

MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
16 Spring Street – Marion, MA 02738

MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2020

PRESENT

Committee Members:

Michelle Smith CHAIRPERSON	April Rios VICE-CHAIRPERSON	Nichole Daniel	Kate Ellen Houdelette
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ABSENT

Committee Members:

Dr. Ronald
Gerhart

ALSO, PRESENT

Dr. Douglas White SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	Michael Nelson ASST. SUPT.	Marla Sirois PRINCIPAL	Kyle Letendre ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
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Members of the
Press

MEETING TO ORDER

The Marion School Committee meeting was called to order on March 4, 2020 by Chairperson Smith at 6:30 p.m. at the Sippican School.

FY21 Budget Hearing

Superintendent White and Assistant Superintendent Nelson presented the FY21 Budget through a powerpoint presentation. The superintendent explained that the FY 21 budget had an increase of 1.54% or \$94,526 for a total budget of \$6,243,227. Please see attachment A.

Chairperson Smith thanked administration and the budget sub-committee for all their work on this budget, she expressed that being her first time on the budget sub-committee she explained it was a very positive experience and she thanked the town administrator and the town finance committee for their support, she expressed Ms. Mooney and Mr. McGrail both were very supportive.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM I.A.1

REGULAR SESSION

January 15, 2020 Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Rios made the motion to accept the January 15, 2020 meeting minutes as presented
SECOND: Ms. Daniel
VOTE: Passed (Houdelette abstained)

AGENDA ITEM I.A.1

EXECUTIVE SESSION

January 15, 2020 Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Rios made the motion to accept the executive session January 15, 2020 minutes as presented
SECOND: Ms. Daniel
VOTE: Passed (Houdelette abstained)

NEGOTIATIONS MINUTES

February 10, 2020 Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Houdellet made the motion to accept the February 10, 2020 meeting minutes as presented

SECOND: Ms. Daniel
VOTE: Passed

BUDGET MINUTES

January 6, 2020 Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Houdelette made the motion to accept the January 6, 2020 meeting minutes as presented
SECOND: Ms. Rios
VOTE: Passed

AGENDA ITEM IV.A.

FY21 BUDGET APPROVAL

MOTION: Ms. Rios made the motion to approve the FY21 budget in the amount of \$6,243,227 as proposed
SECOND: Ms. Houdelette
VOTE: Unanimously Pass

AGENDA ITEM IV.B.

KINDERGARTEN ENTRY PROCESS

Dr. White thanked Mr. Nelson, Ms. Lopes, the three elementary principals and kindergarten staff for all their efforts in for streamlining the kindergarten entry process. He also explained this is being shared as an FYI so that the committee is aware of the process. He then turned it over to Mr. Nelson.

Mr. Nelson expressed that over the past few years they have looked at practices that have worked really well in some buildings and others where there might be some wiggle room. Mr. Nelson expressed that more importantly they want to look at best practices and would want the entry process to be the same in all three elementary schools.

Ms. Doreen Lopes presented the Kindergarten Entry Protocol PowerPoint presentation (please refer to Attachment B).

Ms. Smith thanked Ms. Lopes for all her detailed work on this initiative.

AGENDA ITEM IV.C.

GRADE 5 GRANT APPROVAL

APPROVAL OF DONATION – “Please reference MSC 03042020 Grade 5 Grant Donation”

Superintendent White explained that Elizabeth Milde received a reading grant for \$500 from Altrusa International of Plymouth County and the school committee needed to accept the donation.

MOTION: Ms. Rios made the motion to accept the of \$500.00
SECOND: Ms. Daniel
VOTE: Passed

Ms. Smith thanked Ms. Milde for her hard work in acquiring the grant funds.

AGENDA ITEM V.C.1.

FINANCIAL REPORT ”Please refer to “MSC 03042020 FY20 Financials”

Dr. White reviewed the financials with the committee. Please refer to “MSC 03042020 FY20 Financials”. The superintendent explained that currently the budget has a remaining balance of \$586,033.

AGENDA ITEM V.C.1.a.

REVOLVING ACCOUNT BALANCES

Dr. White reviewed the revolving accounts please refer to “MSC 03042020 Revolving Account FY20”. He went on to say that all accounts are in good shape and all money is in their respective places.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Chairperson Smith gave an update on the superintendent’s search and expressed that the joint school committee would appoint the new superintendent on March 5th. She thanked everyone involved in that process.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Dr. White expressed that Sippican would be sanitized the following day and that himself and Principal Sirois have been working closely to monitor all the health standards coming from town, the district physician and state officials in regards to COVID 19.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Sirois reviewed the information in her report, please refer to "MSC 03042020 Principal Report".

AGENDA ITEM VIII.A.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

No update

BUILDING COMMITTEE

No update at this time.

ORR District School Committee

Chairperson Smith shared ORR District School Committee met last night and had the Budget Public hearing and approved the FY 21 budget.

SMEC

No Update

EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL

No Update

READS

No Update

TRI-TOWN FOUNDATION

No Update

POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE

No Update

SCHOOL COUNCIL

No Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Smith made the statement to go into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and adjourn the regular meeting with the roll call.

ROLL CALL: 4:0

Michelle Smith	April Rios	Nichole Daniel	Kate Ellen Houdelette
YES	YES	YES	YES

Chairperson Smith made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. in order to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL: 4:0

Michelle Smith	April Rios	Nichole Daniel	Kate Ellen Houdelette
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YES

YES

YES

YES

ADJOURN MEETING

MOTION: Ms. Rios gave the motion to adjourn meeting

SECOND: Ms. Daniel

VOTE: Unanimously Pass

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 6:30

Submitted by:

Diana Russo, Administrative Assistant to the Supt.