

**Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 7 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](#)

The FY24 Budget Public Hearing was held Thursday, February 2, 2023 from 6-7 PM.

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

Members attending remotely via Zoom: Sharon Stout

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

A. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Chair Jackie Zibrat-Long

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE: Tina Games: present; Betty Gray: present; Jessica Rogers: present; Terry Russell: present; Meredith Henderson: present; Jackie Zibrat-Long: present; Sharon Stout: no audio response.

B. Public Comment: None

C. Reports and Discussions

i. Special Education Budget - presented by Melissa Maguire

MRSD Director of Student Services Melissa Maguire provided an overview of the Special Education budget that included the various district programs in each school and the number of students receiving services. Ms. Maguire spoke to the cost of providing special education services in district and the cost associated with referring students for out of district services when unique circumstances arise. The report also included the cost of transportation as it relates to special education services, extended school year (ESY) programs, contracted services, operational costs, entitlement grants, and overall staffing.

Ms. Maguire ended her presentation with a comparison of Monomoy's SPED costs to other local districts and future budget considerations as we look ahead through 2025.

ii. Regional Agreement - removing obsolete language, improving clarity and addressing vacancies

Dr. Carpenter shared that the Regional Agreement working group, which includes Jackie Zibrat-Long, Meredith Henderson and Tina Games met to review the proposed revisions of the MRSD Regional Agreement. These revisions are limited to cleaning up obsolete language in the current version to change terms like 'the regional district' to now read 'Monomoy' and language like 'Selectmen' to 'Select Board'. The new proposed version also corrects a reference point in Debt Service to the proper section of the Regional Agreement.

Dr. Carpenter also noted that while there was a recommendation to change the section related to filling vacancies, we are unable to do so as Mass General Law Chapter 41, Section 11 specifies that what we have in the current Regional Agreement is the correct, lawful method.

The proposed draft of the Regional Agreement will be presented to both Harwich and Chatham Select Boards for their approval.

In discussion, school committee members asked for clarification when referring to annual town meeting vs. town election.

iii. New Student Activity Account - SAIL Cafe

Vote Required

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve the creation of a student activity account for the MRHS Sail Cafe. The motion was seconded by Jessica Rogers.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 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; Sharon Stout (1): aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

iv. FY24 Budget - Public Hearing recap

Chair Zibrat-Long shared that prior to the meeting currently in progress, the school committee held the FY24 Budget Hearing for public input. Members of the community were welcomed to attend the budget hearing as MRSD Business Manager Michael MacMillan presented the most current draft of the FY24 budget. The school committee will vote on the final draft of the budget on March 9, 2023.

D. Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report

i. Portrait of the Graduate - Development Team update

Dr. Carpenter shared that the Development Team met for the last time on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. The first draft of the Portrait of the Graduate will likely be presented in early March 2023 to the full school committee.

Dr. Carpenter thanked all those involved in the process of crafting the Portrait.

ii. Meredith Henderson, on behalf of the Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee, shared that they met to review Dr. Carpenter's progress on his 2022-2023 goals. The Subcommittee will prepare a more formal report for review at the next meeting on February 16, 2023.

E. Superintendent's Report

i. Recognition of Donations, Grants, and other Acknowledgments

Dr. Carpenter reported that on February 1, 2023 the Town of Harwich hosted the Housing Huddle, where the conversation of affordable and attainable housing was discussed.

F. Action Items - Vote Required

i. Student trip to Italy proposal - February 2024

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve the student trip to Italy, proposed for February 2024, as presented at the January 26, 2023 MRSC meeting. The motion was seconded by Terry Russell.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 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; Sharon Stout (1): aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

G. Presentation of the Warrants

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

H. Adjournment

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jessica Rogers.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 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; Sharon Stout (1): aye.

UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Tambollo
Recording Secretary

Documents reviewed and available upon request

February 2, 2023 MRSC Meeting Agenda
Special Education Budget Presentation
Regional Agreement proposed revisions
SAIL Student Activity Account
EF Education Student travel to Italy itinerary