

Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Monomoy Regional High School Library - 75 Oak Street, Harwich, MA 02645

This meeting was broadcast to Channel 22 as well as live-streamed/recorded to the [MRSC YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)

Members present in person: Jackie Zibrat-Long, Chair; Meredith Henderson, Vice-Chair; Scotti Finnegan; Tina Games; Betty Gray; Jessica Rogers; Terry Russell

Members present remotely via Zoom: Sharon Stout

Administrators present: Dr. Scott Carpenter, Superintendent; Marc Smith, Michael MacMillan, Melissa Maguire, Joy Jordan

A. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Zibrat-Long.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE: Sharon Stout: present; Scotti Finnegan: present; Tina Games: present; Betty Gray: present; Jessica Rogers: present; Terry Russell: present; Meredith Henderson: present; Jackie Zibrat-Long: present

B. MRHS Student Representative

MRHS Student Representative Samantha Goode shared an update with the school committee of events at the Monomoy Regional High School since her last report in January 2023.

C. Public Comment: MRSD Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Marc Smith addressed school committee members with his response to Public Comment given by MREA President Laura Weatherup at the March 23, 2023 MRSC meeting.

D. Approval of Minutes

i. March 9, 2023 MRSC Meeting

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2023 MRSC meeting, seconded by Jessica Rogers.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout: aye; Scotti Finnegan: aya; Tina Games: aye; Betty Gray: aye; Jessica Rogers: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

ii. March 23, 2023 MRSC Meeting

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2023 MRSC meeting, seconded by Terry Russell.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout: aye; Scotti Finnegan: abstain; Tina Games: aye; Betty Gray: aye; Jessica Rogers: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye

The motion passes with 7 eyes and 1 abstention.

iii. April 3, 2023 MRSC Special Meeting

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2023 MRSC Special Meeting, seconded by Terry Russell.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout: abstain; Scotti Finnegan: aye; Tina Games: aye; Betty Gray: aye; Jessica Rogers: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye

The motion passes with 7 eyes and 1 abstention.

E. Reports and Discussions

i. Westgate Fellowship Recipient - presented by Michael Westgate

Michael Westgate of the Westgate Foundation shared with school committee members that MRHS Spanish teacher (and MRHS graduate) Laine Kotowski is the recipient of the Westgate Fellowship funding grant of \$2,326.00. With these funds, Ms. Kotowski will travel to Bogota, Colombia to study Spanish this summer.

v. Town of Harwich Request for Surplus / Land for Project Adventure program (presented out of order)

Harwich Youth Services Committee Chair Jeffrey Craig addressed the school committee with his proposal, and request, for the District to eventually surplus a portion of land at the 75 Oak Street, Harwich back to the Town of Harwich. Mr. Craig hopes that the land will serve as the new site for a Project Adventure course. The course would be used by the Harwich recreation department and also could serve as a source of income for the town, as well.

While committee members expressed support of the idea, this proposal will need to be first approved by the Harwich Select Board. The school committee encouraged Mr. Craig to meet with them for approval and then return for a MRSC approval vote at a later date.

i. MRHS Data Presentation - Jennifer Police

MRHS Principal Jennifer Police presented the data report for the High School. In her report, Ms. Police highlighted enrollment trends, demographic data, curriculum and program changes, the student internship program and advanced placement trends. The report also looked at MCAS data including projected Math proficiency and Reading achievement, attendance trends, discipline and mental health referrals, and other contributing factors.

ii. Jawsome Update Presentation - Jennifer Police

Ms. Police remained at the podium to give an update on the Jawsome program. Ms. Police shared the original purpose for which Jawsome was created and some of the challenges the Jawsome program has faced. When reviewed, data showed students struggling after the first two quarters of this school year. Ms. Police shared the intervention plan created and results in student academic improvement from the intervention plan seen in quarter three.

iii. International Trip Update

Dr. Carpenter shared an update on the student trip to Paris, France originally scheduled to take place over April break 2023. Due to civil unrest, strikes and accessibility issues, the school committee rescinded approval for the trip on April 3, 2023. Since that time, Dr. Carpenter has been working with the tour company, World Strides/Explorica, and MRSD families to help those affected by the cancellation to get as much of their money back as possible.

G. Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report

On behalf of the Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee, Meredith Henderson reported that the group met at 5:30 PM (before this current meeting) to discuss the Superintendent's 2022-2023 goals. At the next meeting, Dr. Carpenter will provide his end-of-cycle report and the first draft of his summative evaluation will be read at the May 11, 2023 MRSC meeting.

H. Superintendent's Report

i. Recognition of Donations, Grants, and other Acknowledgments

Dr. Carpenter shared the following recognitions with the school committee:

On March 27th, MRHS students were able to experience first-hand the dangers of distracted and impaired driving through the Save A Life Tour, which uses simulators to show students the risks of driving while texting or while under the influence. This program was brought to Monomoy by Harwich Youth Counselor Sheila House, and was supported by Opioid Recovery and Remediation funds from Chatham and Harwich. Many thanks to Sheila and the towns for supporting this event.

MRHS held its annual Cultural Fair this afternoon, organized by Lisa Forte-Doyle and Mimi van der burg - the main street hallway and cafeteria were filled with students visiting the various tables, which were all student-led and focused on a specific culture's food, history, music, and more. It was a great opportunity for our students to show off their heritage, and to introduce students to cultures they may not have had experience with.

Lastly, we thank the MRSD All-sports Booster Club for purchasing and donating 3 drysuits for our sailing team.

ii. MRSD Regional Agreement - update on DESE recommendations and town meetings

Dr. Carpenter shared that they are still waiting for feedback from DESE regarding their recommendations to proposed updates to the MRSD Regional Agreement. It's likely that this will delay the Regional Agreement being voted on at this year's Town Meetings. Updates to this situation will be provided as information becomes available.

I. Action Items - Vote Required

i. Second Reading: Policy File JLCDA - Administration of Naloxone (Narcan)

MOTION: Sharon Stout moved to approve Policy File JLCDA - Administration of Naloxone (Narcan) as presented, seconded by Betty Gray.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout (1): aye; Scotti Finnegan (.5): aye; Tina Games (1): aye; Betty Gray (.5): aye; Jessica Rogers (.5): aye; Terry Russell (1): aye; Meredith Henderson (1): aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long (.5): aye

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

ii. Second Reading: Policy File BE - School Committee Meetings

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve Policy File BE - School Committee Meetings as presented, seconded by Jessica Rogers.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout (1): aye; Scotti Finnegan (.5): aye; Tina Games (1): aye; Betty Gray (.5): aye; Jessica Rogers (.5): aye; Terry Russell (1): aye; Meredith Henderson (1): aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long (.5): aye

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

J. Presentation of the Warrants

Accounts Payable and Payroll warrants were presented for school committee member signatures.

K. Adjournment

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tina Games.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout (1): aye; Scotti Finnegan (.5): aye; Tina Games (1): aye; Betty Gray (.5): aye; Jessica Rogers (.5): aye; Terry Russell (1): aye; Meredith Henderson (1): aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long (.5): aye

UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Tambolleo
Recording Secretary

Documents reviewed and available upon request

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