

**MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MARION PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Marion, Massachusetts**

**July 26, 2023
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
16 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738**

Regular meeting of the Marion School Committee was held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 and called to order by Chairperson Nye, at 12:04 pm.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: April Nye, Chairperson, Mary Beauregard and Nichole Nye McGaffey (all remote).

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Smith and Nichole Daniel

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools (remote); Melissa Wilcox, Recording Secretary (remote).

Meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m.

Chairperson Nye, stated in accordance with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the agenda has been set, the meeting is being recorded, and unless there are any emergencies that need to be added, the agenda will be followed as outlined. Chairperson Nye read the following statement: *This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. School Committee, Administrators and the public will have the option of meeting in person at the Community Room of the Sippican School located at 16 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 or via zoom.*

IV. General

A. Approval of Donation(s)

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review a donation from the Marion Institute of no more than \$26, 928 for the Sippican School Garden Site and Grow Education Program.

Superintendent Nelson explained that the Marion Institute was awarded a grant from local CPA funds to enhance the gardens at Sippican and to purchase the tools, materials and resources to support the Grow Education Program. He met with Elizabeth Wiley from the Marion Institute and consulted with Town Counsel to determine the process for accepting the funding and all agreed on the donation. Principal Sirois and Facilities Director Eugene Jones have also been included in the conversation and discussion of rehabbing the current two long beds and adding more. The faculty is excited for this program as well.

MOTION: by Ms. Nye McGaffey to approve the donation being made by the Marion Institute to not exceed \$26,928 to support the Sippican Elementary School garden(s) and the implementation of the Grow Education Program.

SECONDED: Ms. Beauregard

MOTION PASSED 3:0

Roll Call: Nye (yes); Beauregard (yes); Nye McGaffey (yes);

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Ms. Nye McGaffey to adjourn at 12:11 p.m.

SECONDED: Ms. Beauregard

MOTION PASSED 3:0

Roll Call: Nye (yes); Beauregard (yes); Nye McGaffey (yes);

**Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Wilcox**

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ZOOM LINK:

<https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/96815845547?pwd=MIJtRVFXOVlPTWVHaUllcEg3U2l1QT09>

Meeting ID: 968 1584 5547

Passcode: 146869

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TIME: 12:00 p.m.

MEETING TO ORDER

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I. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes

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V. New Business

A. Policy Review

B. Curriculum

C. Business

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 - a. Revolving Account Balances
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3. Facilities Report
4. Budget Transfers

D. Personnel

VI. Special Report

VII. Unfinished Business

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

VIII. School Committee

A. Committee Reports

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2. Building Committee
3. ORR District School Committee
4. SMEC
5. Early Childhood Council
6. READS
7. Tri-Town Education Foundation
8. Policy Subcommittee
9. School Council
10. Equity Subcommittee

B. School Committee Reorganization

C. School Committee Goals

IX. Future Business

A. Timeline

B. Future Agenda Items

- X. Open Comments
- XI. Information Items
- XII. Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

MARION PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Marion, MA

TO: Marion School Committee
FROM: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: July 24, 2023
RE: Agenda Items

The following items are on the agenda for July 26, 2023.

IV. General

A. Approval of Donation(s)

Recommendation:

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If you have any questions regarding any of these recommendations, please feel free to call me.



**OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations

Memo

To: School Committee Members of the Marion School District

From: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools

Date: July 26, 2023

Re: Marion Institute Donation

Motion:

To approve the donation being made by the Marion Institute to not exceed \$26,928 to support the Sippican Elementary School garden(s) and the implementation of the Grow Education Program.

Additional Information:

- *Building Materials (cedar and composite boards for 7 raised garden beds, landscape fabric, steel edge) - \$8,217.00*
- *Soil and compost-\$550.00*
- *Plants and seeds-\$769.00*
- *Pollinator garden construction and planting- \$3,000.00*
- *Labor for site work, construction, and install-\$10,000.00*
- *Materials delivery- \$100.00*
- *Picnic Tables- \$3,800.00*
- *Signage- \$100.00*
- *Greenhouse part- \$391.67*

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MARION PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Marion, Massachusetts

TO: Town Clerk, Town of Marion, Massachusetts
DATE: July 24, 2023
SUBJECT: Meeting Notice

Pursuant to Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified of the following SPECIAL meeting of the **MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE**.

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If you need more information about this meeting, please feel free to call 508-758-2772 ext. 1956.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Wilcox, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

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