

**Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 27, 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; Jessica Rogers; Betty Gray; Tina Games; Ryan Clarke; Terry Russell; Scotti Finnegan

Members not Present: Jackie Zibrat-Long

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

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:34PM by Chair Meredith Henderson.

B. 2024 Superintendent Scholar Award for Academic Excellence

Superintendent Scott Carpenter awarded MRHS Senior Yu Ying Zou with the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Award for Academic Excellence. These awards are given to high school students who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of excellence during their high school careers. Criteria for the award looks at the three-year cumulative average, rank in class and selection by the superintendent from the top 5%.

C. Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2024 MRSC Meeting

MOTION: Tina Games moved to approve the minutes from the MRSC Meeting of March 14, 2024. The motion was seconded by Jessica Rogers.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

D. Public Comment: None

E. Reports and Discussions

i. MRMS Siding and Trim Debt

MRSD Business Manager Michael MacMillan shared the following information:

The siding and trim of the Monomoy Regional Middle School building is in a state of significant deterioration. There is evidence of water infiltration and there has been a reduction in air quality in some parts of the building. The district has carried out ad hoc repairs to the outside of the building but until the entire building is water tight these repairs have limited impact. We are proposing a one-off project to replace the 'building wrap' and all the siding and trim around the building. Based on an initial quote received by the district, the cost of this project, including design and construction, is estimated to be around \$2,500,000.

Therefore:

MOTION 1: Scotti Finnegan moved to approve that the amount of two million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) is appropriated for renovating and reconstructing the exterior siding of the Monomoy Regional Middle School, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Chair of the Committee, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Law chapter 71, section 16 subsection d or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the District therefor. The motion was seconded by Betty Gray.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

MOTION 2: Tina Games moved to approve that within seven days following the date of this vote, the School Committee Clerk is directed to give written notice of the amount of the debt authorized by this vote and of the general purposes for which it was authorized, to the Select Board in Chatham and the Board of Selectmen in Harwich. The motion was seconded by Jessica Rogers.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

ii. Transportation Contract Overview

MRSD Business Manager Michael MacMillan shared he is going to out bid for the next transportation contract. It'll be a 3-year contract with an optional extension of 2 years. He had a pre-bid meeting on March 21st to 'test the waters' of prospective vendor interest, which was met with positive response.

The transportation bid window will close on April 8th and Mr. MacMillan will return before the school committee with an update on the process and vote to approve the contract.

iii. First Reading of Policy Files: LBC - Relations with Nonpublic Schools; IJOA - Field Trips; IJOA - Athletic Trips; IJOA - Travel Abroad; JJH - Domestic Late Night or Overnight Trips

On behalf of the Policy Subcommittee, Betty Gray reviewed the above mentioned policies with the full committee. Policy files IJOA - Athletic Trips and JJH - Domestic Late Night or Overnight Trips will go back to the policy subcommittee for more clarification. The others will be presented for a second reading and approval vote at the April 11, 2024 MRSC meeting.

F. Subcommittee, Representative, Liaison Reports

i. Negotiations Subcommittee - reporting out

On behalf of the Negotiations Subcommittee, Scotti Finnegan shared that the group will meet again on April 1, 2024 to continue the collective bargaining process with Unit C.

ii. Policy Subcommittee - reporting out

On behalf of the Policy Subcommittee, Betty Gray shared that, in addition to the work done to present the above policies for a first reading, the group will meet again on April 2, 2024 to review the policies in question and any other policies that might need updating.

G. Superintendent's Report

i. Recognition of Donations, Grants, and other Acknowledgments

Dr. Carpenter shared that Nurse Leader Cheryl Dufault and Joy Jorday have been working on putting together information related to new cold/flu/rsv/covid guidelines that will go out to district families/staff shortly. Dr. Carpenter also shared that on Saturday, March 30, 2024 Public Safety First Responders will be holding safety drills at the MRHS.

H. Action Items - Vote Required

i. MRHS Trip for February 2025: EF Tours to the Galapagos Islands with Dustan Burns

MOTION: Betty Gray moved to approve the MRHS trip to the Galapagos Islands with EF Tours in February 2025, seconded by Terry Russell.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

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UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

iii. Second Reading: 2024-2025 MRSD School Calendar

MOTION: Betty Gray moved to approve the 2024-2025 MRSD School Calendar as presented, seconded by Jessica Rogers.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

I. Presentation of the Warrants

Accounts Payable and Payroll warrants were presented for School Committee member signatures.

J. Adjourn

MOTION: Betty Gray moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jessica Rogers.

UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns at 7:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Tambolleo
Recording Secretary