

Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM
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TO JOIN PUBLIC COMMENT VIA ZOOM and VIEW REMOTELY
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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

MRSC Members logged in remotely as present: Tina Games, Chair; Joseph Auciello; Jo-anne Sheehan; Nancy Scott; Jackie Zibrat-Long; Meredith Henderson; Terry Russell

Administrators logged in remotely as present: Dr. Scott Carpenter, Michael MacMillan; Marc Smith, Melissa Maguire, Mary Oldach, Jim Birchfield, Joy Jordan

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM by Chair Tina Games.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE: Sharon Stout: present; Jo-anne Sheehan: present; Joseph Auciello: present; Terry Russell: present; Meredith Henderson: present; Nancy Scott: present; Jackie Zibrat-Long: present; Tina Games: present

B. Student Representative

MRHS recent graduate Amy Hinesley shared some of the many events that have happened during the month of May and June. Some highlights include AP testing, Senior Arts Nights, Interact Club gardening efforts and Key Club beach cleanup events. Miss Hinesley shared that Lily Daniela-Diehl was awarded the Chatham Rotary Student of the Month for May and that Charlotte Blute received the Brooks Medal. Miss Hinesley also reported on the class of 2021 senior prom and graduation procession and ceremony.

As this was Miss Hinesley's last report as student representative, MRSC members thanked her for her service and wished her well as she goes off to Cornell University in the fall.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. May 13, 2021 MRSC Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION 1: Nancy Scott moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2021 MRSC Regular Meeting, seconded by Terry Russell.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Joseph Auciello: aye; Jo-anne Sheehan: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Nancy Scott: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Tina Games: aye; Sharon Stout: aye

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

2. May 27, 2021 MRSC Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION 2: Nancy Scott moved to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2021 MRSC Regular Meeting, seconded by Meredith Henderson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Joseph Auciello: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Sharon Stout: aye; Nancy Scott: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye; Tina Games: aye

UNANIMOUS the motion passes with Jo-anne Sheehan abstaining from the vote.

D. Public Comment: None

E. Reports and Discussions

1. Ashley Cook's third grade class, Project Based Learning "Influencers in Harwich History"

HES third grade teacher Ashley Cook and four of her students shared with the MRSC a piece of Harwich history. This Project-Based Learning presentation, comes from the students' work over an extended period of time, engages

them in solving real-world problem solving or answering complex questions and offers an opportunity for them to demonstrate their knowledge by creating a public product and /or presentation to a real audience.

The students started with the essential question, *“How did the people from our history influence the development of Harwich/Chatham and my life as a citizen living in Harwich/Chatham today?”* From there, the students took turns sharing the information they found from the 327 years of available history about the town’s demographic timeline, town maps, industrial history and research field trips in order to answer the question.

After their presentation, MRSC members commended the students for their efforts and took an opportunity to ask questions.

2. Presentation of HES 2021- 2023 School Improvement Plan

As required in the state of MA, a School Council, consisting of parents, community members, teachers and Administrators, assists in adopting educational goals, identifying educational needs, reviewing the annual budget of that school, and formulating a School Improvement Plan. To that end, HES Principal Mary Oldach shared the 2021-2023 HES School Improvement Plan with the MRSC. Starting with the Vision Statement, Principal Oldach continued with the goals set forth in the plan to identify the impact of the COVID pandemic and to close the equity gap for student achievement. The Plan also takes into account some of the silver linings from COVID such as increased technological familiarity and closer cohorts relationships. HES Asst Principal Sharon Hughes also discussed the SEL Competency and equity in physical health, mental health, and social-emotional, academic, and cognitive development.

The full HES School Improvement Plan can be found on the schools website at

<https://www.monomoy.edu/Page/1480>.

3. SEPAC - presented by Melissa Maguire

MRSD Director of Student Services Melissa Maguire reported on SEPAC, the Special Education Parent Advisory Council. Chapter 71B of the MGL requires school districts to establish a parent advisory council which serves both an advisory and a participatory function and is authorized to provide advice to the district regarding its SPED programming and policies. Membership is open to all families.

At the end of her presentation, Ms. Maguire opened the floor to MRSC questions and comments.

4. Regional Agreement Workgroup: Report and Next Steps

Chair Games reported out from a recent round table meeting held on May 28, 2021 to discuss the regional agreement. This meeting was held with representatives from the MRSC and member town administrators.

Ms. Games continued to report that among attending members, there was an appreciation of the work that went in the Administration’s recommendation for an upper/lower elementary school configuration. There was also an acknowledgement of the financial inequity that does exist. Ms. Games noted that a suggestion was made to potentially form a financial group to look at the inequity and draft a proposal to move the issue forward. Another proposal was to form a group to look at the upper/lower configuration of the elementary schools to include other voices in the conversation.

5. Reorganization Meeting - June 24, 2021

Reminder: the next meeting on June 24, 2021 will be the reorganization of MRSC leadership. The meeting will be called to order by the Superintendent and nominations will be made at that time for a new Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Games thanked exiting member Jo-anne Sheehan for her years of service.

6. First Reading: 2020-2021 Superintendent Evaluation

On behalf of the Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee, Joseph Auciello explained the public process of evaluating the Superintendent. The evaluation is broken down by various standards and each member must select from a rating of Unsatisfactory, Needs Improvement, Proficient or Exemplary. Each MRSC member shared a highlighted portion of their evaluation rating and explanation for the given rating.

The next step will be for Jo-anne Sheehan to create a summative evaluation and present it for a reading and vote at the June 24, 2021 meeting.

7. School Committee Goals – Review

As the school year draws to an end, Ms. Games took the opportunity to review the 2020-2021 MRSC Goals and noted the work completed towards each goal. At Action Item # 4, Ms. Games turned the meeting to Joseph Auciello to update the full committee on the progress the Superintendent Evaluation subcommittee has completed. Mr. Auciello shared with committee members that at the Superintendent Evaluation subcommittee meeting immediately preceding this meeting, the subcommittee agreed to continue with a 1-year evaluation cycle, which will be brought to a formal vote by the full committee at the June 24, 2021 MRSC meeting.

F. Subcommittee Reports

1. First Reading: Policy File-BDG School Attorney

On behalf of the policy subcommittee, Sharon Stout presented policy file-BDG School Attorney. The return of this policy represents an update to the policy that was adopted earlier in the 20-21 school year. No objections or modifications were made. The policy will be moved for a second reading and approval vote at the June 24, 2021 MRSC meeting.

2. First Reading: Policy File-ADF Wellness Policies on Physical Activity and Nutrition

On behalf of the policy subcommittee, Sharon Stout presented policy file-ADF Wellness Policies on Physical Activity and Nutrition. Sharon Stout asked that 'at least' be added to the language of the third paragraph of section II **District Wellness Committee** with no objection. The policy will be moved for a second reading and approval vote at the June 24, 2021 MRSC meeting.

G. Superintendent's Report

1. Recognition of Donations, Grants, and other Acknowledgements

Dr. Carpenter thanked and recognized those who have donated or contributed to the district:

- Thanks to Chatham and Harwich Police and Fire for helping with the graduation processional last Sunday: Our Lady of Grace church in Chatham for the use of their parking lot as a staging area, and thank you to the community members and families who lined the route to cheer on the graduates as they drove to the high school.
- Thanks to the staff who volunteered to help out at the graduation ceremony, who made it possible to hold a fantastic in person graduation for our students and their loved ones.

Despite ever-changing guidelines, Dr. Carpenter commented on the success of the outdoor graduation ceremony held on the Athletic Field of the MRHS. He noted how nice it was to have family and community members present for the ceremony.

He also shared that a group of Project Citizen students will be presenting their proposal for a Solar Canopy at the MRHS parking lot. This group will first present their project proposal to the Harwich Board of Selectmen as the HS land is the town-owned. The students will make the same presentation to the MRSC at a future meeting.

Dr. Carpenter also thanked district physician Dr. Corcoran for her help in facilitating physicals and vaccinations for students participating in a summer enrichment program for EL students in the district.

Dr. Carpenter also announced the hiring of new CES Principal Dr. Jennifer Kelly who will assume the role as Dr. Robin Millen exits at the end of this school year.

Lastly, Dr. Carpenter thanked Jo-anne Sheehan for her love of education and her service to the school and community as a member of the school committee.

2. COVID-19 Update

Dr. Carpenter noted that all was quiet on the COVID front and followed with an announcement that as the teachers come for their last professional development days of the year, they would do so unmasked for all those who have been vaccinated and hopes it begins a progression back to a new normal.

H. Action Items

1. Declaration of Surplus

VOTE REQUIRED

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve the surplus items as presented in the agenda packet, seconded by Nancy Scott.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Jo-anne Sheehan: aye; Joseph Auciello: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Sharon Stout: aye; Nancy Scott: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Tina Games: aye

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

2. Class of 2021 Donation Approval

VOTE REQUIRED

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve the class of 2021 donation in the amount of to as presented in the agenda packet for approval, seconded by Nancy Scott

ROLL CALL VOTE: Jo-anne Sheehan: aye; Joseph Auciello: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Sharon Stout: aye; Nancy Scott: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye; Tina Games: aye

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

3. Presentation of the Warrants

As emergency signer, Jo-anne Sheehan has signed both the Accounts Payable and Payroll warrants.

I. Adjournment Roll Call Vote to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A section 21 (a) paragraph 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Monomoy Regional Educators Association (MREA) - Unit A if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the District's bargaining or litigating position and the Chair so declares. Coming out for adjournment only.

MOTION: Joseph Auciello moved to adjourn to Executive Session as above stated, seconded by Jo-anne Sheehan.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Jo-anne Sheehan: aye; Joseph Auciello: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Sharon Stout: aye; Nancy Scott: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye; Tina Games: aye

UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns to Executive Session at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Tambolleo
Recording Secretary

Documents reviewed and available upon request:

MRSC Meeting Agenda for June 10, 2021
May 13, 2021 MRSC Regular Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2021 MRSC Regular Meeting Minutes
Project Based Learning "Influencers in Harwich History"
HES 2021- 2023 School Improvement Plan
SEPAC Presentation
School Committee Goals
Policy File-BDG School Attorney
Policy File-ADF Wellness Policies on Physical Activity and Nutrition

Declaration of Surplus
Class of 2021 Donation