

MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Mattapoisett, Massachusetts
BY: HYBRID FORMAT

MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2023

Regular meeting of the Mattapoisett School Committee was held on Thursday – April 13, 2023, and called to order by Chairperson Carly Lavin at 5:05pm.

Chairperson Lavin stated the meeting is being conducted via hybrid format and the public has the ability to participate in-person or remotely through zoom with the link provided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carly Lavin, Chairperson (in-person); James Muse, Vice-Chair (in-person); Cristin Cowles (in-person); Amanda Hastings (remote) and Tiffini Reedy (in-person).

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools (in-person); Sharlene Fedorowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning (in-person); Dr. Linda Ashley, Principal – Center School (in-person); Kevin Tavares, Principal – Old Hammondtown School (in-person); Melissa Wilcox, Recording Secretary (in-person), teachers; staff; parents; members of the press and public via zoom or in-person.

MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson, Carly Lavin stated in accordance with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the Agenda has been set, the meeting is being video-taped, and unless there are any emergencies that need to be added, the Agenda will be followed as outlined.

FY24 SCHOOL CHOICE PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Lavin called the public hearing to order at 5:07pm.

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson stated the following:

Each school year – the school committee is charged and responsible for discussing the current status of school choice and the administration's recommendation for school choice moving into the next academic school year. In your back up information – you have the school choice enrollment as of today. We currently have 12 school choice students in our schools. At the end of this school year we anticipate one student exiting our school choice program due to graduating from sixth grade. As a result, we are recommending that the school committee approve the same parameters that are currently in place – which allow for no more than 12 total school choice students throughout Center and Old Hammondtown Schools – with preference being given to students in K, 1, 2, and 3. Dr. Ashley and Mr. Tavares are supportive of the school choice recommendations being made. At present time, we already have received 15 school choice applications in anticipation of the school committee approving slots for next year. If our recommendation is approved, we will advertise the approved number of slots and accept applications up to the scheduled lottery. We most likely would hold the school choice lottery in May - a date will be solidified after the school committee takes action tonight. In summary, we are recommending to maintain the maximum number of school choice slots at 12 for the 2023-2024 school year with preference to kindergarten aged students.

Question(s)/Comment(s) by School Committee Members:

James Muse commented that school choice has been successful thus far and a revenue stream that is beneficial for budget offsets. He is very much in favor of school choice and enabling students from other communities to attend Mattapoisett Public Schools. Superintendent Nelson confirmed that the district receives \$5,000 for each school choice student and additional funding for any special education services.

Amanda Hastings asked if although in the past, we have focused on new students in Kindergarten, given the pandemic and the impact it has had on students; would it make sense to add students to the other cohorts that could benefit from the literacy focus that is taking place here. Chairperson Lavin asked if Ms. Hastings meant maybe opening up the spots broader, not just to Kindergarten. Ms. Hastings said yes, maybe something to consider.

Cristin Cowles asked to confirm if they decide to stay at 12, only one spot would be available because only one student is moving on from sixth grade.

Chairperson Lavin confirmed that yes only one spot would become available if the school choice spots remained at 12 and stated that the rationale for K-2 focus is so that the students can really reap the benefits of the culture, social/emotional learning along with responsive classroom from an earlier age.

Superintendent Nelson informed the committee that the only grade level recommended to not adding slots to is the rising fifth graders since it is a larger class per administration feedback.

Chairperson Lavin reminded the committee that the recently approved budget included the \$70,000 school choice offset and it is funding used to sustain current operations.

Superintendent Nelson added that the current applicants have done so in anticipation of the committee maintaining school choice and in some years, there have been no applicants in particular grades so school committee parameters are used to determine slots for the lottery. He confirmed that the administration would provide feedback on any discussion that could end up requiring additional cohorts but at this time, school choice students are distributed among the grades and not added any additional expenses to the district.

Chairperson Lavin asked if there was any public comment. There were no public comments in-person or zoom.

MOTION: by James Muse to close the FY24 School Choice Public Hearing at 5:18pm.

SECONDED: Cristin Cowles

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

Chairperson Lavin closed the FY24 Public Budget Hearing at 5:18pm.

I. Approval of Minutes:

1. A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Session – March 20, 2023

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review and approve the minutes of March 20, 2023.

MOTION: by James Muse to accept and approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 20, 2023 as presented

SECONDED: Cristin Cowles

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

IV. General

A. School Choice Vote

Recommendation:

That the School Committee take a vote for school choice for the 2023-2024 school year.

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson clarified that any current school choice is able to stay through sixth grade even if the school committee decides not to participate in school choice for the 2023-2024 school year.

Question(s)/Comment(s) by School Committee Members:

James Muse commented that he would prefer adding three more spots for school choice. It is a great asset for students to attend Mattapoisett Public Schools and add to our community from the outside. There is space to do so without burdening class size or staff.

Superintendent Nelson recommended again not adding to the fifth grade because of numbers in the rising class.

James Muse stated two new spots would be ideal, so three open spots for 2023-2024 because of one student moving on from sixth grade.

Carly Lavin stated she is supportive of school choice and would prefer keeping the preference requirement to Kindergarten or grade 1.

Tiffini Reedy clarified that the current students are not part of the pool. She also asked if it was too soon to predict incoming numbers for the Kindergarten class. Superintendent Nelson said there are no hard numbers at this point, but the administration is not concerned with adding spots in Kindergarten.

Cristin Cowles said she is concerned that there is a lot going on this year with the Collins Study, etc., and maybe it would be better to add more spots next year instead as to not make it seem like the school committee is trying inflate enrollment which is not the case.

James Muse said he understands that it could be perceived that way but in his opinion it is more important to focus on the fact that school choice is a good decision and the district has had success with it.

Carly Lavin agreed that Ms. Cowles' point is something to consider.

MOTION: by James Muse to increase the maximum number of school choice slots to fourteen (14), with preference given to Kindergarten and first grade.

SECONDED: Amanda Hastings

OPPOSED: Cristin Cowles

MOTION PASSED: 4:1

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – no; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

Tiffini Reedy asked to confirm if a student require additional services the district is reimbursed. Superintendent Nelson confirmed yes. Ms. Reedy continued expressed concern that school choice is confusing for the town as they think it is costing money but it is not.

Carly Lavin confirmed that is not creating any additional costs or increasing the amount for classes needed in a particular grade.

Superintendent Nelson added that the district is not obligated to hold the lottery. If the three seats would end up creating an additional section in a grade, the information would be given to the school committee and a lottery would not be held.

B. Approval of Field Trip(s)

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review for approval a field trip to Roger Williams Zoo for the first grade classes.

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson stated the following:

This agenda item requires the school committee to review and approve an out of state field trip for the grade 1 class to Roger Williams Zoo in Rhode Island.

Question(s)/Comment(s) by School Committee Members:

Tiffini Reedy thanked the PTA for their continued support and generosity. Chairperson Lavin agreed.

MOTION: by James Muse to approve the Roger Williams Zoo field trip as presented.

SECONDED: Cristin Cowles

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

C. Approval of Donation(s)

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review for approval a donation from the Mattapoisett PTA in the amount of \$6,000 for the purpose of spring 2023 field trips.

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson stated the following:

Tonight the school committee is being offered a donation from the Mattapoisett PTA in the amount of \$6,000 to be utilized for the purposes of grade level field trips(K-5). It is recommended that the school committee accept this donation as presented.

MOTION: by James Muse to approve the \$6,000 donation for the purpose of field trips as presented.

SECONDED: Tiffini Reedy

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy – yes

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chairperson Lavin stated the following:

I would like to address the odd timing of this meeting and the late cancelation of our 4/3 meeting. Out of respect for the Open Meeting Law and posting requirements, it was prudent to postpone. Mistakes happen, but I appreciate the town clerk's office acknowledging their error. I appreciate this committee making adjustments to be able to attend on a different day and time. Since we last met, there have been 2 very exciting community events - the OHS 6th grade vs faculty basketball game was finally played and the return of the Center school art show. I appreciate all the effort that went into organizing and planning such awesome community events. Personally I'm disappointed that work commitments kept me from both events, but my family and everyone else I spoke with had a fabulous time. Congratulations to the 6th grade for their victory, and to the whole student body for their beautiful artistic displays. Thankyou to our staff and PTA volunteers that helped make these events happen. With April vacation around the corner, I wanted to wish everyone a well-deserved break and a safe time away from the school buildings.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT:

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson reported on behalf of Mr. Davidson, transition meetings are happening. At the next school committee meeting, he hopes to have before and after care options for the committee to consider. Lastly, a draft report has been provided by the Collins Center and there is continued communication to update and edit the draft. He anticipates a joint select board and school committee meeting at the next meeting.

Dr. Fedorowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, reported that the literacy action plan is in round two and faculty and staff are considering and evaluating current options. Round three will begin soon with more options being reviewed by the faculty and staff.

VIII. School Committee

A. Committee Reports

1. ORR District School Committee - James Muse reported that a lot of work in being done including spring season sports and activities, graduation coming, etc.
2. SMEC – Tiffini Reedy reported a purchase and sales agreement has been completed for a new building to close on May 1st. The new building is located in the north end of New Bedford in the industrial park. The building will in part be used to significantly expand the social/emotional offerings of SMEC. DESE recently gave the collaborative organization money for HVAC systems as they were not previously included in the CARES Act. This is great timing because the new building is in need of HVAC repairs.
3. READS - Mr. Nelson reported that he has a meeting this evening to begin the hiring process with the team for a new executive director.
4. Early Childhood Council - Cristin Cowles reported that Kindergarten enrollment is the current focus and there is an upcoming fair.
5. MASC – Jim Muse stated there was nothing to report. Chairperson Lavin added that the Day on the Hill is coming up.
6. Mattapoissett Capital Planning - Carly Lavin stated that at least one article for capital planning will be coming up.
7. Tri-Town Education Foundation - No report.
8. Policy Subcommittee – No report.
9. Budget Subcommittee – No report.
10. Clock Committee – Dr. Ashley stated it is sounding great, still ringing and on time.
11. Equity Subcommittee - Amanda Hastings reported that the last meeting was March 30th. It was a good meeting with a comprehensive report out of the equity action plan from the administration team.

IX. Future Business

A. Timeline

The next meeting(s) of Committee will be held as follows:

Mattapoissett School Committee

May 15, 2023 at 6:30pm

Hybrid Format

Joint School Committee

June 8, 2023 at 6:30pm

Hybrid Format

B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Administrator Contracts (May)
- School Committee Reorganization (June – depending on election date)
- Approval of new School Council goals (June)

X. Open Comments

Chairperson, Carly Lavin stated the following:

Public Comment is governed by approved school committee policy.

Per the committee's policy we will offer up to 15 minutes for public comments this evening. Public comment is not a discussion, debate, or dialogue between individuals and the School Committee. However, the committee takes any public comment made seriously and appreciates hearing from the public. Anyone looking to provide a public comment must be acknowledged by the Chairperson before addressing the committee. Those making a public comment will have up to three minutes to address the committee and must start their comment by stating their name and the town they reside in.

For those in-person, there is a sign in sheet for those looking to make a public comment located on the side wall and those on zoom, if you are attending this meeting by zoom, you can send a message in the chat with your name and the town you reside in. The chairperson will alternate between in-person and zoom participants.

Chairperson Lavin asked if there were any Public Open Comments at this time – there were none.

At this time public comment is closed.

XII. Executive Session

Superintendent Nelson asked Chairperson Lavin to add executive session to the agenda for the purposes of #3, to discuss strategy related to collective bargaining. Chairperson Lavin agreed.

MOTION: by James Muse to enter executive session at 5:48pm for the purposes of #3 only to exit for adjournment.

SECONDED: Carly Lavin

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

MOTION: by James Muse to exit executive session of the Mattapoisett School Committee at 5:54pm.

SECONDED: Tiffini Reedy

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

ADJOURNMENT:

That the School Committee adjourn the Regular Session of the Mattapoisett School Committee at 5:55pm.

MOTION: by Carly Lavin to adjourn the Regular Session of the Mattapoisett School Committee at 5:55pm.

SECONDED: James Muse

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wilcox, Recording Secretary

MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Mattapoisett, Massachusetts

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 13, 2023

ZOOM LINK:

<https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/91757616017?pwd=ZEV0K1NReDlPVG1WZ1NBanVlQzlyQT09>

Meeting ID: 917 5761 6017

Passcode: 451497

This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. School Committee and Administrators will have the option of meeting in person in the Cafeteria at Center School located at, 16 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or via zoom. Public is able to attend in person or via zoom.

5:00 P.M.

MEETING TO ORDER

SCHOOL CHOICE PUBLIC HEARING

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOGNITION

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes

- 1. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2023**
2. Executive Session Minutes
3. Budget Subcommittee Minutes

II. Consent Agenda

III. Agenda Items Pending

IV. General

A. School Choice Vote

B. Approval of Field Trip(s)

C. Approval of Donation(s)

V. New Business

A. Curriculum

B. Business/Finance & Operations

1. Financial Report
2. Food Services Report
3. Facilities Report
4. Budget Transfers

C. Personnel

VI. Special Topic Report

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. School Committee

A. Committee Reports

- 1. ORR District School Committee**
- 2. SMEC**
- 3. READS**
- 4. Early Childhood Council**
- 5. MASC**
- 6. Mattapoisett Capital Needs Committee**
- 7. Tri-Town Education Foundation**
- 8. Policy Subcommittee**
- 9. Budget Subcommittee**
- 10. Clock Committee**
- 11. Equity Subcommittee**

B. School Committee Reorganization

C. School Committee Goals

IX. Future Business

A. Timeline

B. Future Agenda Items

X. Open Comments

XI. Information Items

XII. Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

**MATTAPOISETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MATTAPOISETT, MA**

TO: Mattapoissett School Committee
FROM: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: April 3, 2023
RE: Agenda Items

The following items are on the agenda for April 13, 2023:

SCHOOL CHOICE PUBLIC HEARING

I. Approval of Minutes (VOTE NEEDED)

I.A.1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Session

Recommendation

That the School Committee review and approve the minutes of March 20, 2023. Please refer to “MTSC 04132023 March Minutes”.

IV. General

A. School Choice Vote (VOTE NEEDED)

Recommendation:

That the School Committee take a vote for school choice for the 2023-2024 school year. Please refer to “MTSC 04132023 School Choice” and “MTSC 04132023 School Choice Memo”.

B. Approval of Field Trip(s) (VOTE NEEDED)

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review for approval a field trip to Roger Williams Zoo for the first grade classes.

C. Approval of Donation(s) (VOTE NEEDED)

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review for approval a donation from the Mattapoissett PTA in the amount of \$6,000 for the purpose of spring 2023 field trips. Please refer to “MTSC 04132023 PTA Donation Memo”.

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If you have questions about any of the recommendations above, please feel free to call me.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Carly Lavin, Chairperson (in-person); James Muse, Vice-Chair (remote); Cristin Cowles (in-person); Amanda Hastings (remote) and Tiffini Reedy (in-person).

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools (in-person); Howard Barber, Director of Finance (in-person); Craig Davidson, Director of Student Services (in-person); Dr. Linda Ashley, Principal – Center School (in-person); Kevin Tavares, Principal – Old Hammondtown School (in-person); Melissa Wilcox, Recording Secretary (in-person), teachers; staff; parents; members of the press and public via zoom or in-person.

MEETING TO ORDER:

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FY24 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Chairperson Lavin called the public hearing to order at 6:32pm.

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson stated the following:

Good Evening – everyone – tonight our first order of business is the FY24 budget public hearing for the Mattapoisett Elementary School District. The budget development process started in late fall and required numerous meetings to strategize the financial direction of the Mattapoisett Elementary School District. Our school committee representatives (thank you for your participation Chairperson Lavin and Member Muse) listened to our building administration share their vision for our schools moving into next year and collaborated with central office administrators, town officials, and FINCOM representation to bring forth tonight's FY24 budget proposal. During the budget development process, we assessed and considered the current financial climate, our immediate school programming needs, discussed what needs we may have in future years, and prioritized what we know about the educational needs of our students', families', and staff members' -heading into the 2023-2024 school year. As a result – tonight Mr. Barber, our Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations will present our FY24 budget proposal. We feel this budget represents not only a fiscally responsible proposal – but a budget that allows us to continue to service our students' and families' – meeting Center and Old Hammondtown Elementary Schools' educational expectations. I want to thank all those who have contributed to this process and Mr. Barber for his financial leadership during this process. Mr. Barber...the floor is yours.

Mr. Barber thanked the Mattapoisett and district administrators. He also extended thanks to the school committee members that worked on the budget along with Town Officials. Mr. Barber explained the main points of consideration during the budget process which include:

- Listen to Administrators for School and Department Goals
- Provide a Zero Based Budgetary Method
- Review and Recognize Budgetary Shortfalls
- Plan for New Curriculum Initiatives
- Continue the Expansion of Classroom Technology

Mr. Barber explained the budget comparison from FY 2023 to FY 2024.

Department	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2024 to 2023 Comparison
Center School	\$ 3,077,558	\$ 3,056,769	\$ 20,789
Old Hammondtown	\$ 2,417,689	\$ 2,304,882	\$ 112,807
Central Office	\$ 252,911	\$ 211,111	\$ 41,800
Facilities	\$ 837,659	\$ 717,955	\$ 119,704
Student Services	\$ 465,614	\$ 542,809	\$ (77,195)
Technology	\$ 166,494	\$ 152,716	\$ 13,778
Transportation	\$ 525,500	\$ 548,800	\$ (23,300)
Total Mattapoisett School Budget's	\$ 7,743,424	\$ 7,535,042	\$ 208,383

Next, Mr. Barber explained the items excluded from the operating budget funding which are offset resources and Bristol County Agricultural School. He continued to review the Offset Funding Sources including:

- Federal Entitlement Grants
 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
 - Early Childhood Special Education Funds
 - ESSER III
- Special Education Circuit Breaker Reimbursement
- Revolving Funds
 - School Choice
 - Project Grow Tuition
 - Building Rental Funds

Mr. Barber noted to the committee the amount of each of these Offsets.

Funding Source	Amount
IDEA Grant	\$ 100,837
EEC Grant	\$ 6,000
ESSER III	\$ 25,000
Circuit Breaker	\$ 232,684
Building Use	\$ 10,000
School Choice *	\$ 70,000
Total Offsets	\$ 444,521

Mr. Barber continued that the Bristol County Agricultural High School costs are based on the two (2) enrolled students as of October 1, 2022. The total cost is \$98,922 as a result of the tuition cost per student being \$22,010, debt service per student being \$5,401 and transportation cost being \$44,100.

Mr. Barber noted changes that are included in the proposed FY24 budget and the budget committee worked to forecast building based operating needs based on maximizing the zero based budgeting process, planning for operational expenditures and taking into account mandated costs.

Mr. Barber also reviewed the following changes by department that do not include personnel services:

- **Academics**
 - Allocation of \$25,000 for Literacy Core Program & Development
- **Student Services**
 - Decrease of \$65,000 for Tuition Based Programs
 - (Includes increase of \$74,000 for Circuit Breaker)
- **Facilities and Operations**
 - Increase of \$65,000 for Utility Cost
 - Increase of \$20,000 for Contracted Services and Maintenance
- **Technology**
 - Increase of \$10,000 for Technology Software
 - (Excludes decrease of Offset by \$12,000)
- **Transportation**
 - Decrease of \$37,000 for Special Education Out of District Placements
 - Increase of \$10,000 for Regular Education Contracted Costs

Mr. Barber discussed the comparison of the proposed FY 2024 budget to FY 2023 including School Choice and Bristol County Agricultural school.

Department	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2024 to 2023 Comparison	School Choice
Center School	\$ 3,077,558	\$ 3,056,769	\$ 20,789	\$ 10,000
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Student Services	\$ 465,614	\$ 542,809	\$ (77,195)	\$ 50,000
Technology	\$ 166,494	\$ 152,717	\$ 13,777	\$ -
Transportation	\$ 525,500	\$ 548,800	\$ (23,300)	\$ -
Total Mattapoisett School Budget's	\$ 7,743,425	\$ 7,535,043	\$ 208,382	\$ 70,000

Bristol County Agricultural H.S.	\$ 98,922	\$ 111,736	\$ (12,814)	\$ -
Total Bristol County School Budget	\$ 98,922	\$ 111,736	\$ (12,814)	\$ -
Total Budget Obligations	\$ 7,842,347	\$ 7,646,779	\$ 195,568	\$ 70,000

Mr. Barber provided an overview comparison by department as well.

Department Code	Department	Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget	Approved Fiscal Year 2023 Budget	Variance
001	School Committee	\$ 10,700	\$ 10,700	\$ -
004	Superintendent's Office	\$ 210,410	\$ 206,411	\$ 3,999
007	School Administration	\$ 432,264	\$ 426,571	\$ 5,693
010	Classroom Teachers	\$ 1,548,050	\$ 1,847,286	\$ (299,236)
013	Kindergarten	\$ 289,382	\$ 271,106	\$ 18,276
016	Art	\$ 108,854	\$ 96,234	\$ 12,620
022	Reading	\$ 246,104	\$ 205,551	\$ 40,553
024	Ell Program	\$ 21,606	\$ 20,356	\$ 1,250
025	English	\$ 107,960	\$ 3,100	\$ 104,860
037	Mathematics	\$ 138,244	\$ 32,958	\$ 105,286
040	Media Services	\$ 136,336	\$ 134,995	\$ 1,341
043	Music	\$ 154,741	\$ 150,506	\$ 4,235
049	Physical Education	\$ 131,321	\$ 124,968	\$ 6,353
052	Science	\$ 211,620	\$ 207,181	\$ 4,439
055	Social Studies	\$ 105,516	\$ 4,500	\$ 101,016
061	Curriculum Development	\$ 36,000	\$ 11,100	\$ 24,900
076	Health Services	\$ 166,078	\$ 161,219	\$ 4,859

079	Transportation	\$	298,000	\$	284,300	\$	13,700
085	Miscellaneous	\$	4,800	\$	8,300	\$	(3,500)
088	Operation And Maintenance	\$	837,659	\$	717,955	\$	119,704
093	Computer Program	\$	166,494	\$	152,716	\$	13,778
100	Special Needs Admin.	\$	52,398	\$	52,229	\$	169
102	Project Grow	\$	166,782	\$	160,639	\$	6,143
103	Learning Support Center	\$	1,003,120	\$	992,902	\$	10,218
118	Speech	\$	218,751	\$	212,498	\$	6,253
121	Support Services	\$	206,151	\$	217,074	\$	(10,923)
127	Psychological Services	\$	300,767	\$	286,007	\$	14,760
130	Sped Transportation	\$	222,000	\$	259,000	\$	(37,000)
133	Program With Others Sped	\$	211,316	\$	276,680	\$	(65,364)
	Grant Total	\$	7,743,425	\$	7,535,043	\$	208,382

In the next part of the presentation, Mr. Barber reviewed the proposed Chapter 70 Governor's budget.

- FY2024 projects a \$992,801 Base Amount
 - Including Minimum \$30 per student
 - Net \$12,420 increase from FY2023

Comparison to FY23

	FY23	FY24	Change	Pct Chg
Enrollment	424	414	-10	-2.36%
Foundation budget	4,913,934	5,079,933	165,998	3.38%
Required district contribution	3,933,553	4,120,905	187,352	4.76%
Chapter 70 aid	980,381	992,801	12,420	1.27%
Required net school spending (NSS)	4,913,934	5,113,706	199,772	4.07%
Target aid share	17.50%	17.50%		
C70 % of foundation	19.95%	19.54%		
Required NSS % of foundation	100.00%	100.66%		

Lastly, Mr. Barber reviewed the overall total budget fiscal year 2024 proposed budget of \$7,743,425 which is \$208,382 (2.77%) more than the fiscal year 2023 budget of \$7,535,043.

Superintendent Nelson thanked Mr. Barber for breaking down the information for easier review and for his leadership during this process. He noted the goal was to maintain services currently offered to the children and staff while recognizing that increased utilities costs were a major driver in the process this year.

Chairperson Lavin opened the hearing to the public. There were no comments.

Chairperson Lavin closed the FY24 Public Budget Hearing at 6:55pm.

I. Approval of Minutes:

1. A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Session – February 27, 2023

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review and approve the minutes of February 27, 2023.

MOTION: by Amanda Hastings to accept and approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 27, 2023 as presented

SECONDED: Cristin Cowles

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 4:1

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - abstain

IV. General

A. Approval of FY24 Budget

Recommendation:

That the School Committee approve the FY24 Budget.

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson stated the following:

Please review the proposed motion in your school committee member packet for review and consideration.

Question(s)/Comment(s) by School Committee Members:

Cristin Cowles asked if the committee feels that this budget is tying into the literacy curriculum and is going to address the needs with any new program. Mr. Barber explained that the ESSER III funds and the \$25,000 allows us to go through the first phase and is a good starting point. The administration will also be looking into grant opportunities. Dr. Ashley added that the new literacy program will be a 5 to 6-year plan. Superintendent Nelson added that this is similar to when the district began with GoMath. This budget is sufficient for FY24 and our literacy plans and goals for that year.

Chairperson Lavin commented that Mr. Barber did an excellent job with the presentation. She asked for clarification of Department 022 Reading. Mr. Barber replied that this department is reading specialists, supplies and materials. He continued that each department now has the same amount of the supplies amount divided up between them. Superintendent Nelson added that Department 061 is also available specifically for curriculum.

MOTION: by Cristin Cowles to approve the Superintendent's Proposed Fiscal Year June 30, 2024 Budget in the total amount of \$7,842,346 for the Mattapoisett Public Schools. The total amount of \$7,842,346 recognizes the two (2) segments of its funding: 1. General Operating in the amount of \$7,743,425, and 2. Bristol County Agricultural School District in the amount of \$98,922

SECONDED: Tiffini Reedy

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

Cristin Cowles asked for clarification if the \$70,000 from the School Choice Revolving Fund Account is from this year or last year. Mr. Barber explained that it is a combination in the revolving account allowing us to request it from the town. Chairperson Lavin asked to confirm if the \$70,000 draw is not greater than the expected revenue of the 12 students. Superintendent Nelson stated that we know this amount is available in the revolving account from the budget process.

MOTION: by Carly Lavin to approve the transfer of \$70,000 for the Mattapoisett Public Schools from the School Choice Revolving Fund account held by the Town of Mattapoisett to supplement the Superintendent's Proposed Fiscal Year June 30, 2024 Budget.

SECONDED: Cristin Cowles

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

B. School Choice Review

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review current School Choice numbers.

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson stated the following:

At our next regularly scheduled school committee meeting in April - the school committee will hold its FY24 public school choice hearing. This evening for informational purposes only I have included the current enrollment numbers, inclusive of the district's 22-23 school year school choice students. This year we have twelve (12) enrolled school choice students, with one (1) current sixth grader that will age out of our Old Hammondtown School at the conclusion of the school year. The most recent decision made by vote by this school committee - approved no more than twelve (12) school choice slots, historically, preference being given to the lower grade applicants. At your next school committee meeting, you will vote on your school choice status for the 23-24 school year and the number of slots available. No action is needed tonight.

Question(s)/Comment(s) by School Committee Members:

Tiffini Reedy commented that potentially there would be one slot available if we maintain twelve school choice total students. Superintendent Nelson commented that at the next meeting the committee will discuss and vote to participate in school choice and how many spots (if any) would be available and what grade level.

C. Update of Town Initiated Collins Center School Consolidation Study

Recommendation:

That the School Committee hear an update regarding the Collins Center Study initiated by the Town of Mattapoisett

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson stated the following:

At this juncture - the District and the Town of Mattapoisett continue to anticipate receiving the draft report from the Collins Center in the very near future. It is anticipated that a joint school committee and Select Board meeting will then be scheduled to hear the results from the Collins Center study team lead in April.

D. Approval of Donation(s)

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review for approval the FY2023: Safe and Supportive Schools Grant in the amount of \$10,000. That the School Committee review for approval a donation of twenty (20), five-gallon plastic buckets to use as drums from the Home Depot in Dartmouth. That the School Committee review for approval the following donations from the PTA; Repair the step at OHS and update the basketball courts for a total of \$6,075.75, two metal picnic tables for OHS with an approximate value of \$2,472.30 and two soccer nets to be used at recess at OHS with an approximate value of \$2,220.

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson stated the following:

This evening there are five (5) donations for the school committee to review and approve:

The first is a grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education titled the Safe and Supportive Grant in the amount of \$10,000 has been awarded to the Mattapoisett School District. Mr. Davidson will tell you about this grant and its purpose.

Mr. Davidson stated: *The purpose of this state funded competitive grant program is to provide funding to school districts to organize, integrate, and sustain school and district-wide efforts to create safe and supportive school environments. Additionally, this grant is designed to coordinate and align student support initiatives based on their findings from completing the Safe and Supportive Schools (SaSS) Framework and Self-Reflection Tool. The main priorities for this grant are to help ensure that each participating school creates an equitable, safe, positive, healthy, culturally-competent, and inclusive whole-school learning environment for all students, and makes effective use of a system for integrating services and aligning initiatives that promote students' behavioral health and wellness. The process supports a locally run approach for school teams to lead the entire staff to develop a deeper awareness of the benefits of the Essential Elements of a safe and supportive school, and the need to make their own school safer and more supportive.*

Question(s)/Comment(s) by School Committee Members:

Chairperson Lavin asked how the information is gathered. Mr. Davidson explained that data is collected using survey information and Aimsweb data the district already has, along with student data from the state. The self-reflection tool is about 80 questions in which we can use the data for the implementation phase. Superintendent Nelson explained that the school-based teams are guided through a phased process as illustrated in the Safe and Supportive Schools Framework provided in the back-up information to the committee. Chairperson Lavin added that she is particularly intrigued by the family connections piece. Superintendent Nelson stated he is excited that by participating in the first part, the district automatically gets year two.

MOTION: by Amanda Hastings to approve the Safe and Supportive Schools Grant in the amount of \$10,000 as presented

SECONDED: Carly Lavin

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson stated the following:

The second donation this evening is twenty (20), five-gallon plastic buckets from the Home Depot in Dartmouth for our music program - specifically for bucket drumming.

MOTION: by Carly Lavin to approve the Home Depot donation as presented

SECONDED: Tiffini Reedy

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson stated the following:

Next is a donation from the Mattapoisett PTA - two soccer nets for Old Hammondtown school valued at approximately \$2,220. I would like to thank the Mattapoisett PTA for this and the additional donations being presented this evening.

MOTION: by James Muse to approve Mattapoisett PTA soccer net donation as presented

SECONDED: Carly Lavin

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson stated the following:

The next donation is also from the Mattapoissett PTA - two picnic tables for Old Hammondtown school valued at approximately \$2,472.30.

Question(s)/Comment(s) by School Committee Members:

Cristin Cowles asked where the picnic tables would be going. Mr. Tavares explained they are replacing one picnic table up near the building and the second by the baseball shed.

MOTION: by James Muse to approve Mattapoissett PTA picnic table donation as presented

SECONDED: Amanda Hastings

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson stated the following:

Lastly, the Mattapoissett PTA is offering fiscal support in the amount of \$6,075.75 for a playground upgrade project that will include the replacement of a stair on the playground set and a basketball court improvement project that will include new backboards, pole and court lines.

Question(s)/Comment(s) by School Committee Members:

Chairperson Lavin thanked the Mattapoissett PTA for thinking of the schools and working hard on these donations.

Mr. Tavares agreed. Ms. Bridget Bernier of the Mattapoissett PTA was present remotely and thanked the committee for considering the donations this evening.

MOTION: by Carly Lavin to approve the fiscal support for the playground upgrade project including the stair and basketball court upgrades as presented

SECONDED: Tiffini Reedy

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

V. New Business

B. Business

1. Financial Report

Recommendation:

That the School Committee hear a report from Mr. Barber.

Mr. Barber reported the following:

The Mattapoissett School District currently has \$297,486 available of the general funds appropriated in the 2023 Fiscal Year. The year-to-date Budget Report, by departments, identify how our funds are encumbered and expended. The report recognizes the activity of the total \$7,535,042 appropriate to the Mattapoissett School District.

\$ 7,535,042 - General Funds Approved

\$ 7,237,556 - Obligation Paid Year-to-Date

\$ 297,486 - Remaining Available Funds

Bristol County Agricultural High School enrolled student operational budget of \$111,736, of which the remaining balance for committed cost is \$18,467.

\$ 111,736 - Bristol County Agricultural High School

\$ 93,269 - Obligations Paid Year-to-Date

\$ 18,467 - Remaining Available Fund

2. Food Services Report

Recommendation:

That the School Committee hear a report from Mr. Barber.

Food Service Director's Report (By: Jill Henesey) dated March 2023 as follows:

- Meal participation continues to be strong
- Nationwide, supply chain disruptions continue to impact our program
- Had a successful week serving the students in the Math Acceleration Program.
- Currently working on procuring food and supplies for next year.
- I am excited to announce that I have applied and been awarded the MA Equipment Grants for both Center School and Old Hammondtown for the following amounts:
 - Center School ~ \$5,813; grant project is to replace the Merchandise Cooler as well as purchase a Food Processing Machine to assist in the production of fresh fruit and vegetable bar.
 - Old Hammondtown ~ \$20,000; grant project is to replace the serving line with a new hot line as well as a cold line that will house a fresh fruit and vegetable bar.

3. Facilities Report

Recommendation:

That the School Committee hear a report from Mr. Barber.

Facilities Director's Report (By: Gene Jones) dated March 2023 as follows:

Center School:

- Submitted and met with Capital Planning Committee for FY24
- Instituted an extreme cold/wind chill protocol for a weekend event
- The Capital funded HVAC Building Management System (BMS) upgrade is in phase 2 (RTU audits)
- Completed routine maintenance on all facility systems

Old Hammondtown School:

- Submitted and met with Capital Planning Committee for FY24
- Instituted an extreme cold/wind chill protocol for a weekend event
- Completed routine maintenance on all facility systems
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VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chairperson Lavin stated the following:

I'd like to use a few moments to commend the administration on their hard work to present a fiscally responsible operating budget to the town. The economic landscape is challenging, for our community, our families, and our educational systems and I appreciate the efforts made by the central administration and local administration work towards a solution that is sustainable for the community. I'm not sure if others have looked around beyond the ORR district, but many schools are in a very difficult position due how they used ESSR funding the past 3 years. I appreciate the leadership shown to bring us to this position.

With all that said, this committee would like to reiterate the need to focus on Literacy, not just at Center School but also for our 4th-6th graders at OHS. Fluent Reading, comprehension and phonetic awareness is fundamental to the success of our children. One drawback of this budget as presented is that I wish we had more dollars allocated for the reading focus at OHS. If the opportunity presents itself to consider a full-time reading specialist at OHS, I'd ask that the administration bring the conversation to the School Committee.

Childcare - I will again use some of my time to reiterate to the administration and the town as a whole, that I believe the lack of regular before school and after school childcare is a detriment to this community. We should be exhausting all efforts to identify an opportunity to partner with a local provider to offer these services within the school building starting in September of 2023.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT:

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson recognized the outstanding performance at the FORM concert. He said it was a great time. The gym was packed for the event which really showed the strong commitment to arts in the Tri-Town.

Mr. Davidson reported that Project Grow is now accepting applications. The next Early Childhood Council is being held on March 29th at Sippican.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Linda Ashley – Principal of Center School reported the following:

- Thank you to the ORR Boys Basketball team for joining our All School Meeting on 3/14. Center School students cheered on the team and watched the players perform some very cool slam dunks! Thank you to Sawyer Fox and Coach Carvalho for talking to our students about the importance of practice, perseverance, and schoolwork before sports. First-grade students made Valentine's Day cards for children at local pediatric units at nearby hospitals through the Friends of Jack Foundation. The cards were paired with one of the Friends of Jack signature bears. Thank you first graders for creating cards from your hearts!
- The Core Literacy Program Review is well underway. The District Literacy Team members and teachers are carefully reviewing sample materials from the publishers using detailed rubrics from the Hill for Literacy consultants.
- Thank you to our active PTA for funding and organizing the following events:
 - Students enjoyed playing virtual BINGO on March 1st. Over 100 people participated and 32 prizes were won.
 - The New Bedford Youth Ballet performed Sacagawea's song for students in grades K-3 on March 7th.
- We look forward to the Center and OHS Art Show on Thursday, March 23 from 4-6 pm. Students' wonderful artwork will be displayed throughout the first floor of Center School. The PTA will sell water, baked goods, and snacks. Thank you to our volunteers who have been helping Mrs. Anderson frame and display students' creative pieces.

Upcoming events:

March 23 Center/OHS Art Show @ Center School 4 - 6 pm

March 29 Author Visit - Alec Carvlin

April 4 PTA 7:00 pm

April 7 No School

April 11 MCAS Grade 3 ELA

April 12 MCAS Grade 3 ELA

April 17 -21 Vacation Week

Kevin Tavares, Principal of Old Hammondtown School reported the following:

Time seems to have flown by since the last time that we met but rest assured we have been busy at OHS. Here are a few examples of what has been happening.

- In celebration of trees.
 - Select Board and Tree Committee member Jodi Bauer recently visited OHS to announce the winners of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation poster contest winners. This year's theme was A Time for Trees and over 40 OHS students entered submissions. Fifth grader Emma Lowe took first place honors with her depiction of a tree clock. Fifth-grade student Dominic Phillie was awarded a second-place prize. Emma's winning poster has been entered into the state's Arbor Day poster competition.
- The OHS Chorus performed at the recent FORM concert and wowed the audience with their beautiful voices. It was a great night to showcase all of their hard work and practice. They sounded great and our OHS family is very proud of them.
- Fifth grade students got to dissect owl pellets during a recent science lesson. The Food Web Unit is one of the most popular.
- If you could learn more about one person who would that be? Sixth-grade students had the opportunity this month and it was lots of fun. Students chose a biography or autobiography about a person that they wanted to learn more about. After reading the book, they had a choice of making a puppet to represent the person or

use their Google skills to make a slide presentation. Those that chose to create a puppet gave a first-person account to their classmates. Students that chose to do a slide show presented their final project to the class as well. Covid really put a damper on these kinds of projects and so it's nice to be able to bring them back into the classroom. Wyatt Churchill plans on sending his off to Rob Gronkowski.

Looking Ahead

- Wednesday, March 15, 2023, Report Cards Issued
- Thursday, March 16th, Instrumental FORM Concert
- Thursday, March 16th, Student vs. Staff Basketball game
- Thursday, March 23rd Center/OHS Art Show
- April 15 - 23 Vacation
- April 24 - Spring Pictures
- June 2 - Field Day
- June 8 - OHS Band/Chorus Concert

VIII. School Committee

A. Committee Reports

1. ORR District School Committee - James Muse reported the last meeting took place on March 15th. The committee held the ORR Public Budget Hearing. It was a very difficult budget season and challenging this year, but it was approved. The committee also held the School Choice Public Hearing. School Choice was approved at the same level it is at this school year.
2. SMEC – Tiffini Reedy reported there is a meeting next week.
3. READS - Mr. Nelson stated they met on March 10th. As he may have mentioned at the last meeting, Dr. Theresa Craig is retiring and the board is responsible for helping hiring the next executive director so they have started the process.
4. Early Childhood Council - Cristin Cowles reported the next meeting is March 29th at 6:00pm.
5. MASC – Jim Muse stated there was nothing to report but he did want to share that MASC has resources available to promote and lobby for things statewide that anyone can access.
6. Mattapoisett Capital Needs Committee - Carly Lavin stated as Mr. Barber had mentioned he and Superintendent Nelson had attended and presented at the recent meeting, as well as all the other department heads. We have since gone through our voting with the committee. The next step is how to rank the items and present to the Finance Committee how we think the funds should be spent.
7. Tri-Town Education Foundation - No report.
8. Policy Subcommittee - Cristin Cowles reported they met a couple weeks ago and policies will be brought to the Joint meeting next week including BEDH Public Comment at School Committee Meetings with the main change being an extension of public comment being from 15 minutes to 30 minutes if approved.
9. Budget Subcommittee - Carly Lavin stated no report as the hearing was held earlier this evening.
10. Clock Committee – Dr. Ashley stated it is sounding great, still ringing and on time.
11. Equity Subcommittee - Amanda Hastings reported that at the last meeting was on March 1st regarding the open meeting law complaints similar to what was reviewed previously by this committee, although she was unable to attend. The next meeting is March 30th.

IX. Future Business

A. Timeline

The next meeting(s) of Committee will be held as follows:

Mattapoisett School Committee

April 3, 2023 at 6:30pm
Hybrid Format

Joint School Committee

March 30, 2023 at 6:30pm
Hybrid Format

B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- School Choice Public Hearing (April)

- Administrator Contracts (May)
- School Committee Reorganization (June – depending on election date)
- Approval of new School Council goals (June)

X. Open Comments

Chairperson, Carly Lavin stated the following:

Public Comment is governed by approved school committee policy.

Per the committee's policy we will offer up to 15 minutes for public comments this evening. Public comment is not a discussion, debate, or dialogue between individuals and the School Committee. However, the committee takes any public comment made seriously and appreciates hearing from the public. Anyone looking to provide a public comment must be acknowledged by the Chairperson before addressing the committee. Those making a public comment will have up to three minutes to address the committee and must start their comment by stating their name and the town they reside in.

For those in-person, there is a sign in sheet for those looking to make a public comment located on the side wall and those on zoom, if you are attending this meeting by zoom, you can send a message in the chat with your name and the town you reside in. The chairperson will alternate between in-person and zoom participants.

Chairperson Lavin asked if there were any Public Open Comments at this time – there were none.

At this time public comment is closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

That the School Committee adjourn the Regular Session of the Mattapoisett School Committee at 7:36pm.

MOTION: by Cristin Cowles to adjourn the Regular Session of the Mattapoisett School Committee at 7:36pm.

SECONDED: James Muse

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: James Muse – yes; Cristin Cowles – yes; Amanda Hastings – yes; Carly Lavin – yes; Tiffini Reedy - yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wilcox, Recording Secretary

Enclosures.

Center School and Old Hammondtown School
Actual Enrollment April 2023

2022-2023 - Center School Actual

Grade Level	# of students	Class Distribution					Number of Classes/School Choice Students
Project GROW	27						
Kindergarten	51	17	17	17			3 classes (1 school choice students)
Grade 1	57	18	20	19			3 classes (2 school choice students)
Grade 2	51	16	17	18			3 classes (2 school choice students)
Grade 3	50	16	16	18			3 classes (3 school choice students)
TOTAL	236						

2022 -2023 Old Hammondtown School Actual

Grade Level	# of students	Class Distribution					Number of Classes/School Choice Students
Grade 4	60	19	22	19			3 classes (2 school choice students)
Grade 5	65	23	20	22			3 classes (1 school choice student)
Grade 6	63	21	21	21			3 classes (1 school choice student)
TOTAL	188						

Current School Choice Applications for 2023-2024

Kindergarten	8
Grade 1	1
Grade 2	1
Grade 3	0
Grade 4	1
Grade 5	0
Grade 6	2



**Old Rochester Regional School District
Massachusetts School Superintendency Union 55**

Memo

To: School Committee Members of Mattapoisett School District

From: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools

Date: April 13, 2023

Re: School Choice Motion - FY24 School Choice

Motion:

To maintain the maximum number of school choice slots of twelve (12) students for the 2023-2024 school year with preference given to Kindergarten aged students.



Melissa Wilcox <melissawilcox@oldrochester.org>

Roger Williams Zoo trip

1 message

Linda Ashley <lindaashley@oldrochester.org>

Thu, Mar 30, 2023 at 1:42 PM

To: Melissa Wilcox <melissawilcox@oldrochester.org>

First graders will visit the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, RI. They will participate in a program on animal adaptations which aligns with the first grade science curriculum. Students will explore the structural and behavioral adaptations that help animals survive.

Linda Ashley, Ed.D., Principal
(She/Her)
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Linda Ashley, Ed.D., Principal

To: Melissa Wilcox
From: Linda Ashley and Kevin Tavares, Mattapoisett Principals
CC: Mike Nelson, Superintendent
Date: April 13, 2023
Subject: Mattapoisett PTA Donation for Field Trips K - 5.

We are asking that the School Committee review for approval a donation from the Mattapoisett PTA in the amount of \$6,000 to Center and Old Hammondtown Schools for the purpose of grade level field trips.

With appreciation,

Linda Ashley, Center School Principal
Kevin Tavares, Old Hammondtown Principal

MATTAPOISETT PTA

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CHECK NUMBER
Date April 13, 2023

Pay to the order of Mattapoisett Public Schools \$6000.00

Six thousand 00/100 Dollars

Webster Bank
WebsterOnline.com

Field Trip K-GS
For

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MATTAPOISETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Mattapoisett, Massachusetts

TO: Town Clerk, Town of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts

DATE: April 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Meeting Notice

Pursuant to Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified of the following REGULAR meeting of the **MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**.

Thursday, April 13, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.

This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. School Committee and Administrators will have the option of meeting in person in the Cafeteria at Center School located at, 16 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or via zoom. Public is able to attend in person or via zoom.

If you need more information about this meeting, please feel free to call 508-758-2772 ext. 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Wilcox
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Mattapoisett, Massachusetts
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 13, 2023

ZOOM LINK:

<https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/91757616017?pwd=ZEV0K1NReDlPVG1WZ1NBanVlQzlyQT09>

Meeting ID: 917 5761 6017

Passcode: 451497

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5:00 P.M.

MEETING TO ORDER

SCHOOL CHOICE PUBLIC HEARING

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOGNITION

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes

- 1. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2023**
2. Executive Session Minutes
3. Budget Subcommittee Minutes

II. Consent Agenda

III. Agenda Items Pending

IV. General

A. School Choice Vote

B. Approval of Field Trip(s)

C. Approval of Donation(s)

V. New Business

A. Curriculum

B. Business/Finance & Operations

1. Financial Report
2. Food Services Report
3. Facilities Report
4. Budget Transfers

C. Personnel

VI. Special Topic Report

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. School Committee

A. Committee Reports

1. ORR District School Committee

2. SMEC

3. READS

4. Early Childhood Council

5. MASC

6. Mattapoisett Capital Needs Committee

7. Tri-Town Education Foundation

8. Policy Subcommittee

9. Budget Subcommittee

10. Clock Committee

11. Equity Subcommittee

B. School Committee Reorganization

C. School Committee Goals

IX. Future Business

A. Timeline

B. Future Agenda Items

X. Open Comments

XI. Information Items

XII. Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT