

MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE
January 9, 2019
MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Marion School Committee held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 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: Kate Houdelette, Vice Chair; Dr. Ronald Gerhart,

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Doug White, Superintendent; Dr. Elise Frangos, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum; Paul Kitchen, School Business Manager; 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.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT: None at this time.

I. Approval of Minutes

1. **Regular Minutes: November 28, 2018**
2. **Executive Session Minutes: November 28, 2018**
3. Budget Subcommittee: None
4. Negotiations Executive Session Minutes: None

MOTION: by Ms. Smith to approve the minutes of November 28, 2018

SECOND: by Ms. Rios
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

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- II. Consent Agenda
- III. Agenda Items Pending

IV. General

A. School Calendar Review

Chair Marcolini explained that this calendar has been reviewed at the Joint Meeting as well.

Dr. White explained that this calendar is similar to the current school year's calendar. He asked everyone to review the proposed calendar and provide input if any. He noted that the draft has also been shown to the Unions for their review and input. He plans to present the final draft at the Joint Meeting in March.

There was discussion by the Board about combining the February and April vacations into one vacation in March.

Dr. White noted that in order for that to happen they should do a study and review the pros/cons of this option which could take up to a year of data review.

B. Curriculum Position Discussion

Chair Marcolini noted that with the impending retirement of Dr. Frangos in June, she advised that this has been discussed at the Joint and there has been suggestions that this position be broken into two separate positions. One position would be the curriculum person and the other would be an administrative evaluator for staff.

Dr. White also noted that during discussions with the other School Boards, there has been concern that the Assistant Superintendent position will “go away” and once it does we can’t get it back.

It was agreed that this was the best time to reevaluate the best direction to go with this position.

Dr. White noted that the Rochester School Committee voted to add money to their budget in order to create and fund two positions.

C. Student Handbook Revision Approval

Principal Rivet noted that they were amending the “Basic Dress Expectations”:

Original Language:

Students should dress in a manner that shows pride in themselves and their school. Health and safety should be considerations for school attire. Clothing must cover shoulders, backs and

midriffs. Outdoor clothing such as hats and jackets, should be removed while in the building. Students may not wear articles of clothing that may be deemed disruptive to the educational process. The administration reserves the right to determine appropriateness of clothing consistent with these guidelines.

New language:

We encourage students to show pride in themselves and their school. Health and safety should be considerations for school attire, for example comfortable shoes, such as sneakers, are ideal for play and physical education. Clothing must cover shoulders, backs and midriffs. Outdoor clothing such as hats and jackets, should be removed while in the building. Students may not wear articles of clothing that may be deemed disruptive to the educational process. The administration reserves the right to determine appropriateness of clothing consistent with these guidelines.

“Celebrations & Holidays”:

Only change to Guidelines for Celebration and Holidays is to add the link so it is clear that it comes directly from the District policy manual.

MOTION: by Ms. Rios to approve the language changes as provided
SECOND: by Ms. Smith
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

D. Acceptance of Donation

Principal Rivet asked for acceptance by the Board of a donation for a Cape Cod 5 Educational Mini-Grant in the amount of \$500 for the “Fifth Grade Book Club”.

MOTION: by Ms. Rios to accept the donation as recommended
SECOND: by Ms. Smith
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

E. FY20 Budget Update

Chair Marcolini noted that they have a draft budget that will be presented at the next meeting in February.

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 1/9/2019 with a budget balance of \$486,420.65 after current year encumbrances. Lastly, the Board received copies of reports of the “Marion Special Revenue/Revolving Funds, FY19 thru 12/31/2018” review.

- 2. Budget Transfers
- D. Personnel

- VI. Special Report.
- VII. Unfinished Business

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Chair Marcolini congratulated Principal Rivet on her just announced retirement. Excited for her, but sad for the community.

There was discussion by the Board on how much Ms. Rivet has done for the school and community; and they wished her well. There are big shoes to fill!

Chair Marcolini also noted that she will be forwarding a draft Chairperson’s Report for review and input prior to the next meeting.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Dr. White stated that he will hold his congratulations to both Ms. Rivet and Dr. Frangos until their retirement celebrations. The principal search will begin and they hope to have someone hired by April.

Dr. Frangos provided an update on upcoming Professional Days.

Mr. Nelson advised that he has started the tuition and enrollment for next year’s Project Grow. He provided an update on the new website program that will help steam line the enrollment registration process.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Ms. Rivet provided a report dated January 9, 2019. She noted that the Book Buddies are again filling the hall each morning. The 5th and 6th Graders are reading daily with their 1st and 2nd grade partners. The Sippican Band and Chorus again made everyone smile with their extraordinary performances at the Stroll and at their Sounds of the Seasons All School Meeting. She reminded everyone of the OR Celebrates Family Night on February 7th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Sippican School Multipurpose room.

VIII. School Committee

A. Committee Reports

1. Budget Sub-Committee: Chair Marcolini noted that this was covered earlier in the agenda.
2. Building Committee: Nothing at this time
3. ORR District School Committee: Ms. Smith noted that they met on December 5th. They approved a ski trip to Wachusett Mountain. They approved a donation of fundraising requests to go to Europe. They received 10 Sony PlayStations that they can sell to help raise funds for the Europe trip. They had a committee update on the TURF with more conversations to come.
4. SMEC: Ms. Smith noted that they meet at the end of the month.
5. Early Childhood Council: Chair Marcolini noted that they have meet at the end of the month.
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: Dr. Frangos noted that it is scheduled for January 28th.

8. Policy Subcommittee: Dr. White noted that they have not met.

9. School Council update: Principal Rivet noted that they met this past Monday.

They are looking to add the PTA to provide more thoughts and ideas to get the best goals for the students accomplished.

Ms. Rios also noted that VASE would be meeting and that they are discussing holding a few meetings here and there at night to allow more parents to get involved.

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, February 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sippican School

Joint School Committee – Thursday, March 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room at ORR Jr. HS

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Carlino, Secretary