

MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
April 8, 2019
MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Mattapoissett School Committee held on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the Center School Cafeteria, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoissett, Massachusetts.

PRESENT: Patrick LeClair, Chair; Rachel Westgate; Jim Muse

ABSENT: Carole Clifford; Charles Rider; Dr. Elise Frangos, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Doug White, Superintendent; 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 Mattapoissett School Committee to order at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY 20 BUDGET

It was unanimously voted to suspend the regular meeting and open the public hearing on the FY20 budget.

Dr. White provided a presentation of the FY20 budget. The Board received a handout entitled, "Mattapoissett Public School District, FY2020 Appropriated Operating Budget Details, Budget Public Hearing, April 8, 2019 at Center School, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoissett MA 02739".

Dr. White noted that the budget has been drafted and reviewed by many and is now before the Board for comments and ultimately a vote to move forward in order to bring this to the Town for approval and funding of same. He explained that there are visions and expectations for the budget as follows:

- Use the Vision 2023 Strategy Plan, Superintendent Goals and TLS goals to inform budget priorities
- Promote academic and social emotional rigor
- Support sustainable technology and security needs
- Monitor enrollment projections and sustain class sizes that support good educational practice
- Monitor and adjust special education services to support all students
- Develop long range Capital Improvement Plans to meet the present and future facility's needs.

He noted that the proposed budget for FY2020 is \$7,185,583 which is an increase of \$191,359.00 from the FY2019 approved budget of \$6,994,224.00 or 2.74%.

It was unanimously voted to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOGNITION: None at this time.

OPEN COMMENTS: None at this time.

I. Approval of Minutes

1. **Regular Meeting February 25, 2019**
2. Executive Session None
3. Budget Subcommittee: None

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 25, 2019

SECOND: by Ms. Westgate

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

II. Consent Agenda

III. Agenda Items Pending

III. General

A. Project Grow Tuition

Mr. Nelson and Doreen Lopes provided a presentation to the Project Grow Fee Increase. Mr. Nelson noted that the current 4-hour program fee is \$25 with 177 days of service with 24 participants; totaling \$106,200 per year. They are proposing an increase to \$35 with 177 days of service for 27 participants for a total of \$148,680. The increase income across three towns would be \$42,480; with an increase income of \$14,160 per town.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the increase of the Project Grow Tuition to \$35 as recommended

SECOND: by Ms. Westgate

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

B. Transportation Contract Approval

Mr. Kitchen noted that March 5th, the ORR School District conducted an invitation for proposals for student transportation services for school year 2020 through 2022 with two additional optional years of service on behalf of the Town of Marion and Old Rochester Regional School District. Upon review of the bid documents Amaral Bus Company Inc. of 1090 State Road, Westport, MA, has been determined to be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for student transportation. The contract is based upon a cost per mile fee. The mileage for each route has been calculated to develop a daily cost per route. The contract is based upon a school calendar year of 180 days. For the upcoming year 2019-2020, ORR will reimburse Mattapoissett for the cost of the routes required to transport all students attending ORR's Junior and Senior High Schools (Grades 7-12) based upon the actual daily mileage driven times and cost per mile in effect \$364 for 180 days. Said payments to be made semi-annually on October 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020.

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to award the transportation contract to Amaral Bus Company Inc. of Westport, MA as recommended

SECOND: by Ms. Westgate

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

C. FY20 Budget Approval

MOTION: by Mr. Muse to approve the 2020 budget in the amount of \$7,185,583 as recommended

SECOND: by Ms. Westgate
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

D. Curriculum Position Discussion

Dr. White noted that there was discussion at the Joint about having two members from each Board discuss the best direction in which to move forward on this matter. After much discussion with administration as well as Board members, it was decided that the best direction to go with regard to this from within the district is to keep it inhouse and spread the work throughout existing leaders within the district. It was further decided to reexamine the positions during the next school year.

E. READS Appointment

MOTION: by Ms. Westgate that in pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 4E as amended by Chapter

43 of the Acts of 2012, members of the Board of Directors at READS Collaborative

are to be appointed annually. As such, Dr. Douglas White is appointed to serve as the Mattapoisett School District representative on the Board of Directors of READS Collaborative in accordance with MGL Ch. 40, Section 4E as amended by

Ch. 43 of the Acts of 2012 for the 2018/2019 school year

SECOND: by Mr. Muse
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

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 4/30/2019 with a budget balance of \$197,469.28.

2. Budget Transfers: None at this time.

C. Personnel

VI. Special Topic Report

IV. General

F. May 13th Meeting Change

It was the consensus of the Board to change the meeting date from May 13th to May 7th, 2019.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: None at this time.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Dr. White noted that he didn't have

anything new that has happened since his report this past Friday.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Ms. Bowman provided a report dated April 8, 2019. She noted that the Art Show featuring artwork from each student in Grades PreK thru Grade 6, was held at Center School on Wednesday, March 27th. It was a wonderful event for the children. The incoming Kindergarten students will participate in a “meet and greet” on Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Students in Grades 3 thru 6 are participating in MCAS during the dates of April 22 thru 29; and May 9 thru May 21.

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. School Committee

A. Committee Reports:

1. ORR District School Committee: Mr. Muse noted that they approved their FY20 budget. They approved an integrated sports program for the spring.

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

3. READS: Dr. White noted that they hired a new Business Manager, and they are discussing much needed new space options.

4. Early Childhood Council: Nothing at this time.

5. MASC: Nothing at this time.

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

7. Town Education Foundation: Ms. Westgate noted that they have received applications and are reviewing same.

8. Policy Subcommittee: None at this time.

9. Budget Subcommittee: Covered earlier in the meeting.

10. 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, May 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Center School

Joint School Committee – June 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the High School

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Carlino, Secretary