

**Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 6:30PM
Monomoy Regional High School Library - 75 Oak Street, MA 02645**

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

Members present in person: Jackie Zibrat-Long, Chair; Meredith Henderson, Vice-Chair; Danielle Tolley; Tina Games; Jessica Rogers; Terry Russell

Members present in Zoom: Sharon Stout

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

A. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Chair Jackie Zibrat-Long.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE: Sharon Stout (zoom): present; Danielle Tolley, present; Tina Games: present; Jessica Rogers, present; Terry Russell, present; Meredith Henderson: present; Jackie Zibrat-Long, present.

B. Public Comment: None

C. Approval of Minutes

i. MRSC Meeting Minutes: July 14, 2022

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2022 MRSC meeting, seconded by Terry Russell.

DISCUSSION: Sharon Stout asked that Nancy Scott be identified as the member who reported out on the Finance Subcommittee meeting per section E.ii. of the meeting minutes. No objections were made to this proposed modification.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout: aye; Danielle Tolley: aye; Tina Games: aye; Jessica Rogers: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

ii. MRSC Workshop Minutes: August 10, 2022

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2022 MRSC workshop, seconded by Jessica Rogers.

DISCUSSION: Sharon Stout asked that she be noted as 'not present' in these minutes. No objections were made to this proposed modification.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout: aye; Danielle Tolley: aye; Tina Games: aye; Jessica Rogers: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: abstain.

The motion passes with 6 ayes and 1 abstention.

D. Reports and Discussions

i. School Handbooks - Updates & Changes: CES, HES, MRMS & MRHS

The 2022-2023 School Handbook modifications were shared with the school committee by school Principals and Assistant Principals. Some of the presented changes relate to staffing updates, the removal of the mask policy, cell phone policies, and arrival and dismissal policies. All school handbooks are digitally available on the district website under Our District>School Handbooks.

ii. Math Curriculum

MRSD Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Marc Smith, presented information to committee members supporting the adoption of a new math curriculum at the High School. After having reviewed the math and resource

materials available at the HS, team members took a deeper dive into the purchasing process of new math curriculum resource materials. Carnegie Learning was selected as the new vendor for these materials.

The district also received the DESE Accelerating Math grant that will help offset costs associated with the purchase and contract commitment to this new curriculum resource.

As the school committee must approve contract terms beyond three years, Mr. Smith asked the committee for their vote to approve the purchase of these materials and enter a 7-year contract with Carnegie.

In discussion, school committee members asked questions related to the purchase of these materials, the contract term, curriculum policies, and providing updates on student success.

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve that the District enter into a seven year contract with Carnegie Learning for a High School Math Solution, including textbooks, software, and other materials, and professional development services. The motion was seconded by Terry Russell.

Discussion: It was recommended that the term length and cost should be included in the motion.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: Meredith Henderson re-read her original motion to include the new language:

Motion to approve that the District enter into a seven year contract with Carnegie Learning for a High School Math Solution, including textbooks, software, and other materials, and professional development services. The total cost of this contract to the district is \$151,143.60 over seven years. In addition to these costs the Department for Elementary and Secondary Education is contributing \$31,199.48 to pay for some of the professional development costs and materials.

The amendment was seconded by Terry Russell.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout: aye; Danielle Tolley: aye; Tina Games: aye; Jessica Rogers: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

iii. Review of MRSC Remote Participation/Policy File BE

At the MRSC meeting of July 14, 2022, the school committee voted on and passed 4:3:1 the motion “to discontinue virtual participation for the school committee members at scheduled meetings and to follow the language of remote participation in Policy File BE”. After that motion was voted on, the committee asked the Chair to seek further clarification from legal counsel on remote participation at subcommittee meetings. The discussion this evening started with Ms. Zibrat-Long sharing the response from legal counsel as it relates to the language of the original motion. The committee then engaged in a robust exchange on how the REMOTE PARTICIPATION part of Policy File BE reads. Some members expressed that the policy itself lacked clarity as it relates to Governor’s extension of certain provisions pertaining to Open Meeting Law. After much debate, the Chair offered that those seeking more clarity to please provide specific questions in writing and she will go back to legal counsel for additional clarification on the original motion, its intent, and remote participation at subcommittee meetings. Until that information is provided, the Chair reiterated that anyone requesting remote participation to a scheduled subcommittee meeting get permission from her for that access.

iv. District Safety Crisis Trainings/CrisisGO/Sept 23, 2022 half day request

MRSD Director of Instructional Technology Jim Birchfield was invited to the podium to share his presentation on the new digital safety and crisis response platform CrisisGo that the district will be utilizing as its new emergency response software. CrisisGo will be available as an app and will work on student, staff, parent/guardian devices to communicate all drill and safety-related issues.

Dr. Carpenter continued on the subject stating that the week of September 19, 2022 will focus on training and safety protocols. As this new CrisisGo software is being implemented in the district, Dr. Carpenter is also asking for school committee members to approve a change to the school calendar for Friday, September 23, 2022 to be a half-day for students. Staff will use the second half of the day for PD/training on the new software.

Dr. Carpenter also noted that the district will be holding a Parent University on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6PM in the MRHS Auditorium.

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to adjust to the 2022-2023 school calendar to reflect a half-day for students on Friday, September 23, 2022 in order for staff to have a district safety crisis training which will include the new app, CrisisGo. The motion was seconded by Jessica Rogers.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout: aye; Danielle Tolley: aye; Tina Games: aye; Jessica Rogers: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

v. First Reading: 2022-2023 School Committee Goals

Vice-Chair Meredith Henderson read the 22-23 MRSC goals that were set at the workshop, held on August 11, 2022. Some edits were suggested to Action Steps 1, 2, & 4. These edits will be added to the draft and presented for a new first reading at the September 8, 2022 MRSC meeting.

E. Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report

i. Strategic Plan Update

On behalf of the Strategic Plan Subcommittee, Danielle Tolley reported out that the group had met on August 10, 2022 with the Teachers Learning Alliance (TLA) to discuss the Potriat of a Graduate and establish a working timeline/schedule.

ii. Housing Task Force Update

On behalf of the Housing Task Force, Jessica Rogers and Tina Games both reported out on their efforts in working with both Chatham and Harwich Housing Authorities. Additionally, work is underway to collaborate with the Nauset Regional School Committee to initiate a joint conversation with that board and involve both Sarah Peake and Julian Cyr to express concerns related to the housing crisis.

F. Superintendent's Report

i. Recognition of Donations, Grants, and other Acknowledgements

Dr. Carpenter thanked and recognized the Custodians for all their hard work and efforts over the summer to ready the buildings for the start of the new school year.

He commended the district Administrative team for their commitment to creating a culture of inclusion and success -of all kinds- for all students.

ii. Back-to-school updates

Dr. Carpenter was pleased to share that the district has hired a new HS Spanish teacher.

Dr. Carpenter also provided an update on enrollment at the HS. New information suggests that there are more students in 8th & 9th grade than previously anticipated.

Lastly, Dr. Carpenter shared that Convocation will be held Wednesday, August 31st at 8:30 AM in the MRHS Auditorium.

G. Action Items

i. Math Curriculum Contract - Potential Vote

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The amendment was seconded by Terry Russell.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout: aye; Danielle Tolley: aye; Tina Games: aye; Jessica Rogers: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

ii. Half day for students September 23, 2022 - Potential vote

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to adjust to the 2022-2023 school calendar to reflect a half-day for students on Friday, September 23, 2022 in order for staff to have a district safety crisis training which will include the new app, CrisisGo. The motion was seconded by Jessica Rogers.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout: aye; Danielle Tolley: aye; Tina Games: aye; Jessica Rogers: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

iii. Approval of Prior Year Invoices

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve payment of prior year invoices for a total of \$18,723.79 as presented in the agenda packet. This motion was seconded by Jessica Rogers.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout: aye; Danielle Tolley: aye; Tina Games: aye; Jessica Rogers: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

iv. Declaration of Surplus

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve the declaration of surplus items as presented in the agenda packets, seconded by Jessica Rogers.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout: aye; Danielle Tolley: aye; Tina Games: aye; Jessica Rogers: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

v. Presentation of the Warrants

Accounts Payable and Payroll warrants was not made. The warrants will be signed by the designated signer Meredith Henderson tomorrow and the warrants will come to the full committee for signatures at the September 8, 2022 MRSC meeting.

H. Adjournment

MOTION: Danielle Tolley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Meredith Henderson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout: aye; Danielle Tolley, aye; Tina Games: aye; Jessica Rogers, aye; Terry Russell, aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long, aye.

UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Tambolleo
Recording Secretary

Documents reviewed and available upon request:

MRSC Meeting Agenda for August 24, 2022

MRSC Meeting Minutes: July 14, 2022

MRSC Workshop Minutes: August 10, 2022

School Handbooks - Updates & Changes: CES, HES, MRMS & MRHS

Math Curriculum & Proposed Contract

CrisisGo Presentation

2022-2023 School Committee Goals

Prior Year Invoices

Declaration of Surplus