

Marion – Mattapoisett – Rochester, Massachusetts
February 27, 2019
MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Old Rochester Regional District School Committee, held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., Media Room, Jr. High School, 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett's, Massachusetts.

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

ABSENT: Michael Nelson, M.Ed., Director of Student Services

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; 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: Mia Quinlan (Youth of the Year)
Mr. Devoll provide an outstanding recognition to Mia Quinlan.

The Board held a moment of silence for Marion Firefighter Thomas Nye who recently lost his life in the line of duty.

- I. Approval of Minutes**
- A. Regular Meeting – January 16, 2019**
- B. Executive Session – January 16, 2019**
- C. Budget Subcommittee – February 25, 2019**
- D. Facilities Committee – None**

MOTION: by Ms. Burke to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 16, 2019 as amended

SECOND: by Mr. Muse
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

MOTION: by Ms. Rood to approve the Budget Subcommittee meeting minutes of February 25, 2019

SECOND: by Mr. Muse
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

The Executive Session minutes were not available and would be held to the next meeting.

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

V. General

A. Approval of Italy Trip

Mr. Devoll noted that the Board only approves four trips per year and as such, this would be the second trip for next year.

----- was before the Board asking for approval of a trip to Italy next February, 2020. She provided a handout of the itinerary for said trip. The trip is geared towards Latin students; however, they have had Spanish students attend who have enjoyed the trip as well. There will be a chaperon for every six students. They students who decide to go are able to make payments on the final cost.

MOTION: by Ms. Smith to approve the Italy trip as presented

SECOND: by Mr. Muse

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

B. Curriculum Position Discussion

Dr. White explained that with the impending retirement of Dr. Frangos in June, there has been a lot of discussion by each of the Committees. The Committees have decided to go back to having two members be part of a Subcommittee to discuss how to design this position(s) going forward.

Ms. Rood and Ms. Smith volunteered. Ms. Smith also noted that she was on the Subcommittee for Marion as well.

C. Unified Spring Track

Mr. Devoll was asking to create a u MIAA unified track and field team. There are six existing teams and creating a unified team would make us the 7th in a local league; so, there would be plenty of competition. The Special Olympics offers funding to help jump start the program over a three-year timeframe. They would like to add a fifth coach to the current teams and as such we would be additional “heats” to the current meets. If this is approved, there are currently 14 students that are interested who attend our school thru the SMEC classroom or our up to the 22-year-old students. If this passes, they plan to add unified basketball in the fall and botchy in the winter. These are MIAA sponsored sports. He noted that Mr. Tilden has already attended meetings and trainings on this matter.

The Board was very supportive in this idea.

Mr. Muse wants to make sure that the program is all inclusive and that the students are treated fairly and equally.

Ms. Burke stated that she believes that this concern could be addressed by the Policy Subcommittee to make this a part of our policies so that this addresses the concerns and a policy

that everyone can adhere to. She further feels that the ORR District is an all-inclusive atmosphere and when issues arise that they are properly addressed.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the unified spring track as presented
SECOND: by Ms. Burke
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

D. Solar Canopy Approval

Mr. Kitchen provided a presentation and information for a new energy buying consortium serving public entities. He further stated that he has spoken with Eugene Jones about this proposed project. (see handout “SunPower, ORR Solar Presentation”. These structures would be similar to Bristol Community College. The structures are designed by architects and engineers to deliver the best in value, performance and elegance. They are similar to parking awnings and should not lose to many parking spots. They may lose a few to the structures themselves, but overall not that many. There could be substantial energy savings over the next few years. He noted that UMass Dartmouth has this energy savings option on their site.

Ms. Burke asked about losing the parking spaces as the Jr. High may be maxed out.

Mr. Brogioli noted that they have adequate parking. Mr. Devoll noted that they have three spaces left.

Ms. Burke asked if roof panels were considered either in addition or in place of. Also, how long would the lease be for.

Mr. Kitchens noted that there is a weight bearing concerning. Also, the lease runs 20 years, locked in rate.

There were questions about this being put out to bid. Mr. Kitchen explained that this was a lease of land and services are provided to the school. The district would not be responsible or liable as that would be on SunPower.

There were concerns about the look of the project. Perhaps the Board could see the design and aesthetics of the project. We want to improve and beautify the school property.

Mr. Kitchen offered to get pictures and references of their current projects.

Mr. Pires stated that they have this at BC and it is a beautiful design. It really adds to the property.

Ms. Rood asked about doing this type of project at the other schools as well. Perhaps this could be a cost-effective savings for the district.

MOTION: by Mr. Pires to authorize Mr. Kitchens and Mr. Jones to move forward and look into this proposed project
SECOND: by Ms. Burke

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

E. FY 20 Budget Review

Dr. White advised that the Budget Subcommittee met this week and had a first review of the proposed FY20 budget. The Board received a handout entitled, “Old Rochester Regional School District, FY2020 Appropriated Operating Budget Details, Public Hearing, March 7, 2019 at 5 p.m.” for review and comments.

Mr. Kitchen and Dr. White advised that the request for FY2020 budget was \$19,211,914 which is an increase of \$682,841 (3.69%) over last years approved budget. This was basically a level funded, contract requirements budget.

Dr. White explained that these numbers have been shared with the three Town Officials. And as such, they have not received any pushback on the numbers submitted. He would ask everyone to review the budget as presented this evening and if there are any questions or concerns that they contact his office, prior to next Thursday’s public hearing.

Mr. Muse noted that it needs to be noted that this is a very tight budget that is using School Choice funds again. This budget is a challenge however, it does meet the needs of the schools, but it is always best to proceed cautiously.

F. Budget Hearing Notification

Dr. White noted that they have set the budget public hearing for March 7th, 2019 at 5 p.m. He also stated that the Board could hold another meeting to discuss facilities and the budget before the next meeting scheduled for April 10th. Each Town knows that there is a budget coming and there are place holders on the warrant for Town Meeting.

It was decided to hold another meeting on Tuesday, March 26th, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in place of the April 10th meeting. They will also hold the school choice public hearing and vote as well.

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 2/28/2019 with a budget balance of \$7,357.99 after current encumbrances.

2. Budget Transfers – none at this time.

C. Personnel

VI. Unfinished Business

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Chair Humphrey noted that it’s snowing outside, so let’s move the agenda along.

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. They have received donated helmets and bikes as well. She is very excited about this new program and the partnership with the community.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to accept the donation as presented

SECOND: by Ms. Burke

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brogioli provided a report dated February 27, 2019.

Mr. Devoll provided a report dated February 11, 2019.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: None at this time.

VI. School Committee

A. Reorganization

B. Committee Reports

1. SMEC – Mr. Muse noted that they reviewed their budget.
2. Local School Committee: Ms. Smith noted that they reviewed their FY20 budget and unfortunately, they will lose a teacher. The Chair Christine Marcolini will not be running for reelection this year. They OR celebrates family night was a great success. Mr. Muse noted that they voted to approve the rent space to SMEC at OHS, they reviewed their FY20 budget. Ms. Rood stated that they also reviewed their budget.
3. Tri-Town Foundation: Dr. Frangos noted that the grant applications are online. They meet again April 15th.
4. Budget Sub-Committee: discussed earlier in the meeting.
5. Facilities Committee: has not met.
6. Communication Committee: Ms. Burke spoke about the rough draft for the new poster. If anyone has comments, please let them know.
7. District Agreement Committee: Dr. White advised that the information has been given to UMASS Boston and they are waiting for feedback.

VIII. Future Business

A. Timeline

B. Future Agenda Items

IX. Open Comments

X. Information Items

XI. Executive Session

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. for purposes of Exception #3 to discuss with respect to collective bargaining

SECOND: by Ms. Burke

ROLL CALL VOTE: 9:0:0 (yes - Humphrey; yes - Smith; yes - Goulet; yes - Muse; yes - Burke; yes - Pires; yes - Gabriel; yes – Rood; yes - Dyson)

NEXT MEETING:

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

ORR Budget Hearing – Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in the Media Room, ORR Jr. High School

Joint School Committee – Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room, ORR Jr. High School

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Carlino, Secretary