Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 23, 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: Jackie Zibrat-Long, Chair; Meredith Henderson, Vice Chair; Betty Gray; Tina Games; Jessica Rogers

Members not present: Scotti Finnegan

Members attending remotely via Zoom: Sharon Stout; Terry Russell

Administrators present: Scott Carpenter, Superintendent; Marc Smith; Michael MacMillan; Joy Jordan

A. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Chair Jackie Zibrat-Long.
ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE: Sharon Stout: present; Terry Russell:present; Tina Games: present; Betty Gray: present; Jessica Rogers: present; Meredith Henderson: present; Jackie Zibrat-Long: present.

B. MRHS Student Representative - Not available

C. Public Comment:
MREA Vice President and MRMS teacher Jesse Malloy addressed school commitee members stating his concerns related to attendance letters received by the MREA membership before February Break 2023.

Harwich Elementary School instructional assistant Caitlyn Hopper shared her feedback with school committee members related to the attendance letter she received.

MREA President Laura Weatherup addressed the school committee with her comments responding to statements made by MRSD Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Marc Smith at the March 9, 2023 MRSC meeting.

D. Reports and Discussions

i. Dream Day on Cape Cod student proposal with Cheri Armstrong

MRHS Career Education and Planning Coordinator Cheri Armstrong introduced MRHS seniors Max Weinberg and Colin Moore to the podium who shared their plan to hold a fundraising event for DreamDay on Cape Cod, a *'Non-Profit Organization Based in Brewster, Massachusetts, dedicated to bringing respite into the lives of children with serious and/or life-threatening illnesses and their families'*. Max and Colin, through their MRHS Internship program, are planning to host a 5K run and after-event on May 13, 2023 along the Chatham Turkey Trot route. The students have close to $3200 in confirmed sponsorships, have met with Chatham Police and Fire, are scheduled to meet the Chatham Select Board for their approval, and have secured other local support and donations for this event.
After their presentation, the students and Ms. Armstrong fielded questions/comments from school committee members.

ii. COLA for Barnstable County Retirees **Potential Vote**

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve the Acts of 2022 Chapter 269 for a one-time adjustment of the Cost of Living for retirees of Barnstable County retirement association from 3% to 5% for fiscal year 2024 only. The motion was seconded by Betty Gray.

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

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

iii. MRMS Data Presentation

MRMS Principal Adam O'Shea presented the 2021-2022 data report for the Middle School. In his report, Mr. O'Shea highlighted the successes they've seen over the last year and identified the areas where there is still need for improvements. The report looked at MCAS data including projected Math proficiency and Reading achievement, grades 5-7 reading and math data from 2018 through today, social and emotional well-being and counseling referrals from 2019 through 2023, and differentiated instruction.

iv. Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Public Education

MRSD Director of Instructional Technology Jim Birchfield and MRSD Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Marc Smith shared their presentation on Articial Intelligence (AI) in Education. The presentation included information on the different types of AI, as we currently know it, some of its capabilities, and where it's heading next. Mr. Smith shared a video of an AI interpretation of the song, '*Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds*' and further demonstrated AI's abilities to create a resume and cover letter from basic prompts.

As it relates to education, there are questions surrounding AI in terms of academic integrity, future skills needed, and barriers AI will present and remove for future generations.

After the presentation, Mr. Smith and Mr. Birchfield took questions and comments from school committee members.

v. FY24 Budget: Conversations with Harwich and Chatham Finance Committees

Dr. Carpenter shared that he and MRSD Business Manager had met with both Harwich and Chatham Finance Committees for their approval of the MRSD FY24 budget, which was passed by the MRSC at the March 9th meeting. Dr. Carpenter will meet next with the Harwich Select Board on Monday, March 27th for their approval of the budget.

vi. MRSD Regional Agreement - DESE Recommendations

Dr. Carpenter reported that while recommended language to the regional agreement had been approved by the school committee and Select Boards, DESE had a set of their own recommendations that may hold up moving the proposals forward to town meeting. Dr. Carpenter will continue to confer with legal counsel and DESE on their recommendations and a decision will be made at later date whether or not to move this round of changes forward.

vii. 2023-2024 School Choice Participation

As required every year, the school committee must take a formal vote to participate in school choice for the following school year.

MOTION: Sharon Stout moved that the Monomoy Regional School District participate in the 2023-2024 School Choice program, seconded by Terry Russell.

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

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

viii. First Reading: Policy File JLCDA - Administration of Naloxone (Narcan)

On bahalf of the Policy Subcommitte, Sharon Stout shared policy file JLCDA - Administration of Naloxone (Narcan) for a first reading. No edits or modifications were made. This policy will come back for a second reading and approval vote at the April 13, 2023 MRSC meeting.

ix. First Reading: Policy File BE - School Committee Meetings

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E. Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report - No reports.

F. Superintendent's Report

i. Recognition of Donations, Grants, and other Acknowledgments

Dr. Carpenter thanked and recognized the following for their contributions to the Monomoy Regional School District:

> Congratulations to the MRHS drama department on a successful run of 9 to 5: The Musical last week - the students and staff worked hard and the result was another fantastic production!
>
> Thanks to Charles Gruszka for presenting to a packed room at our Parent University last night - he shared his experience and expertise on the development of self-esteem in young people. Part 2 of this series will be held next Wednesday.
>
> A number of Monomoy students have art on display at the Through Young Eyes exhibit at the Cape Cod Museum of Art. The show runs through May 7.

Dr. Carpenter then continued in his report to address Public Comments made earlier in the evening.

G. Action Items - Vote Required

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UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

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UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

iii. April 2024 Student trip to Montreal/Quebec City

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve the April 2024 Student trip to Montreal and Quebec City. The motion was seconded by Jessica Rogers.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout (1): aye; Terry Russell (1): aye; Tina Games (1): aye; Betty Gray (.5): aye; Jessica Rogers (.5): aye; Meredith Henderson (1): aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long (.5): aye.
UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

iv. MRMS Declaration of Surplus Items

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve surplus items as presented in their agenda packets, seconded by Jessica Rogers.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout (1): aye; Terry Russell (1): aye; Tina Games (1): aye; Betty Gray (.5): aye; Jessica Rogers (.5): aye; Meredith Henderson (1): aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long (.5): aye.
UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

H. Presentation of the Warrants

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

I. Adjournment

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jessica Rogers.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Sharon Stout (1): aye; Terry Russell (1): aye; Tina Games (1): aye; Betty Gray (.5): aye; Jessica Rogers (.5): aye; Meredith Henderson (1): aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long (.5): aye.
UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Tambolleo
Recording Secretary

Documents reviewed and available upon request:

March 23, 2023 MRSC Meeting Agenda
Dream Day on Cape Cod student proposal
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