

MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
September 17, 2018
MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Mattapoisett School Committee held on Monday, September 17, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the Center School Cafeteria, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts.

PRESENT: Patrick LeClair, Vice Chair; Carole Clifford; Jim Muse; Charles Rider;

ABSENT: Rachel Westgate, 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; Rosemary Bowman, Principal; Kevin Tavares, Associate Principal; Deborah Carlino, Secretary; members of the press and public

MEETING TO ORDER: Vice Chair LeClair opened and called the meeting of the Mattapoisett School Committee to order at 6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOGNITION: Dr. White provided a video presentation of the new district staff for the coming school year.

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".

OPEN COMMENTS: None at this time.

I. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Regular Meeting May 21, 2018; June 19, 2018**
- 2. Executive Session May 21, 2018**
3. Budget Subcommittee: None

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the minutes of May 21, 2018

SECOND: by Ms. Clifford

VOTE: 3:0:1 (abstaining; Mr. Ryder)

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the Executive Session minutes of May 21, 2018

SECOND: by Ms. Clifford

VOTE: 3:0:1 (abstaining; Mr. Ryder)

MOTION: by Mr. Ryder to approve the minutes June 19, 2018
SECOND: by Ms. Clifford
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

- II. Consent Agenda
- III. Agenda Items Pending

III. General

A. Review Opening Day

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. He noted that during the meeting, Cary Humphrey of the ORR School Committee spoke to staff and thanked them for their dedication and pointed out how important they were to the students. His speech was very well received.

Dr. White showed two videos of how teachers influence students.

B. Review Open House

Ms. Bowman provided an overview of opening day and the wonderful and positive feeling within the school. The staff is well prepared and the culture of the school is extremely positive.

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 noted that if we provide all students with life and career skills, learning and innovation skills, and technology skills, by integrating these skills into a rigorous and relevant curriculum. And develop and consistently utilize evidence-based approaches and strategies that foster the social and emotional well-being of students to promote their success. And create a school district environment that broadens our student’s leadership skills, understanding and appreciation of multiculturalism, diversity and global awareness by building relationships to establish a broader worldwide network. Then we will have provided our TriTown students with 21st century academic skills strengthened their social and emotional competencies and prepared them to be engaged global citizens.

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. Lunch Increase Request

Mr. Spencer was before the Board asking for an increase for school lunches for the upcoming school year.

He 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. The increase would begin as of January 1, 2019.

He also noted that this increase will be district wide and as such he has to receive approval from each Board; and Rochester and Marion have both approved this increase.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to increase the school lunch price by \$.25 effective January 1, 2019, as recommended

SECOND: by Ms. Collette
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

V. New Business

A. Curriculum

B. Business

1. Financial Report: Mr. Spencer provided an update of the finances for FY 2018; the report is dated 7/1/2017 thru 7/16/2018 with a budget balance of \$86,068.87.

2. Budget Transfers: None at this time.

C. Personnel - None at this time.

VI. Special Topic Report

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Vice Chair LeClair stated that he has received very positive feedback with regard to the opening of the school year. He is looking forward to a great year!

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Dr. White explained that they are trying a new concept this year. On Friday afternoon's an email (called Friday News) 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. He would ask everyone to review and if there are any questions, please contact his office. He feels that having news reported in "real" time is a much better scenario.

Several members felt that this was a great idea.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Ms. Bowman provided a written report dated September 17, 2018. She provided updated student attendance information.

2018-2019 Center School

Project Grow	26 students		
Kindergarten	51 students	17/17/17	3 classes
Grade 1	60 students	20/20/20	3 classes
Grade 2	52 students	18/17/17	3 classes
Grade 3	60 students	20/20/20	3 classes
Total	249 students		

2018-2019 Old Hammondtown School

Grade 4	55 students	19/18/18	3 classes
Grade 5	66 students	17/17/16/16	4 classes
Grade 6	71 students	18/18/18/17	4 classes
Total	192 students		

Total number of students 441

She spoke about the changes in the parent/teacher conferences that will continue the same as last year. It helps that the teaches are able to spend time with parents. Parents appreciate the extra time and attention received.

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. School Committee

A. Committee Reports:

1. ORR District School Committee: Mr. Muse noted that they met the other night. We covered many of the same items as tonight. Very positive opening of school this year. There was a lengthy discussion about a stipend for the Committee members.

2. SMEC: Mr. Muse noted that they have not met.

3. READS: Nothing at this time.

4. Early Childhood Council: Nothing at this time.

MASC: Nothing at this time.

5. Mattapoisett Capital Needs Committee: None at this time.

6. Town Education Foundation: Dr. Frangos explained that they met last week. They are looking into how grants are received and dispersed. They meet again in November.

7. Policy Subcommittee: None at this time.

8. Budget Subcommittee: None at this time.

9. Clock Committee: Nothing at this time.

IV. General

B. School Committee Reorganization

C. School Committee Goals

IX. Future Business

A. Timeline

B. Future Agenda Items:

- X. Open Comments
- XI. Information Items
- XII. Executive Session

It was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, October 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Center School
Joint School Committee – September 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the High School

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Carlino, Secretary