



Old Rochester Regional School Committee Equity Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2023 AT 5:00 p.m.

135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739
Superintendent's Conference Room

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Beauregard, Marion School Committee, Jason Chisholm, Rochester School Committee, Frances-Feliz Kearns, ORR School Committee, Margaret McSweeney, ORR School Committee, and Joseph Pires, ORR School Committee.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Amanda Hastings and Matthew Monteiro.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Nelson, Superintendent of Schools.

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm by Frances Feliz-Kearns.

The following agenda items were addressed:

I. Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2023:

Motion to accept the minutes as amended

Motion by Margaret McSweeney

Motion Seconded by Jason Chisholm

Motion Passed 5-0

II. General

a. Review of Open Meeting Law Complaint(s)

Superintendent Nelson made the following statement:

On February 14th - we received three open meeting complaints from Ms. Kathleen LeClair of Mattapoisett. The first complaint (that was updated on February 16th) will need to be responded to by the Marion, Mattapoisett, Old Rochester, and Rochester school committees. The second complaint is addressed to the policy subcommittee and will require that they respond. The third complaint is addressed specifically to this committee regarding equity subcommittee minutes. As a result, this subcommittee is required to respond to the complaint within 14 business days or within the extension period. I have shared the complaints with this committee in their entirety for your review and reference. My recommendation is for this committee to vote to delegate the responsibility to respond to the complainant to legal counsel through the superintendent and provide a copy of the response to the Attorney General within the required timeline.

Motion to delegate the responsibility to respond to the complainant to legal counsel through the Superintendent.

Motion by Jason Chisholm

Motion Seconded by Mary Beauregard

Motion Passed 5-0

III. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Frances-Feliz Kearns made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm.

Jason Chisholm seconded.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent