

**Marion – Mattapoisett – Rochester, Massachusetts**  
**January 16, 2019**  
**MINUTES**

Regular meeting of the Old Rochester Regional District School Committee, held on Wednesday, January 16, 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

**ABSENT:** Deborah Dyson; Dr. Elise Frangos, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Doug White, Superintendent; Paul Kitchen, School Business Manager; Michael Nelson, M.Ed., Director of Student Services; Eugene Jones, Facilities Director; 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:** None at this time.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Regular Meeting – December 5, 2018**

**B. Executive Session – None**

**C. Budget Subcommittee – None**

**D. Facilities Committee – None**

**MOTION:** by Ms. Smith to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 5, 2018

**SECOND:** by Mr. Muse

**UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

**II. Consent Agenda**

**III. Agenda Items Pending**

**IV. Special Topic Report**

**V. General**

**A. Facilities Committee Proposal**

Chair Humphreys advised that this was probably not going to be voted on this evening. This is informational at this time, he would ask all those present for questions and would hope to keep this discussion to 45 minutes due to a lengthy agenda.

Hal Rood provided a presentation and examined the handout entitled “Renovating Our School’s Extra-Curricular Spaces, Old Rochester Reginal School District School Committee, Facilities Subcommittee, January 16, 2019” as well as, “Cost Per Household – debt schedule for the first year only”. He noted that in December 2016, Citizens group finances an engineering study of the use of the outdoor athletic complex at ORR and proposes a plan to renovate. In May 2017,

School Committee forms a Facilities Subcommittee to expand the original athletic field study into a larger evaluation of the entire ORR facility. Serious needs were identified in the auditorium and these are added into the project plan. In April, 2018, Facilities Subcommittee meets with Town Administrators and the group agrees to focus the plan down to the most pressing capital needs at ORR. In Summer, 2018, the Subcommittee revises the plan by eliminating the bathrooms and field house, the back fields and limits artificial turf to one field. The \$5 million project is cut to \$2 million.

He noted that over use has caused current field conditions that may not pass field safety standards. The field's poor drainage causes continued practice and game cancellations. Also, the track is at the end of its useful life and is cracking and the top layer has worn down to the tar base. The lightning on main stadium field has had multiple outages. Also 1/3 of the auditorium lighting is not functioning and it is difficult to find replacement parts and the bulbs run hot. Lastly, parts of the audio chain are outdated analog and there are no preamp on the stage or in the control room.

The total proposed cost is \$1,9098,257.47 at this time. This would be a cost of:

Stadium Field

Conversion of Natural Grass to Synthetic Turf	\$950,000.
LED Sports Field Lighting System	\$195,000.
Safety Fencing and Netting System	\$52,500.

Track and Secondary Field

Competitive Running Track and Field Events	\$375,000.
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Auditorium

Auditorium Lighting	\$50,000.
Major Items Cost:	\$1,622,500.00

Design and Construction Contingency

\$162,250.

Escalation (3.5% per year of subtotal A&B)

\$62,466.25

Budgetary Project Construction Cost:

\$1,847,216.25

Owner Soft Costs

Conceptual Master Plan	\$0.00
Site Survey	\$12,500.
Design Development, Permitting/Construction Documents, Bidding, and Construction Admin.	\$138,541.22
Budgetary Project Owner Soft Costs:	\$151,041.22

Total Budgetary Project Cost:

\$1,998,257.47

There were a few questions from those in attendance as to the Board's plan B in case this does not get approved by Town Meetings.

It was noted that the School would have to continue and use as is and to review thereafter other options.

Mr. Jones noted that there is a maintenance and upkeep cost and plan on the current fields.

A Marion Selectman asked about turf maintenance expenses and budget.

Mr. Jones explained that there is a line item that is for maintenance of the fields as well as snow removal. All cost comes from that budget line item.

Mr. Pires thanked those who have taken many hours of time to review and research this issue. These fields are definitely the “hub” of the community.

Mr. Rood noted that these new fields are not for our kids today, but for the kids who haven’t had the chance to use them yet.

It was suggested that presentations and information be provided to the three communities before Town Meeting to get the word out.

#### **B. Acceptance of Donation & Approval of Account**

Dr. White noted that they received a \$100 donation from the Class of 1969. They were also asking to establish a scholarship at some point, however, he is asking for acceptance of the donation and to establish an account for said money to be called “Class of 1969 Scholarship Fund”.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to accept the donation and approve the scholarship account  
as recommended  
SECOND: by Mr. Goulet  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

#### **C. School Calendar Review**

Dr. White provided an overview of the proposed calendar that has been brought forth at the Joint meeting.

There was discussion about the last day of school in June being on a Monday.

Dr. White asked everyone to review the proposed calendar and provide input if any.

#### **D. Curriculum Position Discussion**

Dr. White explained that with the impending retirement of Dr. Frangos in June, he advised that this has been discussed at the Joint and there has been suggestions that this position be broken into two separate positions. One would be the curriculum person and the other would be an administrative evaluator for staff. However, that may not be fiscally feasible at this time.

Mr. Goulet was concerned that the Assistant Superintendent position will “go away” and once it does, we can’t get it back.

It was agreed that this was the best time to reevaluate the best direction to go with this position.

Dr. White noted that the Rochester School Committee voted to add money to their budget in order to create and fund two positions.

Ms. Burke expressed her concern about losing the administrative part of the Assistant Superintendent position.

#### **E. Program of Studies Revision 2019-2020**

Mr. Devoll provided an overview of the new courses:

Latin Language and Culture 1	Level 3	5 Credits	full year	Grades 9-11
Latin Language and Culture 2	Level 3	5 Credits	full year	Grades 9-11
AP Physics 1	Level 5	5 Credits	full year	Grades 11-12
Architectural Design 2	Level 3	2.5 Credits	half year	Grades 9-12
Architectural Design 3	Level 3	2.5 Credits	half year	Grades 10-12

Course Name Changes:

Engineering Design 1; formerly Introduction to Engineering

Engineering Design 2; formerly Principals of Engineering

Architectural Design 1; formerly Architectural Design

Robotic Engineering 1; Formerly Lego Robotics

Robotic Engineering 2; formerly Advanced Robotics

Course Description Change:

AP Research wording changes.

Lastly, the Music Department:

To be eligible for school sponsored music festivals, students must be enrolled in an ensemble course during the academic year of the festival.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the new courses, name changes, course description change

to the AP Research course as recommended

SECOND: by Ms. Burke

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

#### **F. Student Handbook Revision for 2018-2019**

Mr. Devoll was asking for the electronic media and communication devices language be amended

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to accept the donation and approve the fundraiser as outlined

SECOND: by Ms. Burke

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 1/16/2019 with a budget balance of \$719,416.53 after current encumbrances.

- 2. Budget Transfers – none at this time.

- C. Personnel

- VI. Unfinished Business

**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT** – Chair Humphrey noted there was none at this time.

**CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

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

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Mr. Brogioli provided a report dated January 16, 2019.

Mr. Devoll provided a report dated January 8, 2019.

**STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:** Alex Wurl noted that they meet tomorrow. He will provide an update at the next meeting.

- VI. **School Committee**

- A. Reorganization

- B. Committee Reports**

- 1. SMEC – Ms. Smith noted that they are meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>
  - 2. Local School Committee: Ms. Smith noted that they reviewed their calendar, discussed the curriculum position and they received a \$500 donation from Cape Cod Five for books for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade book club. Mr. Muse noted that they discussed their calendar, curriculum position and budget. Ms. Rood stated that they talked about the calendar, Curriculum position, and first review of their budget.
  - 3. Tri-Town Foundation: none at this time.
  - 4. Budget Sub-Committee: Nothing at this time.
  - 5. Facilities Committee: Ms. Rood was asking that the Board authorize them to go before the CPC to request funding for the fields on our behalf.

MOTION: by Ms. Burke to authorize the Facilities Committee to go before the CPC to request

funding for the fields on behalf of the Old Rochester School District

SECOND: by Ms. Smith

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

6. Communication Committee: Ms. Burke stated that the student is busy working on the poster. She noted that there should be discussion as to how to handle the communication as to the fields project and how to handle the community information.

7. District Agreement Committee: Ms. Rood advised that they were waiting for feedback from UMASS Boston.

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: 8:0:0 (yes - Humphrey; yes - Smith; yes - Goulet; yes - Muse; yes - Burke; yes - Pires; yes - Gabriel; yes - Rood)

**NEXT MEETING:**

ORR School Committee – Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 6:30 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