

**Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee  
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 29, 2024 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:** Meredith Henderson: Chair; Betty Gray: Vice-Chair; Terry Russell; Ryan Clarke; Scotti Finnegan; Tina Games; Jackie Zibrat-Long.

**Members not present:** Jessica Rogers.

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

**A. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Meredith Henderson.

**B. MRHS Student Representative**

MRHS Student Representative Talia Perez shared her report on the events at the High School during the month of February 2024. Highlights include the Robotics Team qualifying for the VEX Regionals, the MRHS Cheer Team advancing to South Regionals and other sports victories and achievements. Miss Perez also shared that the MRHS hosted the All Arts Night on February 15th and noted that students who participated in the EF trip to Italy over February break had a great experience abroad. Miss Perez concluded her report reminding members of the Empty Bowls, Full Hearts fundraiser - to be held on March 7th - that will help support the Family Table Collaborative of Cape Cod.

**C. Approval of Minutes:**

**i. January 25, 2024 MRSC Regular Business Meeting**

**MOTION:** Tina Games moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024 MRSD Business Meeting. The motion was seconded by Betty Gray.

**UNANIMOUS** the motion passes.

**ii. February 8, 2024: FY25 Budget Hearing & MRSC Regular Business Meeting**

**MOTION:** Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the minutes from both the February 8, 2024 FY25 Budget Hearing and the Regular Business Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ryan Clarke.

**UNANIMOUS** the motion passes.

**D. Public Comment:** MREA President Laura Weatherup addressed the committee regarding comments made at the February 8, 2024 Regular Business Meeting during the budget presentation about class sizes at the elementary schools.

**E. Reports and Discussions**

~~i. First Reading: 2024-2025 MRSD School Calendar~~ Not presented - moved to March 14, 2024 MRSC agenda.

**ii. FY25 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:** Betty Gray moved that the Monomoy Regional School District participate in the School Choice program for the 2024-2025 school year. The motion was seconded by Terry Russell.

**UNANIMOUS** the motion passes.

**iii. FY25 Budget Update**

MRSD Business Manager Michael MacMillan shared that the FY25 MRSD budget had been presented to both the Harwich and Chatham Select Boards and is being supported by both towns. Mr. MacMillan will present the final draft of the budget to the school committee on March 14, 2024 for an approval vote.

**iv. Quarter 2 Finance Report**

**Potential Vote**

MRSD Business Manager Michael MacMillan remained at the podium to share an overview of the Qtr 2 Finance Report.

The School Committee was asked to approve the budget transfers listed in the table below. These transfers are requested to increase the budget to cover costs related to new hires and translation services.

**MOTION:** Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the FY24 quarter two budget transfers as listed in the memorandum provided to the School Committee:

Major account	Account Number	Account Name	Transfer
Instructional Leadership	1000.30.2130.100.205.001.3421	DIST IT Leaders And Training Admin Sal	+ \$20,000
Instructional Leadership	1000.30.2110.100.205.001.0881	DIST Curr Dir Supvsry Admin Sal	+ \$15,000
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Programs with other school districts	1000.30.3300.440.331.001.1464	DIST Transp Transportation Cont Svcs	-\$57,000

**UNANIMOUS** the motion passes.

**v. Approval of MRHS student activity account: Robotics Club**

**MOTION:** Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the creation of a student activity account for the Robotics Club at the Monomoy Regional High School. The motion was seconded by Betty Gray.

**UNANIMOUS** the motion passes.

**F. Subcommittee, Representative, Liaison Reports**

**i. Negotiations Subcommittee - reporting out (presented out of order)**

On behalf of the Negotiations Subcommittee, Scotti Finnegan shared that the collective bargaining process with the MREA is moving along and the groups will meet again next week for further discussion.

**G. Superintendent's Report**

**i. Recognition of Donations, Grants, and other Acknowledgments (presented out of order)**

**Dr. Carpenter shared the following recognitions:**

*Today wraps up Public Schools Week, which is a time to celebrate the heart of our communities – our public schools – and the amazing work being done by our students and educators.*

*Lillian Gould, a senior at Monomoy Regional High School in Harwich, was recently honored by the Captain Joshua Gray-Jonathan Hatch Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution with its 2024 Good Citizen Award.*

The DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest, created in 1934, is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. The organization selects one student from each high school on Cape Cod to receive this award.

Lilly and the other honorees were presented with their awards at a reception on February 10, 2024.

Monomoy Regional School District is now offering online registration for incoming Kindergarten students at Chatham Elementary School and Harwich Elementary School. All children residing in Chatham or Harwich who reach the age of 5 before September 1, 2024, are eligible for enrollment in Monomoy's Kindergarten program. Registration for all children eligible to enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2024 can be submitted by going to [monomoy.edu](http://monomoy.edu) and clicking on Enrollment.

**H. Action Items - Vote Required**

**i. FY25 School Choice participation**

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**UNANIMOUS** the motion passes.

**ii. Quarter 2 Finance Budget Transfers**

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**I. Presentation of the Warrants** Accounts Payable warrants were presented for School Committee member signatures.

**J. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Betty Gray moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jackie Zibrat-Long.

**UNANIMOUS** the meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Tambolleo  
Recording Secretary