

**Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee  
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 6:30PM  
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; Tina Games; Jessica Rogers; Terry Russell; Betty Gray

**Members present via Zoom:** Sharon Stout

**Members not present:** Danielle Tolley

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

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

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

**B. Public Comment:** None

**C. Approval of Minutes:** December 8, 2022

Chair Zibrat-Long noted that a request had been made that, going forward, the votes be counted as weighted votes.

**MOTION:** Meredith Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2022 MRSC meeting, seconded by Terry Russell.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Sharon Stout (1): 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.

**D. Reports and Discussions**

**i. Review Subcommittee Assignments - updated version**

Chair Zibrat-Long shared the updated version of the 2022-2023 Subcommittee Assignments. Some edits were suggested. The assignment sheet will be presented at the next meeting for final review.

**ii. MRHS Open Campus Program - Vote Required**

In a continuation of the MRHS Open Campus Program proposal conversation, school committee members reviewed new information provided by the 2023 Class Officers. The committee engaged in further discussion related schedules, participation privileges and equity, the discipline code, parent feedback, and the impact on local business.

**MOTION:** Meredith Henderson moved to approve a soft launch of the Open Campus Pilot Program with the understanding that students, advisors, and administration would come back to the School Committee in February 2023 to share updates and data of the program. The motion was seconded by Tina Games.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Sharon Stout (1): 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.

**iii. Approval of MRHS Animal Welfare Club donation to The New England Society of Abandoned Animals - Vote Required**

**MOTION:** Meredith Henderson moved to approve the donation of \$475.00 to the New England Society of Abandoned Animals from the MRHS Animal Welfare Club. The motion was seconded by Tina Games.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Sharon Stout (1): 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.

**iv. MRSD Budget Projection - 5 Year Plan**

MRSD Business Manager Michael MacMillan shared a five year budget projection with the school committee. Looking ahead from FY25-FY29, Mr. MacMillan noted some areas the district is tracking are ESSER funds, school choice, employment contracts, roof management, and the MRHS Athletic track. The report also included information related to foundation enrollment, birth rates, assumptions vs. actual figures, employment, collective bargaining, fixed and variable costs, anticipated capital expenses, Excess and Deficiency, and the town assessments. After his report, Mr. MacMillan fielded questions and comments from committee members.

**v. Adjustment to the January 2023 School Committee meeting dates**

Chair Zibrat-Long shared that there will be an adjustment to the January 2023 MRSC meeting dates. The January 5th meeting will be cancelled and there will be a regular business meeting on January 12th. The FY24 Budget Workshop will now take place on January 19th. There will also be another regular business meeting now on January 26th.

**F. Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report**

**i. Finance Subcommittee - reporting out**

On behalf of the Finance Subcommittee, Jackie Zibrat-Long shared that they met to review the budget projection and FY24 draft budget on December 13, 2022. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet next on January 10, 2023 to vote on the draft budget, which will then come to the full committee on January 12, 2023.

**G. Superintendent's Report: Recognition of Donations, Grants, and other Acknowledgments**

Dr. Carpenter thanked and recognized the following for their contributions and achievements:

MRMS STEM teacher Emily Nyerick has been honored as the 2022 Barnstable County Science Educator of the Year by the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers.

On December 3, The Harwich Elementary PTO brought back the Holiday Bazaar with great success - of note is the more than 50 Monomoy high school and middle school students who gave up part of their Saturday to volunteer at the event. Many thanks to the PTO coordinators and all of the volunteers for making this beloved community tradition possible.

Congratulations to the Monomoy Middle School Robotics Team for a strong showing at their First Lego League competition last weekend. The team, led by Nancy Gifford and Emily Nyerick, worked hard to prepare and continually re-worked and improved their programs throughout the day of the competition.

We would like to thank the MIT Club of Cape Cod for their STEM mini grant in the amount of \$500 for the MRHS Robotics Program.

The Nauset Garden Club Grant for their Mini Grant to the MRHS Climate Action Club for \$1000.00.

**H. Action Items - Vote Required**

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**UNANIMOUS** the motion passes.

## iii.- viii. Second Reading- Policy File AC: Nondiscrimination Policy; Second Reading- Policy File JB: Equal; Educational Opportunities; Second Reading- Policy File JL: Student Welfare; Second Reading- Policy File IJLA - Library Resources; Second First Reading- Policy File JKAA: Physical Restraint; Second Reading- Policy File DN: Sale of Surplus Equipment.

**MOTION:** Meredith Henderson moved to approve the policy files as presented in the agenda packet. The motion was seconded by Tina Games.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Sharon Stout (1): 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.

## 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, seconded by Terry Russell.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Sharon Stout (1): 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 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Tambolloe  
Recording Secretary

**Documents reviews and available upon request**

December 22, 2023 MRSC Meeting Agenda

December 8, 2022 MRSC Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee Assignments

MRHS Open Campus Program

MRHS Animal Welfare Club donation to The NE Society of Abandoned Animals

MRSD Budget Projection - 5 Year Plan

Policy File AC: Nondiscrimination Policy

Policy File JB: Equal Educational Opportunities

Policy File JL: Student Welfare

Policy File ULA - Library Resources

Policy File JKAA: Physical Restraint

Policy File ON: Sale of Surplus Equipment