

The Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Medford School Committee

September 11, 2023

Regular Meeting: 6:00 PM

Held at the Howard Alden Memorial Chambers, Medford City Hall as well as on Zoom

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Agenda

Roll Call for Attendance of Members and the Student Representatives

- I. Salute the Flag
- II. Good of the Order
- III. Consent Agenda
 - Bills and Payrolls
 - Regular School Committee Minutes, **June 12, 2023**
- IV. Report of Subcommittees
 - Rules & Policy Subcommittee Minutes, **July 19, 2023**
 - Rules & Policy Subcommittee Minutes, **August 14, 2023**
- V. Report of the Superintendent
 1. Superintendent's Updates and Comments - Dr. Marice Edouard-Vincent, Superintendent
 2. Welcome of all new Administrators to MPS-Dr. Marice Edouard-Vincent, Superintendent

3. Recommendation to Approve a 2002 Infinity vehicle donation to the Automotive Shop of MHS by Ms. Alicia Hunt. - Dr. Marice Edouard-Vincent, Superintendent
4. **Operations Update:** Dr. Peter J. Cushing, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Enrichment and Innovation.
5. **Summer Programming Update:** Ms. Joan Bowen, Director of Student Services, Dr. Bernadette Riciardelli, Director of Professional Learning & Assessment, and Mr. Paul Teixeira, Director of EL
6. **Enrollment Update:** Ms. Suzanne B. Galusi, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, and Dr. Peter J. Cushing, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Enrichment and Innovation.

VIII. Presentations of the Public (not to begin before 7:00 pm)

“Regular Meetings of the School Committee include this ‘Presentations of the Public’ agenda item to give any resident the opportunity to place a presentation before the School Committee. A resident may only present once at any meeting.

These presentations are an opportunity for the public to make a presentation to the Committee but are not opportunities for dialog with the Committee. If one or more members of the Committee wishes to have a conversation about the topic presented, a member may request that the item be added to a subsequent Regular Meeting.

The details for submitting a presentation can be found within the policy BEDH, Public Comment and Presentations of the Public”

Pursuant to policy BEDH, Public Comment and Presentations of the Public - any resident in the audience may be given permission to speak once on any item on the agenda for up to three (3) minutes. The speaker is expected to keep their comments to the item on the agenda. The speaker must begin their comments by providing their full name and full Medford street address where they reside. A welcoming, inclusive community is both a value of the School Committee and an aspirational goal. We ask for your help in achieving this goal and value your perspective. Employees of the Medford Public Schools are exempt from the residency requirement of this policy. The voice of our employees is welcomed on all matters before this body. When a non-Medford-resident employee is participating in public comment or submitting a presentation of the public they will include their home address and identify themselves as an employee of the Medford Public Schools.

IX. Continued Business

X. New Business

Be it resolved that the Superintendent provide an update to the School Committee on the implementation of the newly adopted bullying policy no later than October 2, 2023. Be it further resolved that the report include a description of efforts to educate building leaders on the new policy, how the policy has been disseminated to staff and % of staff participation in related professional development, whether policy questions were raised that require consideration by the committee, how the policy is being communicated to families, and the timing by which the district reports bullying data to DESE and whereby the School Committee should expect an annual report.

Date of Request: August 29, 2023

Date Requested to be on Agenda: September 11, 2023

Offered by: Jenny Graham

2023-16

Be it resolved that the Superintendent provide a report of start of school operations at Medford High at the 9/18/2023 meeting. Be it further resolved that the report will include information regarding attendance and tardy rules and operational practices that ensure timely parent notification. Be it further resolved, that the report will include a recommended set of metrics/measurement by which the School Committee can discern the effectiveness of the operational structures (e.g., staff attendance compliance reporting, outreach calls as a % of reports etc), and a recommended cadence of reporting to the School Committee.

Date of Request: September 5, 2023

Date Requested to be on Agenda: September 11, 2023

Offered by: Jenny Graham

2023-17

Resolution on the Status of the Policies of the Medford School Committee

Whereas the policies of the Medford School Committee can only be enforced when they are known to the current members, the administration of the schools, and the public;

Whereas the Medford School Committee pays annual dues to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees to maintain our online policy manual; and

Whereas significant time is invested in drafting and passing policy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Medford School Committee:

1. acknowledges that the policy manual maintained on the Massachusetts Association of School Committees' policy service represents the full extent of district policies, except for policies adopted since January 1, 2020, that have yet to be uploaded;
2. requires the Superintendent to ensure all policies adopted since January 1, 2020, are uploaded to the policy service by December 1, 2023;
3. rescinds all policies adopted by the Medford School Committee before January 1, 2020, that were not uploaded to the policy service;
4. requests that the Superintendent ensures that all policies adopted by this body are uploaded to the policy service within 30 days of adoption; and
5. agrees that resolutions passed in Regular School Committee meetings are not policies. Should a resolution need to be codified as policy, the member offering the resolution will draft an official policy document. The drafted policy document will be subject to review consistent with policy adoption as outlined in the Medford School Committee rules.

Date of Request: September 5, 2023

Date Requested to be on Agenda: September 11, 2023

Offered by: Paul Ruseau

2023-18

Be it resolved that the Superintendent will provide an inventory that includes the operability, known issues, and date of last maintenance of each air compressor and other HVAC equipment by building at the 9/18/2023 meeting.

Date of Request: September 6, 2023
Date Requested to be on Agenda: September 11, 2022
Offered by: Jenny Graham

2023-19

Be it resolved that the Superintendent will provide a draft of her recommended goals to the Medford School Committee for discussion at the 10/2/2023 School Committee meeting.

Date of Request: September 7, 2023
Date Requested to be on Agenda: September 11, 2023
Offered by: Jenny Graham

XI. Reports Requested

XII. Condolences

The Medford School Committee expresses its sincere condolences to the family of John J. “Jack” McLaughlin, father of John McLaughlin, Director of Building & Grounds for the Medford Public Schools. Mr. McLaughlin served both our city honorably for 37 years as a Medford Police Officer and the United States Marines during the Korean Conflict.

The Medford School Committee expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Joanne Anzalone, wife of the Mustang Girls Softball Assistant Coach Mike Anzalone.

The Medford School Committee expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Debbie Corleto, a former longtime art teacher at the McGlynn Middle School.

The Medford School Committee expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Vita Reagan, a former elementary teacher at the Hervey School.

The Medford School Committee expresses its sincere condolences to the family of John Cirame, father of Jay Cirame, co-chairperson of the Mustang Field of Dreams Committee.

The Medford School Committee expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Clorinda “Lindy” Saragosa, a former health and physical education teacher for the Medford Public Schools and an outstanding student athlete who is enshrined in both the Mustang Hall of Fame and the Hall of Fame at Boston University.

XIII. Next Meeting

September 18, 2023 - Regular School Committee Meeting - Alden Memorial Chambers, Medford City Hall in addition to zoom

XIV. Adjournment