

**MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
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**July 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**MEETING HELD REMOTELY THROUGH ZOOM**  
**Marion, MA 02738**

**Members Present:** Michelle Smith, Chairperson, April Rios, Vice-Chairperson, Jody Dickerson and Nichole Daniel. Also present were members of the Marion Board of Selectmen, Randy Parker and John Waterman.

**Members Absent:** NONE

**Others Present:** Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools, Diana Russo, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent, Marla Sirois, Principal, Sippican School, Sean Persico, Asst. Principal, Sippican School and Mary Beaugard.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Smith.

**V. General**

**A. Appointment of Vacant School Committee Seat**

Ms. Smith introduced Ms. Mary Beaugard and explained that this was a special meeting being held to specifically appoint her to the Marion School Committee. Ms. Smith asked Ms. Beaugard to tell the committee about herself.

Ms. Beaugard explained that she grew up in Mattapoisett and then moved away during her college years, she explained that she moved back when she started her own family and settled in Marion because she wanted her children to go to the tri-town schools. Ms. Beaugard expressed that she is interested in serving on the Marion School Committee to help and get involved in the school community and also help getting peoples voices heard.

Ms. Smith explained that per MGL when a vacant seat is available it has to be appointed by the school committee and the members of the board of selectmen. She explained that Mr. Parker and Mr. Waterman were also present at this meeting.

Ms. Rios made a  
Motion to appoint Mary Beaugard to the Marion School Committee  
Motion seconded by Mr. Parker  
All members voted by roll call:  
(Rios – yes, Daniel- yes, Dickerson-yes, Parker- yes, Waterman – yes)  
Motion Passed

Ms. Smith welcomed Ms. Beaugard, she also welcome Sean Persico the new Asst. Principal at Sippican School and Jody Dickerson the new school committee member.

Ms. Smith explained that Ms. Beaugard will now need to get sworn in at the Town Clerk's Office and she also explained that another school committee meeting will be scheduled at some point during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August to reorganize as well as look at the reopening plan for the 20-21 school year.

Superintendent Nelson thanked all the staff and gave an overview of what has been taking place at the schools since the closing of schools in March. Mr. Nelson expressed that the main concern is the health and safety of the students and staff. Mr. Nelson explained that Reopening Taskforces are now in place and a plan should be submitted to the state by July 31<sup>st</sup> and a school committee would be scheduled for some time in early August.

Mr. Nelson expressed that since the Joint Meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> with the Tri-Town Against Racism group he has continued to keep the communication open with the leaders of the Tri-Town Against Racism group specifically in getting to know each other better and sharing our different perspectives and also sharing our initial plans from a district stand point around policies, it's important to focus on next steps and that's why we scheduled a policy during the summer months.

Mr. Nelson welcome Mr. Persico to the team. Ms. Sirois reviewed the process with the school committee and welcomed Mr. Persico to the team.

Mr. Nelson wanted to thank the Town of Administrator, Jay McGrail and Asst. Town Administrator, Judy Mooney for all their support in supporting the district with ordering PPE.

Ms. Smith expressed that the district has started to put together the hiring committees to hire the Asst. Supt. of Teaching and Learning as well as the Director of Student Services.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. by roll vote  
(Rios – yes, Daniel- yes, Dickerson-yes, Smith-yes)