

MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE
September 5, 2018
MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Marion School Committee held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at Sippican School, 16 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts.

PRESENT: Christine Marcolini, Chair; Michelle Smith; Dr. Ronald Gerhart; April Rios; Kate Houdelette, Vice Chair

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Doug White, Superintendent; Dr. Elise Frangos, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum; Patrick Spencer, School Business Administrator; Michael Nelson, M.Ed., Director of Student Services; Lyn Rivet, Principal; Sarah Goerges, Vice Principal; Deborah Carlino, Recording Secretary; members of the press and public

MEETING TO ORDER: Chair Marcolini opened the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Regular Minutes: June 13, 2018**
- 2. Executive Session Minutes: June 13, 2018**
3. Budget Subcommittee: None
4. Negotiations Executive Session Minutes: None

MOTION: by Ms. Smith to approve the minutes of June 13, 2018
SECOND: by Dr. Gerhart
VOTED: 4:0:1 (abstaining: Ms. Houdelette)

MOTION: by Dr. Gerhart to approve the Executive Session minutes of June 13, 2018
SECOND: by Ms. Smith
VOTED: 4:0:1 (abstaining: Ms. Houdelette)

II. Consent Agenda

III. Agenda Items Pending

IV. **RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT:** None at this time.

V. General

A. Lunch Increase Approval

Jill Henesey, Director of Food Services and Mr. Spencer were before the Board asking for an increase for school lunches for the upcoming school year.

Ms. Henesey advised that the USDA has set the new rate for paid lunch equity at \$2.92 for school year 2018-2019. It was noted that ending FY 17/18 the lunch paid equity was a weighted average of \$2.88 which is below the USDA required minimum for FY17/18 of \$2.92.

To stay in compliance with the USDA regulations, we are required to increase the prices by a minimum of \$.10. Speaking with DESE they are recommending a price increase of \$.25 to districts across MA to avoid a meal price increase yearly. The last district increase was FY14-15 with an increase of \$.25. All free and reduced meals will remain the same.

MOTION: by Ms. Smith to increase the school lunch price by \$.25 as recommended
SECOND: by Ms. Houdelette
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

B. Review of Opening Day and Open House

Dr. White welcomed everyone back to a new school year. He provided an overview of the opening day events for both just the teachers as well as the first day of school for the students.

The Board reviewed a couple of video presentations introducing the new personnel.

Ms. Rivet introduced the two new teachers: Maria Blackburn, Project Grow Teacher and Kathryn Sebastiao, Grade 6 teacher.

Dr. Frangos gave an overview of the welcoming events and such for the new teachers and staff. She also noted that the theme for this year is "Launch into Education".

Several Board members spoke about the outstanding videos that staff put together. They were very well done; very professional.

Ms. Rivet provided an update on the opening day festivities. She noted that the children were very excited to be back at school and see all their friends and teachers.

C. Vision 23 – Strategic Plan

Dr. White thanked those who have participated and helped out over the last five months. He provided a handout "Vision 2023, Old Rochester Regional #WeareOR" with an outline of the theory of action. He stated that LIST

He asked the Board to review the document and if there are any amendments or additions that they feel need to be done, he would ask for input. The plan is to review and vote on this at the Joint Meeting scheduled for September 27, 2018.

D. Standards Based Report Card Update

Dr. Frangos noted that the standards-based report cards were created over a number of meetings and discussions and as such was implemented to help parents obtain information on their students' studies and subjects. Last spring surveys were sent out to parents asking for input on improving and enhancing the report card process. After input was reviewed by staff, they have tweaked the process by about 200 modifications. Each grade levels had specific changes and those changes are in the process of being made in order to make the end result

that much better.

E. Atlas Rubicon Update

Dr. Frangos provided an overview of the Atlas Rubicon and how it is just a wonderful upgrade from dusty paper filled binders. It is possible to view the Atlas Rubicon on any computer that was designed to increase curriculum enhancement.

The Board received a handout “About Atlas” for review.

The Board asked how the teachers felt about the new program.

Ms. Rivet and Dr. Frangos noted that they have not heard any negative feedback and they seem to be excited for the new materials.

F. Disposal of Equipment

Ms. Rivet explained that there are a few items that need to be disposed of as they are outdated or broken or not needed.

MOTION: by Ms. Rios to approve the disposal of the items:
8 fish tanks
Old broken microscopes
5 old broken balances
Sangari books
Foss kits
Broken model of planets
Partial fossil kits
Partial rock and mineral kits
2 egg tuners
Several things on table from Dave Baker and Fred Hutchings
13 LCD projectors
4 Mac servers
2 Elmos
2 PC towers
5 HP printers
3 Apple Airports
24 iMac (white); 5 iMac (silver)
9 TV's
10 MacBook's (laptops) as recommended

SECOND: by Ms. Smith
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Ms. Rivet was also asking that the Board accept a donation of filing cabinets from Lockheed Martin.

MOTION: by Ms. Smith to accept a donation of 12 file cabinets from Lockheed Martin
SECOND: by Dr. Gerhart
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

G. Air Quality Report/Update

Mr. Spencer provided an overview of the air quality test. The initial test results showed a concern in one of the science rooms. However, after a thorough cleaning, the room was retested and results were found to be well below required findings. They will continue to monitor and test.

IV. New Business

A. Policy Review

B. Curriculum

C. Business

1. Financial Report: Mr. Spencer provided an update of the financials to the Board; the FY18 Budget dated 7/1/2017 thru 7/16/2018 with a budget balance of \$63,391.19 after current year encumbrances. Lastly, the Board received copies of reports of the “Marion Special Revenue/Revolving Funds, FY18 thru 6/30/18” and “FY19 thru 8/31/18” review.

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2. Budget Transfers: None at this time.

D. Personnel

VI. Special Report

VII. Unfinished Business

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Ms. Marcolini welcomed everyone to a new school year. She thanked the Administration for their wonderful video presentations.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Dr. White explained that they are trying a new concept this year. On Friday afternoon’s an email will be forwarded to everyone advising of ongoing events and happenings for that week. Rather than wait and provide updates every six weeks, this helps to stay current on school events.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Ms. Rivet provided a report dated September 5, 2018.

The Board commented on the wonderful poem that Ms. Rivet drafted. It was very well done and inspirational.

VIII. School Committee

A. Committee Reports

1. Budget Sub-Committee: Nothing at this time.
2. Building Committee: Nothing at this time
3. ORR District School Committee: Nothing at this time.
4. SMEC: Nothing at this time.
5. Early Childhood Council: Nothing at this time.
6. READS: Nothing at this time.
7. TriTown Education Foundation: Nothing at this time.
8. Policy Subcommittee: None at this time.
9. School Council update: Principal Rivet explained that they met yesterday.

They talked about the garden going forward. They approved minutes and begin review of the School Improvement Plan that will be provided to the Board at the October meeting.

- B. School Committee Re-organization
- C. School Committee Goals

- IX. Future Business
 - A. Timeline
 - B. Future Agenda
- X. Open Comments
- XI. Information Items

XII. Executive Session

MOTION: by Ms. Smith to go into Executive Session for the purpose of exception #3 to For litigation and only to come out to adjourn

SECOND: by Dr. Gerhart

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5:0:0 (Marcolini – YES; Smith – YES; Gerhart – YES; Rios – YES; Houdelette – YES))

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sippican School

Joint School Committee – Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room at ORR Jr. HS

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Carlino, Secretary