

Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 25, 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: Meredith Henderson, Chair; Betty Gray, Vice-Chair; Jackie Zibrat-Long; Tina Games; Jessica Rogers; Terry Russell; Ryan Clarke

Members not present: Scotti Finnegan

Administrators present: Dr. Scott Carpenter, Superintendent; Marc Smith

A. Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Dr. Scott Carpenter at 6:33 PM.

B. Vote for Chair, Vice Chair of the Monomoy Regional School Committee

Dr. Carpenter called for a nomination for Chair of the Monomoy Regional School Committee.

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to nominate Meredith Henderson as Chair of the Monomoy Regional School Committee. The motion was seconded by Terry Russell.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

Meredith Henderson called for a nomination for Vice-Chair of the Monomoy Regional School Committee.

MOTION: Tina Games moved to nominate Betty Gray as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Jessica Rogers.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

C. MRHS Student Representative

MRHS senior Samantha Goode delivered her final report for the 2022-2023 school year. She shared information about events occurring at the HS since her last report which included the Dream Day 5K fundraiser and the National Honor Society fundraiser for Suicide Awareness. Her report also included the Spring Concert, Senior Arts Night, and a National Arts Honor Society event called the *Bridging of the Generation Gap through Art* at the Maple Woods Senior Center in Brewster.

D. Public Comment: None

E. Approval of Minutes:

a. April 27, 2023 MRSC Meeting

MOTION: Tina Games moved to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2023 MRSC meeting. The motion was seconded by Jackie Zibrat-Long.

The motion passes with 6 ayes and Jessica Rogers abstaining from the vote.

b. May 11, 2023 MRSC Meeting

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2023 MRSC meeting. The motion was seconded by Betty Gray.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

F. Reports and Discussions

a. Welcome new Monomoy Regional School Committee member Ryan Clarke

New MRSC member Ryan Clarke was welcomed to the committee by Chair Meredith Henderson. Mr. Clarke is the newest member of the Monomoy Regional School Committee and represents Harwich.

b. Monomoy Youth Card - Sheila House, Director of Harwich Youth Services

Sheila House, Director of Harwich Youth Services, presented the new Monomoy Youth Card to school committee members. This reference card contains contact information for students who might be in need of local and national resources for students, including LGBTQ organizations, substance abuse, eating disorders, mental health, and domestic violence for themselves or their peers. The cards will be distributed to students through the high school.

c. Student Trip proposal to Costa Rica with EF Tours in February 2024 - Dustan Burns

MRHS teacher Dustan Burns presented his proposal to travel to Costa Rica in February 2024 with EF Tours. This 9-day tour proposes to start on February 17, 2024 with the group visiting different parts of the country and engaging in possible activities like zip lining, kayaking, white water rafting, and visiting National Parks. The group also aims to include more opportunities for local language and culture engagement. The price per student is estimated to be \$3504, plans for roughly 40 student travelers and will have a student to chaperone ratio of 6:1.

In discussion, members asked questions related to the insurance/cancellation policy and asked that Superintendent Carpenter review it before the group fully commits to the program.

School Committee members will vote to approve the trip at the June 8, 2023 MRSC meeting.

d. Set summer meeting/workshop dates

School Committee members agreed via general consensus to change the summer meetings dates from Thursday to Wednesday evenings. The new agreed upon meeting dates will be on July 12, 2023, August 9th and 23rd, 2023 with August 9th serving as the date of the school committee's annual workshop.

e. Subcommittee Assignments - preferences due by June 1, 2023

Chair Henderson asked school committee members to submit their subcommittee preferences for the 23-24 school year by June 1, 2023. She will bring a draft of assigned committees to the June 8, 2023 MRSC meeting for discussion / approval.

f. Approval of MRHS Interact Club donation to the Family Pantry of Cape Cod

See in Action Items below.

g. Approval of MRHS Key Club donation to Sharing Kindness

See in Action Items below.

h. First Reading: Policy Files with minor changes for review

i. BBBA/BBBB: School Committee Member Qualifications/Oaths of Office; GBGB: Staff Personal Security and Safety

Committee members reviewed policy files BBBA/BBBB: School Committee Member Qualifications/Oaths of Office; GBGB: Staff Personal Security and Safety for a first reading. There were questions related to the

BBBA/BBBB: School Committee Member Qualifications/Oaths of Office and it will go back to the policy subcommittee for further review.

In discussion, members agreed to move Policy file GBGB: Staff Personal Security and Safety for an approval vote at this meeting.

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve Policy file GBGB: Staff Personal Security and Safety. The motion was seconded by Betty Gray.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

i. Policy Files for minor wording updates (no content changes)

Potential Vote

- i. **ACA: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex; CCB: Staff Relations; GBA EEO/Affirmative Action; GBEC: Drug-Free workplace; GCA: Professional Staff Positions; GCF: Professional Staff Hiring; HB: Negotiations Legal Status; JICA: Student Dress Code; JIH: Searches and Interrogations; JLCB: Inoculations of Students**

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MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve policy files CCB: Staff Relations; GBA EEO/Affirmative Action; GBEC: Drug-Free workplace; GCA: Professional Staff Positions; GCF: Professional Staff Hiring; HB: Negotiations Legal Status; JICA: Student Dress Code; JIH: Searches and Interrogations; JLCB: Inoculations of Students as presented with minor wording updates but no content changes. The motion was seconded by Ryan Clarke.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

j. Policy Files for removal

Potential Vote

- i. **BEDB: Agenda Format; BEDH-E: Guidelines for Public Comment; BK: School Committee Memberships; JKA: Corporal Punishment**

See in Action Items below.

G. Subcommittee, Representative, Liaison Reports

a. Policy Subcommittee: Discussion for updating policy language to be more inclusive

School Committee members briefly engaged in a conversation to start editing Policy Files to change such language as 'he/she' to 'he/she/they' or 'their', etc., in an effort to be more inclusive. The conversation will be continued at a future meeting once there is more clarity if this process will be done one at a time as policy files are brought before the committee for review or all at once on the backend in one broad stroke.

H. Superintendent's Report

- a. Recognition of Donations, Grants, and other Acknowledgments

Dr. Carpenter shared two dates of importance: Senior Convocation will be brought back after a COVID hiatus and will be held June 1, 2023 in the MRHS Auditorium and Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023, starting at 6 PM on the MRHS Athletic Field.

I. Action Items - Vote Required

- a. **Approval of MRHS Interact Club donation to the Family Pantry of Cape Cod**

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the MRHS Interact Club donation to the Family Pantry of Cape Cod in the amount of \$750.00. The motion was seconded by Betty Gray.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

b. Approval of MRHS Key Club donation to Sharing Kindness

MOTION: Jessica Rogers moved to approve the MRHS Key Club donation to Sharing Kindness in the amount of \$453.00. The motion was seconded by Ryan Clarke.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

c. Policy Files for minor wording updates (no content changes)

Potential Vote

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve policy files CCB: Staff Relations; GBA EEO/Affirmative Action; GBEC: Drug-Free workplace; GCA: Professional Staff Positions; GCF: Professional Staff Hiring; HB: Negotiations Legal Status; JICA: Student Dress Code; JIH: Searches and Interrogations; JLCB: Inoculations of Students as presented with minor wording updates (no content changes). The motion was seconded by Ryan Clarke.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

d. Policy Files for removal

Potential Vote

MOTION: Betty Gray moved to approve the removal of policy files BEDB: Agenda Format; BEDH-E: Guidelines for Public Comment; BK: School Committee Memberships; and JKA: Corporal Punishment. The motion was seconded by Jessica Rogers.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

J. Presentation of the Warrants

Accounts Payable and Payroll warrants will be sent electronically to School Committee members for their signatures.

K. Adjournment

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jessica Rogers.

UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Tambolleo
Recording Secretary