

Marion – Mattapoisett – Rochester, Massachusetts
October 24, 2018
MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Old Rochester Regional District School Committee, held on Wednesday, October 24, 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

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Doug White, Superintendent; Elise Frangos, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum; Michael Devoll, High School Principal; Kevin Brogioli, Jr. High School Principal; Michael Nelson, M.Ed., Director of Student Services; 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 – September 12, 2018**
 - B. Executive Session – September 12, 2018**
 - C. Budget Subcommittee – None**

MOTION: by Ms. Smith to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 12, 2018, as amended

SECOND: by Mr. Muse

VOTE: 8:0:1 (abstaining: Ms. Rood)

MOTION: by Ms. Smith to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of September 12, 2018

SECOND: by Mr. Muse

VOTE: 8:0:1 (abstaining: Ms. Rood)

- II. Consent Agenda**
- III. Agenda Items Pending**

V. Special Topic Report
A. MCAS Presentation

Dr. Frangos provided copies of the report for their review as well as, a PowerPoint presentation for the Board's review.

Mr. Brogioli also provided an overview of the MCAS results. He noted that staff will be taking courses to help increase the scores and results so that we only continue to improve.

There were a few questions by the Board about the strategy of reaching those students that were at risk or in need of extra help.

Mr. Devoll then provided an overview of the High School MCAS results. He spoke about looking at the curriculum and consistent weaknesses.

There was discussion about the grades and required testing. Dr. Frangos likes the testing as it helps to give us an insight into how the students are doing and their capacity to learn.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: Alex Wurl and Gates Tenerowicz advised that they actually received the MCAS results back in May. Based on recent survey results, there were students that were not aware that ORR had Social and Emotional services. It was also found that ORR students are less accepting than surrounding towns; there are a lot of students that do not feel safe. They plan to create focus groups to address the data results and how to improve the feels and perception within the school.

Several Board members asked how could they help as some of the results were very alarming. Specifically, the safety issues.

Alex Wurl advised that in November, they will be holding focus groups that will discuss the best way to move forward and help our ORR students.

Dr. Frangos offered the use of the online survey tool (Panorama) that the district uses.

Dr. White explained that at the end of the MCAS testing, there is an optional survey that students can take. This is where the information and data came from. It is concerning and further review should be done.

VI. General
A. Great East Festival Band/Chorus Out of State Field Trip Approval (JHS)

Mr. Brogioli was asking for approval for a field trip to the Great East Music Festival. He noted that for over 35 years, Great East Music Festivals has provided high quality, scholastic festival performance opportunities to schools across New England with an emphasis on quality adjudication and educational clinics. He noted that students have the opportunity to perform in an educational atmosphere. Events are non-competitive music festivals that are tailored for musical organizations of all sizes, grades, and ability levels. After the performance, one

adjudicator will join the ensembles on stage to hold a short clinic, followed by an award presentation. Following awards, students will visit Canobie Lake Park Amusement Park in Salem, New Hampshire. He is asking for permission to take the JHS Band and Chorus to this festival on Friday, May 24, 2019. It is believed that this is a great educational opportunity for our students as well as a nice reward for their outstanding efforts in the music program throughout the school year. The trip will be paid for by students, with financial support from our annual fundraiser and the FORM parent support group.

Ms. Burke asked if fundraising would need to be done.

Mr. Brogioli stated that they may and that this is an annual field trip.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the field trip as presented
SECOND: by Ms. Smith
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

B. Nashville Field Trip Approval (HS)

Mr. Devoll was asking for permission to for a field trip to Nashville, Tennessee on April 5 thru 8, 2019. This would be an adjudication performance with Festivals of Music, students will attend a performances and a backstage tour of the The Grand Olde Opry; a guided tour of the city of Nashville; lunch and line dancing at The Wildhorse Saloon, visit the Country Music Hall of Fame Museum, receive a guided tour of Studio B, have dinner at the Hard Rock Café, and a dinner cruise on the General Jackson Steamboat. The trip cost would include round trip airfare, 3 or 4 nights at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, registration fees, breakfast, lunch and dinners, and all tour costs, museum fees, concert tickets and ground transportation. The cost would depend on how many students per room; \$1408 for 4 to a room; \$ for

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the Nashville Field Trip as presented
SECOND: by Ms. Smith
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

C. School Improvement Plan Approvals

Mr. Brogioli provided an overview of the Jr. High School School Improvement Plan (see "ORRJHS School Improvement Plan 2018-2020"). He noted that the School Improvement Plan directly follows the Strategic Plan. He also stated that his School Council unanimously voted for this plan.

Ms. Burke asked about the "Administration" and all the work that is required within this Plan.

Mr. Brogioli noted that he and the Asst. Vice Principal are on top of the plan and he does delegate when needed.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the JHS School Improvement Plan as presented
SECOND: by Mr. Goulet

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Mr. Devoll provided an overview of the High School School Improvement Plan (see “Old Rochester Regional High School School Improvement Plan 2018-2020”). He noted that it also follows the Strategic Plan.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the HS School Improvement Plan as presented
SECOND: by Ms. Burke
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

D. Administration of Prescription Medications

Dr. White explained that this comes before the Board every year. It allows the School Nurse to train staff when there are field trips.

MOTION: by Ms. Burke to authorize the School Nurse to delegate the handling of medications to other personnel
SECOND: by Ms. Smith
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

E. Disposal of Textbooks Approval

The Board received a memo dated September 19, 2018, with a list of textbooks that needed to be disposed of.

MOTION: by Ms. Burke to declare the textbooks as surplus and dispose of same
SECOND: by Ms. Smith
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

F. ORR Negotiations

Dr. White noted that the Old Rochester Professional Educators Association Union sent a letter dated September 26, 2018, asking for the opening of negotiations. He is looking for direction as to the negotiations will be the full committee or representatives. The Mass School Unions suggest that the full Committee does not partake in negotiations and that it only be representatives. The sooner we start negotiations, the sooner we can settle.

It was agreed by the Board that having representatives rather than the full Board attend negotiations. This helps with scheduling as well as the number of people in the meeting room.

MOTION: by Mr. Goulet to appoint the following as negotiators:
Cary Humphrey, Joe Pires and Tina Rood will share all three will respect to Rochester
Jim Muse – Mattapoisett – all three
Paul Goulet – Marion – all three

SECOND: by Ms. Smith
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

G. At Risk Youth Survey

Dr. White explained that two years ago they administered the At-Risk Youth Survey. They have a policy that says we have to have active consent which may not bring the best results. He is asking for authority to ask for passive consent. This is the CDC survey.

Ms. Rood noted that there is also a second survey that goes hand in hand with the CDC survey. It's a great survey and best way to get information.

Ms. Burke stated that she is not a fan of the CDC survey, it is not age appropriate, has leading questions and does not feel that it is in the best interest to obtain information. She was not comfortable with the survey when she was requested to take part.

Mr. Goulet also stated that he was not in favor of this survey as well.

Mr. Muse suggested that there be full disclosure as to the option of not partaking in the survey.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to allow for passive consent for the CDC survey and that notification

be provided to parents

SECOND: by Ms. Smith

VOTE: 8:0:1 (ABSTAINING: Ms. Burke)

H. School Committee Stipend

Chair Humphreys stated that this was put on the agenda to allow members to further think about it and do research if they chose to. He asked if there was any discussion at this time.

Mr. Muse stated that he brought this forward because he feels that they work hard and deserve recognition and compensation.

Dr. White stated that if there was compensation the Board would be recognized as an employee and that would create benefits.

Mr. Muse suggested that this could be discussed when the budget discussions begin.

Ms. Rood noted that this may be just the start of the discussion. Its only like the first step; for instance, as a group how do we feel about a stipend. Then moving from that, review the pros/cons of a stipend such as benefits, i.e. Insurance.

Ms. Dyson asked if the Board received a stipend, would that take away from the school budget.

Mr. Muse advised that when the budget is reviewed, that the stipend would be included and worked around as we do with any of the budget line items.

Mr. Goulet stated that if he received a stipend and perhaps insurance that will take away from the students and he will not do that.

Ms. Smith noted that we are elected and elected officials are generally paid.

Ms. Dyson does not feel that this is in the best interest of the school. She was elected to this Board to help the students.

Mr. Gabriel stated that he does not feel comfortable with being paid.

MOTION: By Mr. Muse to create a stipend of \$100 with no eligibility for insurance to be Reviewed and potentially put in place for the next school year budget
NO SECOND

NEW MOTION: By Ms. Smith to have a stipend for the position of the school committee for an amount to be determined at the next budget discussions with no insurance benefits
VOTE: 3:5d:1
(Smith; Muse; Pires)(Humphrey; Gabriel; Goulet; Rood; Dyson)(Burke)

- V. New Business**
 - A. Policy Review
 - B. Curriculum
 - C. Business**

- 1. Financial Report**

- Dr. White provided an update of the financials to the Board; the FY18 Budget is dated 7/1/2018 thru 10/24/2018 with a budget balance of \$569,223.68 after current encumbrances.

- He will keep the Board updated on the search for the new Business Manager.

- 2. Budget Transfers – none at this time.**

- D. Personnel
 - VI. Unfinished Business

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

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dr. White confirmed with the Board that everyone was satisfied with the new Friday email blast.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Brogioli provided a report dated October 24, 2018.

Mr. Devoll provided a report dated October 16, 2018.

VII. School Committee

A. Reorganization

B. Committee Reports

1. SMEC – Ms. Smith noted that we meet next week.
2. Local School Committee: Ms. Smith that they met and had a great meeting. They heard the MCAS results and their School Improvement Plan. Mr. Muse noted that they are meeting next Monday. Ms. Rood stated that they met and heard the same. She likes the alignment of all the school improvement plans.
3. Tri-Town Foundation:
4. Budget Sub-Committee: Nothing at this time.
5. Turf Committee: Nothing at this time.
6. Communication Committee: Ms. Burke stated that they are taking pictures after this meeting to put on the Facebook page.
7. District Agreement Committee: Dr. White asked to meet to go over strategic plan and direction.

VIII. Future Business

- A. Timeline
- B. Future Agenda Items – status of dual enrollment and prom
- IX. Open Comments
- X. Information Items
- XI. Executive Session

NEXT MEETING:

ORR School Committee - Wednesday, December 5, 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