
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Thursday, June 11, 2020 – 6:30PM - Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held fully remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, Section 20

Members logged in as present: Tina Games, Vice-Chair; Meredith Henderson; Nancy Scott; Sharon Stout; Joseph Auciello; Jo-anne Sheehan; Terry Russell

Members not logged in as present: Jackie Zibrat-Long, Chair

Administrators logged in as present: Dr. Scott Carpenter, Superintendent; Katie Isernio; Marc Smith; Jim Birchfield; Joy Jordan; Mary Oldach

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM

B. Approval of Minutes - May 28, 2020

MOTION: Joseph Auciello moved to approve the meeting minutes of the May 28, 2020 MRSC meeting; seconded by Terry Russell.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Terry Russell: Aye; Nancy Scott: Aye; Meredith Henderson: Aye; Jo-anne Sheehan: Aye; Joseph Auciello: Aye; Sharon Stout: Aye; Tina Games: Aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

C. Public Comment

Harwich resident Charles Gruzka asked the MRSC to review its guidelines for Public Comment to provide more clarity for those wishing to engage with the committee during that time.

D. Recognitions

Dr. Carpenter thanked and recognized the following for their achievements, contributions and donations to the MRSD:

-MRHS Senior Sage Barnes for receiving a Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizens Award

-The Cape & Islands Workforce development board for their grant in the amount of \$1250 for the COVID-19 face shield project.

E. Reports and Discussions

1. First Reading: Superintendent Evaluation

MRSC members read their individual evaluations of Superintendent Carpenter. These evaluations are based on his 19-20 goals. Comments made on his performance include his commendable leadership during the COVID-19 crisis. Jo-anne Sheehan read the rating numbers for the

summative evaluation. The MRSC will present the Superintendent Evaluation at the June 25, 2020 meeting and will be asked at that time to vote to approve the 19-20 rating.

Dr. Carpenter noted that, while he's received compliments from parents for his work during distance learning, the real thanks goes to the teachers, teacher aides and administrators for all their hard work and continued connections to students while distance learning.

Between sections E4 and E5, Vice-Chair Games asked Jo-anne Sheehan for the total score of the summative evaluation and to read the summative evaluation comment.

2. FY21 Regional School District Interim or 1/12th Submission update

Business Manager, Katie Iernio, confirmed for the MRSC that the 1/12th budget has been submitted to DESE though Districts may have to wait until late June 2020 for further instruction regarding the final budget.

Dr. Carpenter stated that reports from the town of Harwich appear 'rosier' than originally projected. His hope is to maintain as much staffing as possible especially if the state looks to reopen schools for the fall 2020 semester.

3. Graduation and Senior Events

MRHS Administrators delivered caps and gowns to graduating seniors during the week of June 1st. In addition to the caps & gowns, MRSD teachers and administrators prepared letters to seniors that were delivered to their homes. There will be a graduation processional for seniors preceding the ceremony on June 23rd. The route will be posted to the district website. The class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony will take place at 8 PM on June 23, 2020 on the MRHS Stadium field for a student-only ceremony in compliance with social distance protocols. Family members and friends have received the link to view the ceremony remotely.

Vice-Chair Tina Games thanked all the administrators for their efforts in delivering the caps and gowns and expressed her appreciation to all those who had contributed to the letter writing.

4. Anticipated Year End Action Item Summary

Business Manager, Katie Iernio, addressed the MRSC, preparing them for some of the year-end action items that will be presented for a vote including the Regional Transportation account (which offsets the FY22 assessment), the Food Services negative balances, any needed budget transfers and the Barnstable County Retirement assessment. These figures will be provided to the MRSC as we near the end of the fiscal year and they will be asked to vote on these items at the next MRSC meeting on June 25, 2020. Ms. Iernio stated that as some Chromebook leases are coming to an end, instead of returning them, it has been decided to buyout the Chromebook lease so the district has them in the event the district needs them going forward.

5. Student Opportunity Act Submission

VOTE REQUIRED

Dr. Carpenter shared the MRSD grant application for the Student Opportunity Act. The Student Opportunity Act (SOA), a 3-year plan, ensures that districts provide not only a strategic plan but also demonstrates its goals to improve equity of education in that strategic plan. The MRSD SOA grant application includes four commitments and action steps for each commitment.

Commitment 1: Focusing on Student Subgroups. *Which student subgroups will require focused support to ensure all students achieve at high levels in school and are successfully prepared for life?* For this commitment, we identify where these objectives are in our strategic plan.

Commitment 2: Using Evidence-Based Programs to close gaps. *What evidence-based programs will your district adopt, deepen, or continue to best support the closure of achievement and opportunity gaps? What resources will you allocate to these programs?* For example, the adoption of the new the ELA Curriculum and how it would close achievement gaps as well as early college programs focused primarily on students under-represented in higher education.

Commitment 3: Monitoring Success with Outcome Metrics and Targets. *What metrics will your district use to monitor success in reducing disparities in achievement among student subgroups? Select from the list of DESE metrics or provide your own.* For example, ELA MAP data - Grades K-5 and collaborate with Cape Cod Community College, determine and track the percentage of Monomoy graduates prepared for college level.

Commitment 4: Engaging All Families. *How will your district ensure that all families, particularly those representing the student subgroups most in need of support, have the opportunity to meaningfully engage with the district regarding their students' needs?* The mission of this group will be to examine our district's systems, policies and procedures with a focus toward equitable access and outcomes for all students.

MRSC members must vote on the SOA grant application in order to submit on behalf of the District.

MOTION: Nancy Scott moved to approve the Student Opportunity Act (SOA) as presented, seconded by Terry Russell.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Terry Russell: Aye; Meredith Henderson: Aye; Jo-anne Sheehan: Aye; Joseph Auciello: Aye; Nancy Scott: Aye; Sharon Stout: Aye; Tina Games: Aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

6. Commissioner's Guidance on Reopening

Dr. Carpenter shared the Commissioner's Guidance on required safety supplies for schools reopening in the fall of '20 with the MRSC. As of June 5, 2020 current state and federal recommended guidelines call for students to stay home if they're sick, require masks or face coverings, frequent handwashing / hand sanitizing, maintaining 6 feet of separation- including desk spacing, isolation and discharge protocols for students who become ill during the school day, smaller, isolated groups of students assigned to one teacher, regular school cleaning / sanitizing and entry screening. Class sizes restricted to 10 students presents the largest challenge. This may lead to a blended approach for the reentry of students with half in classes and a half engaging in distance learning.

Dr. Carpenter also shared some preliminary results of a reopening survey given to MRSD families, Of the 595 respondents 46.5% want to return to face to face learning in the fall with proper health and safety protocols in place. 17.6% were unsure and 15.9% want a blended approach. 42.6% of respondents also indicated that they rely on school / daycare in order to return to work. If masks are required in order to return to face to face learning, 79.7% said yes, they would/could provide masks while 2% said no. 18% did not reply. If the state mandates that masks be worn it could present an interesting challenge for those opposed to wearing the required face covering. The survey will close on June 15, 2020 and the results will be submitted to the MRSC for their review.

As MRSC members engaged in the conversation further, they raised questions related to necessary supplies and quantities, facilities cleaning, busing, modified lunchtime routines and protocols, Kindergarten registration and new student orientation.

7. MRSC Resolution: COVID-19 Funding

VOTE REQUIRED

MRSC member Sharon Stout read the proposed COVID-19 funding resolution aloud. The resolution calls for funding support from the state as schools look to reopening classrooms. If the state mandates PPE, the resolution calls for the state to provide reimbursements to schools for mandatory COVID-19 related supplies, i.e.; no unfunded mandates.

MOTION: Sharon Stout moved to approve MRSC Resolution for COVID-19 state funding as read, with a correction to the spelling of MRSC member Terry Russell's last name. Motion seconded by Meredith Henderson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Terry Russell: Aye; Joseph Auciello: Aye; Nancy Scott: Aye; Sharon Stout: Aye; Jo-anne Sheehan: Aye; Meredith Henderson: Aye; Tina Games: Aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

F. Subcommittee Reports

First Reading: Policy File ACAB: Harassment & Policy File ACAB-SH Sexual Harassment

Meredith Henderson of the Policy Subcommittee read the proposed policy files ACAB: Harassment & ACAB-SH Sexual Harassment for the review of the committee. These two policy files will be presented for a second reading and vote at the MRSC meeting on June 25, 2020.

G. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Carpenter reminded the school committee that he will be hosting his third *Conversation with the Superintendent* on June 17, 2020 at 6:30 PM. The major topic will likely be reopening in the fall and the Student Opportunity Act. The Conversation will be held via GOOGLEMEET.

The Superintendent also thanked all those who participated in the Black Lives Matter protest in Harwich Center. He noted how impressive it was to see so many show up and empower the voices of all.

Dr. Carpenter also announced that Monomoy will continue to participate in a food service program over the summer weeks. Partnering with Nauset Schools and Project Bread, the MRSD will continue to provide a grab n go food service at MRHS and MRMS for breakfast and lunch. The pickup locations will run much like before, with pickups available M-F, and weekend meals being available for pickup on Fridays.

Lastly, Dr. Carpenter noted that the Harwich Select Board had asked the district to look at the budget in terms of how the elementary schools are being funded and a potential need to revisit the Regional Agreement as it relates to funding the elementary schools. As CES gets smaller and smaller, the cost per pupil is now \$14,065 for 204 students where HES' cost per pupil is \$11,134 for 552 students. At the current 3 year rolling average, Harwich pays 75.35% and Chatham pays 25.65%. Harwich ends up paying a significant amount of CES's costs. The district has been asked to address the subsidy and look to find ways to equalize spending. The Harwich Select Board would like to start a conversation that would include a Harwich Select Board member, a Chatham Select Board member and potentially a Harwich and Chatham MRSC member.

H. Action Items

1. Student Opportunity Act Submission

VOTE REQUIRED

MOTION: Nancy Scott moved to approve the Student Opportunity Act (SOA) as presented, seconded by Terry Russell.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Terry Russell: Aye; Meredith Henderson: Aye; Jo-anne Sheehan: Aye; Joseph Auciello: Aye; Nancy Scott: Aye; Sharon Stout: Aye; Tina Games: Aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

2. MRSC Resolution: COVID-19 Funding

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ROLL CALL VOTE: Terry Russell: Aye; Joseph Auciello: Aye; Nancy Scott: Aye; Sharon Stout: Aye; Jo-anne Sheehan: Aye; Meredith Henderson: Aye; Tina Games: Aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

3. Presentation of the Warrants

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants have been signed by Jo-anne Sheehan, as the MRSC appointed emergency signer.

I. Public Comment

Harwich resident Charles Gruzka commented on the Superintendent Evaluation as presented during the meeting.

MRSC member Joseph Auciello asked Vice-Chair Games to add *Superintendent Evaluation Schedule* to the next MRSC meeting agenda.

J. Adjournment

MOTION: At 9:17 PM Joseph Auciello moved to adjourn; seconded by Sharon Stout.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Terry Russell: Aye; Joseph Auciello: Aye; Nancy Scott: Aye; Sharon Stout: Aye; Jo-anne Sheehan: Aye; Meredith Henderson: Aye; Tina Games: Aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Tambolleo
Recording Secretary

Documents reviewed and available upon request:

June 11, 2020 MRSC Meeting Agenda

May 28, 2020 MRSC meeting minutes

Typical Year End action items

DESE Memorandum on Guidance for Reopening schools

COVID-19 Funding Resolution statement

Policy File ACAB: Harassment

Policy Files ACAB-SH: Sexual Harassment