

Marion – Mattapoisett – Rochester, Massachusetts
June 11, 2019
MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Old Rochester Regional District School Committee, held on Wednesday, June 11, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., Media Room, Jr. High School, 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett's, Massachusetts.

PRESENT: Cary Humphrey, Chair; Paul Goulet; Stefan Gabriel; Heather Burke; Joseph Pires; Jim Muse

ABSENT: Michelle Smith; Tina Rood

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Doug White, Superintendent; Dr. Elise Frangos, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum; Paul Kitchen, School Business Manager; Michael Nelson, M.Ed., Director of Student Services; Michael Devoll, High School Principal; Kevin Brogioli, Jr. High School Principal; Silas Coellner, Jr. High School Principal; Deborah Carlino, Secretary; members of the press and public

MEETING TO ORDER: Chair Humphrey opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

OPEN COMMENTS: None at this time.

RECOGNITION PRESENTATION: **Dr. Elise Frangos; JHS Principal Kevin Brogioli; Laurie Souza; Meg Hughes, State Champion (400 meter/hurdles).**

The Board recognized each individual and presented each with books that will be placed in the library in their honor.

- I. Approval of Minutes**
- A. Regular Meeting –May 22, 2019**
- B. Executive Session – May 22, 2019**
- C. Budget Subcommittee – June 3, 2019**
- D. Facilities Committee – None**
- E. `**

MOTION: by Ms. Burke to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 22, 2019
as amended

SECOND: by Mr. Pires
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

MOTION: by Ms. Burke to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of May 22, 2019

SECOND: by Mr. Goulet
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

MOTION: by Mr. Goulet to approve the Budget Subcommittee meeting minutes of
June 3, 2019

SECOND: by Mr. Muse

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

- II. Consent Agenda
- III. Agenda Items Pending
- IV. Special Topic Report
- V. **General**

A. JHS Fundraiser Approval

The Booster Club was before the Board asking for a fundraiser approval. It was explained that this was a pilot program to help JHS raise money.

Ms. Burke raised a concern about some students being left out. She suggested fundraising as a community rather than individually. She felt this would help become a community builder. It would become more powerful and help build community involvement.

The Board was advised that they have done more research on this pilot program, and they are going to promote working together and incentives to do more and expect more.

Principal Coellner stated that he was approached by School Council on this type of fundraising. Everyone seems to be tired of the magazines and cookie dough sales.

MOTION: by Ms. Burke to authorize the JHS Principal to work with the organizers of the Booster Bash on designing a fundraiser that will work best for and follow our values

SECOND: by Mr. Goulet

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

A. Solar Proposal

The Board received a presentation on a proposed solar project at the ORR High School. See “SunPower, Old Rochester Regional High School Solar Presentation”. This proposal is for solar carport at the High School.

Mr. Pires asked how many and measurements of the storage units. He was concerned about the safety, health wise, of the transformers. There is concern about microwaves in an average home as well as high tension wires. He asked about the studies done and the result of same.

A representative from SunPower advised that there have been studies done that show there is no significant long term health risks. He can provide more information on same if the Board would like.

Mr. Muse asked for the size of the storage units.

A representative noted the storage units were about 10’ high and similar in size to a closet and would take up no more room than an average parking spot. The conduits will be placed underground. It was also noted that maintenance will be SunPower’s responsibility, as well as, insurance coverage.

Dr. White explained that there is a lot more to be done here. The Board needs to authorize moving onto the next phase. The representatives are here to see if the Board is willing to move forward with a contract to move this project along to the next phase. If the Board feels they need more information, then they can provide same.

A representative noted that the contract is for 20 years, and can be cancelled upon due notice to SunPower. If the Board decided to cancel, they would notify SunPower and they would come and remove the equipment at our expense.

Dr. White asked the Board what information they needed in order to move forward on this project. For instance, is this even something that the Board wants to move forward on?

Chair Humphreys stated that he would like to see this move forward. He understands there are potential health risks, but he would like to see this move along.

Mr. Muse stated that the presentation was very informative and he would like to see this move forward.

Mr. Pires stated that he would like see more information, although he would like to see through due diligence the health risks. He is all about savings energy, but not at a health risk.

Ms. Burke would like to see more information. She was concerned with possibly staggering the ongoing construction projects around the school. Perhaps incorporating the projects together if possible to help lessen the disruption.

Mr. Pires would like to talk with other schools that have moved forward on these types of projects.

Dr. White explained that they are before the Board presenting this project now, because the incentives are there now.

Ms. Pires asked for local references as well.

B. Trip to Greece, June 2020

Mr. Devol was asking the Board was being asked to approve an out of country field trip to Greece scheduled for June 18 through June 27, 2020 at a proposed cost of approximately \$4225 per student and \$4885 per adult.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the trip to Greece in June 2020 as presented

SECOND: by Mr. Goulet

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

C. Approval of Leases

Mr. Kitchen explained that the Board was being asked to approve the existing lease with Martin Driving School for Year 2 2019-2020) of a 3 Year contract at a cost of \$6225.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve Year 2 of the contract with Martin Driving School presented
SECOND: by Mr. Goulet
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Mr. Kitchen explained that the Board needed to approve the Agreement between the ORR School Committee and the Southeastern MA Educational Collaborative FY20 that allows SMEC to use one full size classroom at ORRHS for the charge of \$8383 per annum to accommodate both school year and extended year programs. In addition SMEC is allowed to use one small classroom/office space located adjacent to or near the SMEC classroom for the purpose of providing therapeutic services to students enrolled in the SMEC program for the additional annual charge of \$3461 per annum. This agreement is effective from July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve Agreement to allow SMEC to use the designated areas as presented
SECOND: by Ms. Burke
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

D. School Improvement Plan Update

Principal Brogioli provided a presentation and handout of the JHS School Improvement Plan.

Ms. Burke noted that parents and faculty are busy and she suggested that perhaps next year the Communication Committee could help out Principal Coellner on getting the word out on ongoing events and happenings at the JHS on Facebook.

Mr. Pires also suggested that the ORRHS could be included as well. He enjoys staying in the loop and helping the community stay in the loop on all the wonderful things going on at the schools.

Principal Devoll provided an overview and handout of the HS School Improvement Plan.

E. Summer Warrants

Dr. White explained that the Summer Warrants are paid over the summer as well as payroll requirements. He noted that payroll is done with one signature. If the Board wishes to have that same procedure with the summer warrants, the Board would need to vote on that.

Mr. Muse noted that he is currently doing this for Mattapoisett, and he would be happy to do this for ORR.

MOTION: by Mr. Goulet to authorize Jim Muse to sign the accounts payable over the Summer and at a later date bring the warrants back in September for signatures by the full Board
SECOND: by Ms. Burke
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

F. Teachers Memorandum of Agreement

Dr. White noted that this item needed to be tabled.

G. Student Handbook Revisions

Principal Devoll provided an overview and handout to explain the revisions.

MOTION: by Ms. Burke to accept the changes as presented except for the wording for excused absences for extracurricular activities and change the wording from obligatory to primary and to add a link to the Dept. of Education interface holidays as recommended

SECOND: by Mr. Muse
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

V. New Business

A. Policy Review

B. Curriculum

1. Business

Financial Report

Mr. Kitchen provided an update of the financials to the Board; the FY19 Budget is dated 7/1/2018 thru 6/30/2019 with a budget balance of (\$202,034.08) after current encumbrances. He noted that he was working with recommendations that were brought forth by the Auditor.

2. Budget Transfers – none at this time.

C. Personnel

VI. Unfinished Business

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Chair Humphrey thanked Mr. Devoll for senior week and a positive end of the school year.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Dr. White noted that they will continue with the Friday news and over the summer months it will be every other Friday. He also noted that they had a very successful graduation. He is very excited about the beginning of the new school year with all the positive changes to come.

Dr. Frangos thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with this Board and the community.

Mr. Nelson provided an overview of the upcoming beginning of the SAIL Program.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Principal Brogioli thanked the Board and community for the opportunity of working for the District over these last few years.

Mr. Coellner provided a report by Principal Kevin Brogioli dated June 11, 2019.

Mr. Devoll provided a report dated June 7, 2019.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: None at this time.

VI. School Committee

A. Reorganization

Dr. White opened the nominations for Chair

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to nominate Cary Humphrey as Chairman

SECOND: by Mr. Goulet
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to nominate Heather Burke as Vice Chair

SECOND: by Mr. Pires
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

MOTION: by Ms. Muse to nominate Patrick Meagher as Treasurer

SECOND: by Mr. Goulet
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Dr. White explained that the Secretary has resigned and as such there is a Committee that will be holding interviews at the end of June. Therefore, this will have to come back before the Board at another time.

Budget Subcommittee

Carey Humphrey
Tina Rood
Jim Muse
Paul Goulet Jr.

Educational Council

Joseph Pires
Michelle Smith
Stefan Gabriel

Sole Signatory

Jim Muse
Stefan Gabriel (Alt)

SMEC

Jim Muse

Sick Leave Bank

Stefan Gabriel
Cary Humphrey
Heather Burke

School Physician

Dr. Mendes
Dr. Reynolds

PCC

Douglas R. White Jr.

Sick Leave Bank for District-Wide (Non-Union Employees)	Tina Rood
Standing Committee on Graduation Requirements	Entire Committee
Policy Review (new ORR policies)	Joseph Pires _____ Heather Burke
MASC Delegate/Legislative Liaison	Cary Humphreys
TriTown Educational Foundation	_____-VACANT
Town Relations	Jim Muse Michelle Smith Joseph Pires
Facilities	Joseph Pires Paul Goulet Carey Humphrey
Superintendent Goals Subcommittee	Cary Humphreys Michelle Smith
Communications Subcommittee	Joseph Pires Heather Burke _____

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the reorganization as noted
SECOND: by Mr. Pires
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

B. Committee Reports

1. SMEC – Mr. Muse noted that they are renting space at the OHS.
2. Local School Committee: Ms. Smith was not present. Mr. Muse noted Mattapoisett is fantastic. They had their School Improvement presentation. Ms. Rood was not present.
3. Tri-Town Foundation: Dr. Frangos note that they met and two grants were awarded.
4. Budget Sub-Committee: None at this time.
5. Facilities Committee: Mr. Humphreys noted that they are moving forward. The scheduled voting day on the project is July 10th.
6. Communication Committee: Ms. Burke noted that they took a break in May, but they plan to ramp things up getting ready for the new school year.
7. District Agreement Committee: None at this time.
8. Policy Committee: None at this time.

- VIII. Future Business
 - A. Timeline
 - B. Future Agenda Items
- IX. Open Comments
- X. Information Items
- XI. Executive Session

NEXT MEETING:

ORR School Committee – Tuesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room, ORR Jr. High School

Joint School Committee – Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room, ORR Jr. High School

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Carlino, Secretary