

MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE
November 28, 2018
MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Marion School Committee held on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at Sippican School, 16 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts.

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

ABSENT: Dr. Elise Frangos, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Doug White, Superintendent; 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 6:32 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT: None at this time.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms. Rivet asked that the Board hear a request for fundraising.

XII. Executive Session

Chair Marcolini advised that the Board needed to go into Executive Session to approve the release of Executive Session minutes.

Dr. White advised that these minutes are relative to a matter that has been settled.

MOTION: by Ms. Smith to go into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. for purpose #3 to discuss litigation only to return to regular session thereafter

SECOND: by Ms. Houdelette

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

MOTION: by Ms. Smith to come out of Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. and return to open session

SECOND: by Ms. Houdelette

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

I. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Minutes: September 5, 2018

2. Executive Session Minutes: September 5, 2018

- 3. Budget Subcommittee: None
- 4. Negotiations Executive Session Minutes: None

MOTION: by Dr. Gerhart to approve the minutes of September 5, 2018
 SECOND: by Ms. Smith
 UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

MOTION: by Ms. Smith to approve the Executive Session minutes of September 5, 2018
 SECOND: by Ms. Houdelette
 UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

II. General

A. Capital Update

Dr. White explained that the capital was for the infrastructure of the school. The Town is very receptive, and willing to work with the district.

B. Bristol County Agricultural High School

Dr. White explained that they received a letter from Bristol Aggie and they are changing the tuition billing procedure. Previously Bristol Aggie has invoiced community’s assessment based on the current year October 1 enrollment for each municipality multiplied by the approved tuition rate for that school year. He further noted that based on this change, there is now going to be a deficit (\$20,308) in that line item.

This change will help with creating a budget for the next school year.

C. Approval/Release of Executive Session Minutes

It was noted that the Board voted to release the Executive Session minutes of October 5, 2016, September 6, 2017 and September 5, 2018.

IV. 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 dated 7/1/2018 thru 11/28/2018 with a budget balance of \$485,691.23 after current year encumbrances. Lastly, the Board received copies of reports of the “Marion Special Revenue/Revolving Funds, FY19 thru 10/31/2018” review.

2. Budget Transfers:

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

01-302-013-2300-01-03	To: Kindergarten Teachers	\$4051.36
01-302-010-2301-01-03	From: All Staff	
01-302-106-4230-04-31	To: LSC Software Licenses	\$2000.

01-301-010-2300-01-03	From: Speech Supplies	
01-302-103-2300-01-03	To: Teacher	\$4850.64
01-301-101-2300-01-03	From: All Staff	
01-302-103-2303-02-08	To: Paraprofessional	\$13,939.33
01-301-101-2300-01-03	From: Teachers	
Total Transfers for Salary Allocation:		\$24,841.33

MOTION: by Ms. Smith to approve the transfers as requested and presented
SECOND: by Dr. Gerhart
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

D. Personnel

- VI. Special Report.
- VII. Unfinished Business

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Ms. Marcolini noted that the Annual Chairperson’s Report is due in a couple of months. She asked for input from other members. She thanked everyone for their help and participation at the pasta and bingo night.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Dr. White also spoke about the pasta and bingo night. It was a great success and great time had by everyone. He also reminded everyone of the \$.25 increase in the lunch prices that will be after the holiday break. Lastly, he noted that he plans to introduce a new Business Administrator at the next meeting.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Ms. Rivet asked for approval of the disposal of technical equipment as outlined in a list provided for the Board.

MOTION: by Ms. Smith to approve of the disposal of technical equipment as requested
SECOND: by Ms. Houdelette
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Ms. Rivet also spoke about the pasta and bingo night. She provided her report dated November 19, 2018.

VIII. School Committee

A. Committee Reports

1. Budget Sub-Committee: Dr. White explained that they have started meeting with Ms. Rivet and Mr. Nelson to start the process of discussing next year’s budget.
2. Building Committee: Nothing at this time
3. ORR District School Committee: Ms. Smith noted that they met on October 24th. They approved an out of state band field trip to Nashville and New Hampshire. They reviewed their School Improvement Plans. They talked a risk at youth survey. They also discussed a school committee stipend.

4. SMEC: Ms. Smith noted that they met and are meeting again tomorrow. They approved the Executive Directors Goals and Plan. They approved a snow removal stipend.

5. Early Childhood Council: Chair Marcolini noted that they have not met and will meet again in January.

6. READS: Dr. White noted that they met, they approved the audit for the FY18 school year. They are in the process of looking at the building project and how to fund same. They discussed what will happen to the administration building as that would need to be removed. They had their first review of the FY20 budget.

7. TriTown Education Foundation: None at this time.

8. Policy Subcommittee: Dr. White noted that they are meeting next week.

9. School Council update: Principal Rivet noted that they did not meet this month.

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

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sippican School

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

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Carlino, Secretary