

Marion – Mattapoisett – Rochester, Massachusetts
May 22, 2019
MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Old Rochester Regional District School Committee, held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., Media Room, Jr. High School, 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett's, Massachusetts.

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

ABSENT: Michelle Smith; Deborah Dyson

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; 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. He welcomed the new member from Mattapoisett, Suzanne Tseki.

OPEN COMMENTS: None at this time.

RECOGNITION PRESENTATION: "Math Challenge" Student Honor. Mr. Devoll recognized the students who took part of a 14 hour math challenge on a recent Saturday.

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting –March 7, 2019; March 26, 2019

B. Executive Session – NONE

C. Budget Subcommittee – None

D. Facilities Committee – January 14, 2019; April 24, 2019

MOTION: by Ms. Burke to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 7, 2019

SECOND: by Ms. Smith
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 26, 2019, as amended

SECOND: by Mr. Goulet
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the facilities committee meeting minutes of January 14, 2019, as amended (by adding names of all town officials being added)

SECOND: by Mr. Goulet
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the facilities committee meeting minutes of April 24, 2019
SECOND: by Mr. Goulet
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

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

A. Assistant Principal Positions Update

Mr. Devoll noted that they advertised in March, they received 42 candidates, and after decreasing to a few outstanding candidates, they interviewed over two days.

Mr. Coellner also noted that they advertised in March, they also received over 40 applicants and many interviews.

Dr. White welcomed Ms. Vanessa Harvey as the new Assistant Principal at the High School. He also welcomed Ms. Kelly Chouinard as the new Assistant Principal at the Jr. High School.

B. Multi Culturalism Discussion

Ms. Barbara Sullivan spoke about the “Committee of the Concerned, but Hopeful: Helping the community self-exam, self-educate and self-direct toward greater community kindness”. Ms. Sullivan spoke about cultural and ethnic incidents that are ongoing at the school. She is hoping that more can be done to properly address the issues.

It was suggested to have a “role reversal exercise” so the “white” students can see how the “black” students and vice a versa deal with day to day issues. Similar to a book called “Class Divided” where the kids roll reverse.

Mr. Pyres stated that we have the responsibility to help our kids learn diversity; although it starts at home, however, we as a community need to address and show our kids how to be good people within our community.

C. Approval of 2019-2020 School Committee Meeting Dates

September 11, 2019	October 23, 2019
December 11, 2019	January 22, 2020
March 11, 2020	April 15, 2020
May 27, 2020	June 17, 2020

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the 2019-2020 School Committee Meeting Dates as recommended
SECOND: by Ms. Burke
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

D. June 19th Meeting Change

Mr. White was asking the Board to change the June meeting date from June 19th to June 11th. He has to travel for work and school will be out by the 19th.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the meeting date change to June 11th
SECOND: by Mr. Pyres
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

E. Approval of New Sport 19-20 Unified Basketball

Mr. Devoll explained that they came before the Board during the winter asking for approval of adding unified track which was a very successful endeavor. They are now asking for approve of unified basketball for the 19-20 school year using the same perimeters.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the unified basketball for the 2019-2020 school year
SECOND: by Ms. Rood
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

F. Approval of Program of Studies – High School

Mr. Devoll was asking for approval of basically housekeeping items in the program of studies (Economics and Creative Writing).

Ms. Burke really likes the Economics program and what it offers. She feels that it will be very well received. She would like to see an English class offered at an honors level or above.

Mr. Devoll noted that there are very few English electives as it is a four year graduation requirement so all students are taking that course.

Ms. Burke is offering a protest vote for the Creative Writing because she would like to see more offered to the honors level students.

Dr. Frangos suggested tabling the Creative Writing at this time so that they can go back and review the outline. She suggested holding the Creative Writing until the next meeting in June.

Mr. Devoll noted that they cannot hold the courses at this time as this is when the fall schedules are being drafted. They could vote on the Creative Writing and then make changes for the next school year.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the Program of Studies as presented and to review the Creative Writing outline for the 2020-2021 school year

NO SECOND

MOTION: by Ms. Rood to approve the Economics class as presented
SECOND: by Ms. Burke
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the Creative Writing class as presented
SECOND: by Ms. Rood

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Devoll noted that they have always offered Creative Writing as one class.

Several Board members suggested that there be more offered for honors or above students.

VOTE: 6:1:0 (against: Ms. Burke)

G. Approval of Fundraiser – Jr. High School

Mr. Coellner was asking for approval of a Booster Snapshot which is a fundraising program exclusives for Middle School students. It's a 3 day fundraising campaign and students earn rewards for getting donations to the school's goals. It starts with a pep rally, and if they raise their goal amount, they are rewarded with a booster music bash. Individuals have to raise a certain amount in order to take part in the bash. This helps motivate the students; it's their FMO (fear of missing out).

Ms. Burke had concerns with the exclusivity that this could create. She would like to see this as a community rather than individual raising funds goal.

Mr. Muse was also concerned that there is an outside agency coming in and after funds have been raised they take 50% of the proceeds.

Ms. Rood noted that any of these companies take a certain percentage. Unless the school sends out donation requests noting that all proceeds go to the school rather than using a company.

Dr. White offered that a representative from the company attend the next meeting to answer questions.

MOTION: by Ms. Burke to table this to the June 11th meeting

SECOND: by Mr. Muse

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

H. Approval of Prom Location

Dr. White noted that the Senior Class is requesting permission to hold their prom at the Atlantic Resort in Middletown, Rhode Island. The date of the prom is May 28th, 2019, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The price per student is \$70.

MOTION: by Ms. Burke to approve the Prom location as requested

SECOND: by Mr. Muse

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

I. 4th Annual Miss Inspirational Waiver

Ms. Jillian Zucco has requested to use the ORR High School Auditorium to hold the 4th Annual Miss Inspirational Program and is asking for the approval of the Board for the fee to be waived.

The event took place on May 11th beginning at 10 am (all day), rehearsal will be at 10 a.m. and the show will begin at 6 p.m.

MOTION: by Mr. Goulet to approve of the waiver as requested
SECOND: by Mr. Muse
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

J. Approval of School Health Unit Application

Dr. White noted that this was an annual approval that allows the School Nurse to train unlicensed school personnel to administer the Epinephrine via an auto-injector in a life threatening situation to those individuals with a prescription.

MOTION: by Ms. Burke to table this to the June 11th meeting
SECOND: by Mr. Muse
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

K. Recording Secretary Vacancy

Dr. White noted that the Recording Secretary for the ORR, Mattapoisett and Marion has resigned as well as the Rochester Recording Secretary. He would ask for a couple of members to be a part of the interview process which will take place the last week of June.

L. Press Box Booster Club Request

Bill Tilden provided an update on the press box.

Dr. White asked for the drawings and specifics so he can provide same for the Board's review. He also asked for a periodic update.

V. New Business

- A. Policy Review
- B. Curriculum

1. Business

Financial Report

Mr. Kitchen advised that he did not provide a printout this evening. He is working on closing out the accounts, however, he had concerns about how an account was done in 2018 and is awaiting an update from the auditor prior to providing figures to the Board.

Ms. Burke would request for the figure and percentage increase before health and then after health insurance when they start the budget discussion next year.

2. Budget Transfers – none at this time.

- C. Personnel

VI. Unfinished Business

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Chair Humphrey recognized the progress that has been made since the last meeting, with regard to the ORR proposal. We are almost there! He is amazed at how many residents are moving forward with our proposal. It’s been quite the experience.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Dr. White noted that the emails continue to go out on Fridays.

Dr. Frangos provided an update on the bike program that they are offering. She noted that over 450 students have already learned about bike safety and the proper use of equipment.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mr. Coellner provided a report by Principal Kevin Brogioli dated May 22, 2019.

Mr. Devoll provided a report dated May 17, 2019.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: None at this time.

VI. School Committee

A. Reorganization

B. Committee Reports

1. SMEC – Mr. Muse noted that they are meeting week from today.
2. Local School Committee: Ms. Smith was not present. Mr. Muse noted that Patrick LeClair and Rachel Westgate are not running for reelection. They voted to increase the Project Grow tuition. Ms. Rood noted that she was not present at the Rochester meeting.
3. Tri-Town Foundation: Dr. Frangos noted that they are meeting on May 28th at Central Office. They will review grants received.
4. Budget Sub-Committee: Meeting date to be determined.
5. Facilities Committee: Mr. Humphreys noted that they are moving forward.
6. Communication Committee: Mr. Pyres explained that they are getting the word out there and the message is very positive.
7. District Agreement Committee: Ms. Rood noted that the whole Town Meeting process, the agreement is helping to make everyone aware of what makes the district what it is. Ms. Burke also noted that the agreement helps to make the information available for the community to know financials and how our goals are achieved.
8. Policy Committee: Dr. White noted that a lot of the subcommittee members are no longer Board members. He is asking the full Committee to review the policies and reorganize at the next meeting.

VIII. Future Business

A. Timeline

B. Future Agenda Items

Ms. Rood suggested that the Capital Plan that was voted on in January 2018 needs to be reviewed and updated. Also, about five years ago they had an Education Plan that may need to be reviewed since there is a new Strategic Plan in place.

- IX. Open Comments
- X. Information Items
- XI. Executive Session

NEXT MEETING:

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

Joint School Committee – Thursday, June 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room, ORR Jr. High School

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Carlino, Secretary