

**MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**February 25, 2019**  
**MINUTES**

Regular meeting of the Mattapoisett School Committee held on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the Center School Cafeteria, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts.

**PRESENT:** Patrick LeClair, Chair; Carole Clifford; Rachel Westgate; Jim Muse

**ABSENT:** Charles Rider

**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; Rosemary Bowman, Principal; Kevin Tavares, Associate Principal; Deborah Carlino, Secretary; members of the press and public

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

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOGNITION:** None at this time.

**OPEN COMMENTS:** None at this time.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

- 1. Regular Meeting January 14, 2019**
2. Executive Session None
- 3. Budget Subcommittee: January 10, 2019, February 5, 2019**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Muse to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of January 14, 2019

**SECOND:** by Ms. Clifford  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

**MOTION:** by Mr. Muse to approve the Budget Subcommittee Meeting minutes of January 10,

2019 and February 5, 2019

**SECOND:** by Ms. Clifford  
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II. Consent Agenda

III. Agenda Items Pending

**III. General**

**A. SMEC Request for Space at OHS**

Mr. Nelson provided an overview of the request by SMEC to rent space at OHS.

Catherine Cooper, M.Ed., JD, Executive Director of the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC) was before the Board asking to lease space at the Old Hammondtown School beginning this August/September and continuing on a year to year basis. Requirements for the program would be two proximate or adjacent classrooms of typical size with a nearby smaller space suitable for a small nurse's office. Close proximity to private restroom facilities would also be strongly preferred. She advised that SMEC is currently in the process of identifying space that would be suitable to house our Multidisciplinary Learning Center (MLC) a program serving elementary students with multiple disabilities and medical fragility currently located in Fairhaven. Their current lease rate for a full-size classroom space in any of their other districts is \$8139 per annum including summertime access for extended year programs, which typically operate for 5 weeks. Small office spaces are currently leased for \$3360. This is within the average range of Collaborative classroom lease rates throughout the state. It is anticipated that her Board will approve an increase of up to 3% for classroom rental fees when they approve their FY20 budget this spring.

MOTION: by Ms. Clifford to approve the request from SMEC for three spaces at OHS as presented

SECOND: by Mr. Muse  
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

### **B. Curriculum Position Discussion**

Dr. White noted that this was back on the agenda, as was discussed at the last meeting, There has been discussion about having two positions. After meeting with all Boards, there has been a request to have two members from each School Committee Board and create a subcommittee to review the best direction to take for the FY2020 and beyond.

Ms. Clifford and Mr. LeClair volunteered to serve on this subcommittee.

### **C. FY20 Budget Update**

Dr. White explained that the Budget Subcommittee has met several times, they have drafted a budget that has been reviewed by School Administration, Town Officials and as a result they bring this draft before before the Board for review and discussion.

Ms. Bowman provided an overview of the project enrollment that will impact the prosed budget.

Dr. Frangos provided an update on the upcoming Professional Development days and events.

Dr. White also reminded everyone of the public hearing set to take place at the April meeting.

V. New Business

A. Curriculum

**B. Business**

1. **Financial Report:** Mr. Kitchen provided an update of the finances for FY 2019; the report is dated 7/1/2018 thru 2/25/2019 with a budget balance of \$268,167.72.

2. Budget Transfers: None at this time.

- C. Personnel
- VI. Special Topic Report

**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:** Chairman LeClair noted that the school year was going fantastic.

**CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:** Dr. White noted that he did not do a report this past Friday. He will have a new report forwarded this Friday. He also spoke briefly about the state budgets and he is waiting for final numbers that will be impacting our budget.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

Ms. Bowman provided a report dated February 25, 2019. She noted that the OHS Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Willow Dowling will perform at the annual Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) Choral Concern on March 5, 2019. The concert will be held in the ORR High School Gym starting at 6:30 p.m. Students in Grades 2 and 3 have participated in the 2018-2019 Learning in Concert Program, “Be Like Beethoven” written by Terry Wolkowicz from the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra. Terry Wolkowicz met with all of the Grade 2 and 3 students together to introduce the program and presented specific lessons to the students in their individual classrooms. Students “explored three compositional techniques used by composers that can also serve as three models to address one of the most significant environmental challenges facing our planet today, the growing problem of plastic pollution. The key to a sustainable planet lies within these composers’ resourceful skills. During the composition process, the skillful composer will reuse (repeat) and repurpose (modify) and recycle (fragment) musical ideas in a piece of music. Use of these techniques has allowed great composers like Beethoven to create beautiful symphonies crafted from a small amount to source musical material. Just as Beethoven effectively reused, repurposes, and recycled musical material, these same three techniques are also effective actions needed to reduce plastic pollution on our planet”. Further, on March 4, 2019 all Grade 2 and 3 students will attend a live concert performance by the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, which will be held at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in New Bedford. Report cards for trimester two will be sent home with all students, in grades one through six on Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. School Committee

**A. Committee Reports:**

1. ORR District School Committee: Mr. Muse noted that they meet on Wednesday.
2. SMEC: Mr. Muse noted that they starting looking at their budget.
3. READS: None at this time.
4. Early Childhood Council: Nothing at this time.
5. MASC: Nothing at this time.
5. Mattapoisett Capital Needs Committee: None at this time.
6. Town Education Foundation: None at this time.
7. Policy Subcommittee: None at this time.
8. Budget Subcommittee: Covered earlier in the meeting.
9. Clock Committee: Nothing at this time.

- 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

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Center School

Joint School Committee – March 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the High School

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Carlino, Secretary