

Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:00 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 on the [MRSC YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)

Members present: Meredith Henderson, Chair; Betty Gray, Vice-Chair; Tina Games; Ryan Clarke; Terry Russell; Jackie Zibrat-Long

Members not Present: Scotti Finnegan; Jessica Rogers

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

A. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Meredith Henderson.

B. Adjournment to Executive Session Roll Call Vote to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares it.

MOTION: Tina Games moved to adjourn to Executive Session, seconded by Ryan Clarke.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ryan Clarke: aye; Tina Games: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye; Terry Russell: aye; Betty Gray: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye.

UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns to Executive Session at 6:01 PM.

Regular Open Session resumes at 6:33 PM.

C. MRHS Student Representative

MRHS student representative Talia Perez shared an update of events at the HS since her last report in February. Some highlights included the spring musical performances of Beauty and the Beast, the Pops Concert, and the Jazz Festival, currently being held in the auditorium. She also reported on the Senior Prom, the prom after-party and thanked all those who attended and contributed to putting the event together and for their hard work. Miss Perez continued in her report to include spring sports, the Harlem Wizards fundraiser and the MRHS Wellness Fair. Concluding her report, Miss Perez noted upcoming events such as Senior Arts Night and the Spring Concert (both in May) and lastly, graduation on June 1st.

D. Approval of Minutes: March 27, 2024 MRSC Meeting

MOTION: Tina Games moved to approve the meeting minutes from the March 27, 2024 MRSC meeting, seconded by Betty Gray.

The motion passes with 5 ayes and Jackie Zibrat-Long abstaining from the vote.

E. Public Comment: None

F. Reports and Discussions

i. Transportation Bid

MRSD Business Manager Michael MacMillan presented the school committee with his recommendation for district transportation services with the following information:

The District issued an Invitation for Bids for student transportation services to begin in the 2024/25 school

year for three years with two further optional years*. The Cape Cod Collaborative, the current provider, submitted a proposal which represents the best value for money for the district.

Monomoy Regional School District first entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Cape Cod Collaborative for the provision of transportation services beginning in September 2019. This was approved by the School Committee in January 2019. The MoA had an initial term of three years and was extended for a further two years by a vote of the School Committee in March 2022.

The MOA with the Collaborative expires at the end of the FY24 school year. Although an agreement with a Collaborative is exempt from public procurement law, the District decided to carry out an Invitation for Bids to ensure that the agreement with the Collaborative presented the best value for money for the district.

The District received two bids through this procurement process, in addition to a proposal from the Cape Cod Collaborative. The summary of bids is provided below. The Collaborative proposal was the lowest cost for the district, although the margin between the Collaborative and the lowest bidder was relatively small.

Vendor Three Year Total:

Lucini Bus \$5,261,820

Cape Destinations \$4,612,443

Cape Cod Collaborative \$4,456,923

The outcome of this process suggests that there is not a financial reason for the District to change transportation providers.

After much discussion, committee members felt they needed more time to review the information and asked to move the vote to the next meeting.

ii. Superintendent Goals: Reflection & Self-Assessment

Dr. Carpenter shared his goals and noted the progress towards each, of which there were two professional practice goals, two student learning goals, and three district improvement goals. He also thanked his administrative team who helped him in his stead this year as he recovers from his injury. Ms. Games then spoke about the process and timeline for completing Dr. Carpenter's evaluation noting April 25th as the first reading of the summative evaluation and May 9th for the second reading and approval vote.

iii. Public Safety and School District Drills (March 30, 2024)

Ryan Clarke reported that on Saturday, March 30, 2024 first responders and local safety officials held a public safety training at the Monomoy Regional High School and thanked all those in attendance for their participation.

iv. Chatham Elementary School Student Activity Account Transfer

The Chatham Elementary School Yearbook activity fund has a balance of \$2,888.79 although no yearbook project has been run for several years. The school has organized a field day and would like to transfer Yearbook funds to the Lighthouse fund to be able to purchase supplies for the field day to benefit all students. The school proposes to leave a balance of \$1,088.79 in the Yearbook activity fund to fund a possible future yearbook project.

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved that the amount of one thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) be transferred from the Chatham Elementary School Yearbook student activity fund to the Chatham Elementary School Lighthouse student activity fund. The motion was seconded by Betty Gray.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

G. Subcommittee, Representative, Liaison Reports

i. Negotiations Subcommittee - reporting out

On behalf of the Negotiations Subcommittee, Meredith Henderson reported that the collective bargaining process continues to move forward.

ii. Superintendent Evaluation: Summative Evaluation Process and Timeline (please see Fii)

iii. Policy Subcommittee

On behalf of the Policy Subcommittee, Betty Gray reported that the group had met and reviewed the language questioned in the updated travel policies at the March 27, 2024 MRSC meeting. The group also discussed their schedule for reviewing policies in the upcoming year.

H. Superintendent's Report

i. Recognition of Donations, Grants, and other Acknowledgments

Dr. Carpenter reported out on the advisory the town of Harwich issued related to the water quality. Both Harwich Elementary and the High School made adjustments to make sure that no tap water was used for drinking or cooking and secured bottled water for students/staff at both locations.

Dr Carpenter also shared the following recognitions:

MRHS teacher Lizzie Sheptyck has been awarded the William Spratt Award for Excellence in Teaching Secondary Social Studies from the Massachusetts Council for Social Studies. She will be presented with her award in May at the MCSS Awards Ceremony.

We thank the Garden Club Of Hyannis for their mini-grant in the amount of \$500.00 to the MRHS Climate Action Club to be used towards educational programs.

Last weekend at the MTA ESP Conference in Falmouth, HES IA Cindy Gushee was recognized for her 6 years of service on the MTA ESP Committee. She was presented with the Statewide ESP Award for her service.

I. Action Items - Vote Required

i. Transportation Bid - No vote taken.

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iii. Second 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

MOTION: Betty Gray moved to approve the policies as presented in the agenda packets. The motion was seconded by Ryan Clarke

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

J. Presentation of the Warrants

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

K. Adjourn

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tina Games.

UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Tambollo
Recording Secretary