

Marion – Mattapoisett – Rochester, Massachusetts
December 5, 2018
MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Old Rochester Regional District School Committee, held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 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; Deborah Dyson; Tina Rood

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

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Doug White, Superintendent; Elise Frangos, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum; 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: Superintendent's Certificate of Academic Excellence

Dr. White presented this achievement to Sydney Green.

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

VI. General

A. Ski Club Trip Approval

The Board was asked to approve a ski trip to Wachusett Mountain.

Dr. Brogioli advised that this was an instate trip on six consecutive Tuesdays. The Middle School students would leave right after school and not return until about 10 p.m.

Teacher, Brian Almeida advised that this was a great opportunity for the students. There would be about 40 students and as such, they are required to have one chaperone for every 10 students. The cost is about \$300 to \$400 for the six weeks; this includes transportation, rentals, etc.

The Board asked about lessons being required prior to skiing.

Mr. Almeda stated that the students are tested prior to lessons to check their level of expertise.

Ms. Burke asked about a waiver and the requirement to wear a helmet.

Mr. Almeda stated that he was requiring the wearing of helmets. Also, he has a large closet that can store all equipment when not in use.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the field trip as presented

SECOND: by Ms. Burke

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B. Approval of Donation/Jr. High School Europe Trip Fundraising Request

Principal Brogioli was asking for acceptance of a donation and fundraising request for the Jr. High School Europe Trip. The donation was for 10 Sony PlayStation 3's from UMass Dartmouth. He explained that the UMass Dartmouth Center for Scientific Computing and Visualization Research has multiple surplus PlayStations available. These units were used by researchers to perform intense calculations related to processing high quality imagery from aerial drones and for complicated computations to uncover deep mysteries associated with black holes. They plan to sell the 10 PlayStations on eBay and have the profit go to the Europe Trip Account.

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

SECOND: by Mr. Goulet

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C. Facilities Committee Update

Chair Humphreys advised that he received a memo dated November 25, 2018, from the TriTown Unified Recreational Facilities Inc (TURF) regarding the Community Recreational Improvement Project at ORRHS. He advised that the TURF organization endorses the modified project proposal presented by the ORR District Facilities Committee for a phase one for the improvement and redevelopment of recreational facilities to benefit the entire TriTown community.

Chair Humphreys provided a little background information on the grassroots fundraising seed money for the project. In April 2017, TURF presented a plan for revitalizing the athletic and recreational space at the high school. TURF engaged through privately raised funds, an architectural firm to provide a comprehensive plan for revitalization and improvement of the entire complex. In response to the proposal, the School Committee created a Facilities Committee to study the entire facilities master plan for the school district. The Facilities Committee was charged with studying the recreational space proposal and members of TURF were invited to participate in the process. The initial proposal provided a comprehensive plan which included every aspect necessary to maximize the usability of the facilities for the benefit of the entire community. More than simply a high school project, the Facilities Committee recognized that the complete project would provide a tremendous benefit to all community members including high school, youth, and adult athletic and recreational activity participants.

The original comprehensive proposal called for:

-Two artificial turf full sized multi use fields

-A revitalized and expanded track

-Spectator seating for track events

- Improvement and irrigation of existing grass fields to allow for two natural grass multi-use fields
- New field LED lighting for two fields
- Irrigation and regrading of baseball and softball diamonds
- Tennis court improvements
- Outbuildings to accommodate better storage, lavatory facilities, concessions, a press box, and ticketing booth
- Improved infrastructure for the high school auditorium to allow for more efficient usage (new lighting and rigging systems)

The original cost of the comprehensive plan was estimated at around \$4.9 million.

After many meetings and much discussion, the Facilities Committee agreed to a multi-phased approach which would combine public and private funding efforts to ultimately create a facility which lives up to the expected standards of quality, safety, versatility, and efficiency that the TriTown has come to expect from its community projects.

Therefore, the proposed Phase 1 Project provided for the following as a proposed public phase project:

- 1 artificial turf full sized multi use field
- A full refurbishment of the existing track within its current footprint
- New field LED lighting for the new turf field
- Improved infrastructure for the auditorium to allow for more efficient usage (new lighting and rigging systems).

The estimated cost for Phase 1 would be about \$2 million.

Chair Humphrey was asking the Board to review and discuss the Subcommittee's recommendations as to what they feel is the best avenue for the sports complex area. After much discussion, they are trying to work with a \$2 million budget which is significantly less than the original \$5 million that was proposed. This \$2 million budget is for Phase 1 of the project; and then at some point discuss the cost and design in order to move forward with Phase II.

The Board was advised that Phase I is looking for a \$50,000 starting budget. This project will ultimately benefit the community as a whole. This project would be the hub of the three towns. He thanked the Board members who have supported this project and he wanted to thank Mr. Spencer for always answering questions and providing information when asked. He noted that when this project is completed, it will be amazing. There will be new fields, concession stand, lights, new bathroom facilities, etc.

Ms. Rood also noted that the Director of the Drama Dept. also had input into this project and the necessary lighting needed.

Chair Humphreys noted that the second step would be to begin the process. If and when this is approved by the School Committee, there is a requirement to get the funding information to the

three towns within a short amount of time. If all three towns approve it, it's all set and the timeframe begins. He noted that if two out of three towns approve then the third is still on the hook for payment.

Dr. White explained the funding option of town meeting and a debt exclusion. The School Committee needs to decide if there is a project and wishes to move forward.

Ms. Rood also noted that each town decides on how they will fund the project.

Ms. Burke thanked those that have taken the time to move this project along. She wants to be sure that the three towns will be able to utilize these fields. She does not want to limit the towns to moving forward with this project prematurely. We need to invest in this community if we wish to keep our community desirable. She is happy to start here, but she hopes that the subcommittee continues moving forward to expand to even more.

Mr. Pires also explained that he is comfortable with the bare minimum but it's a must. This is an option that needs to happen.

A resident asked if the project can be put forward as two different proposals.

Chair Humphreys explained that the subcommittee has met with Town leaders and this is the best option that they are willing to move forward with. The Town leaders gave input and based on that information, this is the option they are comfortable moving forward with.

A resident also mentioned that Mr. Spencer indicated that this project can be bonded over 20 years.

A resident asked if this information can be put out to the public so they can see the numbers and what the project is.

Chair Humphreys explained that this was going to be put out to the public at a hearing scheduled for January. And at that time, the public will be asked for input.

Ms. Burke asked those present if they planned to attend to speak for and against, if need be, at Town Meeting on this project.

Jim O'Brien, a past School Committee member, spoke about the proposed cost, liability, etc. We moved to this area because of the great schools. He hopes that this phase does move forward in some fashion.

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting – October 24, 2018

B. Executive Session – None

C. Budget Subcommittee – None

D. Facilities Committee – October 23, November 20, 28, 2018

MOTION: by Ms. Smith to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 24, 2018,
as amended
SECOND: by Ms. Burke
VOTE: 8:0:1 (abstaining: Ms. Rood)

MOTION: by Mr. Goulet to approve the Facilities Committee meeting minutes of October
23, November 20, 28, 2018
SECOND: by Mr. Pires
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

E. Resolution of Foundation Budget

F. Review of Class Size Report

Mr. Devoll provided an overview of the proposed wording for class size requirements.

24.21: Class Size

The Committee and the Association recognize the desirability of achieving optimum teaching/learning conditions by assuring workable class size. Attention to class size will be given to such special situations as laboratory areas, where safety concerns are paramount.

The Committee will ensure that class size does not exceed the following:

A. Lab classes - shall be determined by the number of learning stations in the classroom, in general not greater than 24 students per class.

B. Core Graduation Requirements - 26 students per class.

C. Electives - 30 students per class. Certain classes in the arts like chorus, band and theater may exceed 30 students per class and a teacher assigned to one of these classes may exceed their caseload, as established in Article 24.2.

D. If any class in the District exceeds the maximum of the class size guidelines, the administration will:

a) Look at the existing school schedule to determine if another section has the capacity for the impacted student(s).

b) Determine whether or not the School District has the financial resources to fund an additional teaching position;

c) If the class size guidelines above are exceeded in any given building or at any particular time, the Principal shall advise the Superintendent that the class size in the particular classroom exceeds the above guidelines. The Superintendent shall thereafter report at the November or March School Committee meeting (whichever may be applicable) in public session, that the class size exceeds the guidelines and the excess number of students in each classroom.

d) If the class size guidelines above are exceeded in any given building or at any particular time, the Superintendent shall notify the President of the Association of the particular classroom that exceeds the above guidelines. The impacted teacher may meet with the Superintendent and/or Building Principal to discuss class size.

ENGLISH

English 9

1 section of 27
Section Avg: 24.2

Honors English 10

1 section of 28
Section Avg: 21.5

English 10

1 section of 28
Section Avg: 22.0

V. New Business

A. Policy Review

B. Curriculum

1. Business

Financial Report

Dr. White provided an update of the financials to the Board; the FY19 Budget is dated 7/1/2018 thru 12/5/2018 with a budget balance of \$436,959.93 after current encumbrances.

He noted that the new Business Manager will officially start January 7, 2019. They are working on the final contract. Further, he may attend the Joint Meeting on December 13, 2018.

2. Budget Transfers

Dr. White also explained that there were a number of transfers that needed to be approved:

01-300-037-2300-01-03	To: Teachers-Mathematics	\$7008
01-300-010-2300-01-03	From: All Staff	
01-301-031-2300-01-03	To: Teachers – Family Consumer Services	\$1955
01-301-010-2300-01-03	From: All Staff	
01-301-043-2300-01-03	To: Teaches – Music	\$2827
01-301-101-2300-01-03	From: All Staff	
01-301-055-2300-01-03	To: Teaches – Social Studies	\$7630
01-301-101-2300-01-03	From: All Staff	

Total Transfers for Salary Allocation: \$19,420

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the transfers as presented

SECOND: by Ms. Smith

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C. Personnel

VI. Unfinished Business

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

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dr. White thanked the Drama Dept. for their play as well as their commitment. He will continue with the Friday email blast as this seems to be a positive and informational means of communication.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brogioli provided a report dated December 5, 2018.

Mr. Devoll provided a report dated November 29, 2018.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: Alex Wurl and Gates Tenerowicz are asking for approval of the Senior Prom to be held either May 28 or 29 at the Atlantic Resort in Newport. Cost is proposed for \$60-65. Transportation will be on the students.

The Board asked that transportation be provided if necessary, for those that may need assistance

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the request for the Senior Prom for May, 2019

SECOND: by Mr. Goulet

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Mr. Devoll provided an overview presentation on dual enrolment and the GPA. He will provide the document to the Superintendents' Office so that the Board can receive a hard copy of same for review.

There was lengthy discussion re: GPA, dual enrollment and the grading process.

VII. School Committee

A. Reorganization

B. Committee Reports

1. SMEC – Mr. Muse provided an update.
2. Local School Committee: Ms. Smith that they met and had a great meeting. They approved a fundraiser. They discussed Bristol Aggie and their tuition changes. Mr. Muse noted that they are meeting next Monday. Ms. Rood stated that they met and there is a Capital Planning Committee that includes the school at the table. This will help with keeping the school in the loop of things. They created a fund for the drama dept. They also discussed the changes to the Bristol Aggie tuition.
3. Tri-Town Foundation: Dr. Frangos noted that they will have an appeal before the holidays. They are going to create an informative film to outline the grants given out and how they have enhanced various people and causes throughout the community.
4. Budget Sub-Committee: Nothing at this time.
5. Turf Committee: Nothing at this time.

6. Communication Committee: Mr. Pires noted that they have not met. Ms. Burke also noted that they continue to reviewing information from administration to be used for their poster they are designing.

7. District Agreement Committee: Ms. Rood provided an overview of the proposed agreement. She noted that there is a proposed District Agreement for review.

Dr. white asked for input after review.

VIII. General (cont.)

D. Resolution of Foundation Budget

The Board received documentation for review and was being asked to support the resolution of a foundation budget.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the support of the Resolution of Foundation Budget as recommended

SECOND: by Ms. Rood

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VIII. Future Business

A. Timeline

B. Future Agenda Items – status of dual enrollment and prom

IX. Open Comments – Ms. Rood spoke about a few of the wonderful things that have been going on at the school. It's just a great community to be part of.

X. Information Items

XI. Executive Session

NEXT MEETING:

ORR School Committee - Wednesday, January 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room, ORR Jr. High School

Joint School Committee – December 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room, ORR Jr. High School

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Carlino, Secretary