

**Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 5:30 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: Betty Gray, Chair; Tina Games, Vice Chair; Brad Schiff; Bre Rose; Jackie Zibrat-Long; Meredith Henderson; Jessica Rogers.

Members not present: Ryan Clarke

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

A. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Chair Betty Gray.

B. Adjourn to Executive Session Roll Call Vote to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto. Regular Open Session to resume at approximately 6:30 PM.

MOTION: Tina Games moved to adjourn to Executive Session, seconded by Meredith Henderson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Bre Rose: aye; Brad Schiff: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye; Meredith Henderson: aye; Jessica Rogers: aye; Tina Games: aye; Betty Gray: aye.

UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns to Executive Session at 5:33 PM.

Regular Open Session resumes at 6:40 PM.

C. MRHS Student Representative

MRHS Senior Jason Elhilow was welcomed to the podium as the new 2024-2025 MRHS School Committee Student Representative. Mr. Elhilow expressed excitement about being a student representative and shared his background, having moved to the district in sixth grade. He continued stating that the school year started smoothly, with a club fair and picture day, and the start of Open Campus for seniors. Upcoming events include Homecoming Week, a homecoming game against Wareham, and a homecoming dance. Mr. Elhilow also emphasized the positive school environment and the importance of events like club fairs and spirit weeks in fostering a sense of community.

D. Approval of Minutes: September 12, 2024 MRSC Meeting

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024 MRSC meeting, seconded by Brad Schiff.

The motion passes with 6 ayes and Jessica Rogers abstaining from the vote.

E. Public Comment: None

F. Reports and Discussions

i. School Improvement Plans: Chatham Elementary and the Monomoy Regional High School

Jennifer Police, Principal of the Monomoy Regional High School, presented the school improvement plan, focusing on student learning, professional practices, and learning support. Ms. Police reviewed trends and patterns of MCAS data, highlighting the need for curriculum, instruction, and assessment oversight. The

school is redesigning Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to focus on curricular alignment and collaboration among teachers. The plan also addressed the need for comprehensive onboarding for grade eight students and the integration of social, emotional, and behavioral interventions.

Dr. Jennifer Kelly, Principal of Chatham Elementary School, outlined the school's improvement plan, focusing on the portrait of a graduate, learning and academics, and wellness. The school has seen significant improvements in reading proficiency rates, from 33% in 2021 to 78.5% in 2024, and aims to continue this progress. The school is implementing the University of Florida Literacy Institute's Youth Why program to supplement the ARC reading program with more explicit phonics instruction. The school is also focusing on writing and mathematics, with a guided math workshop model showing significant gains in student performance.

ii. First Reading: 2024-2025 Superintendent Goals - Not presented

iii. AP Government trip to Washington, DC.

Potential Vote

MRHS teacher John Dickson presented his proposal for an AP Government trip to Washington, DC, similar to their trip last year. The trip will include visits to the State Department, Senate subcommittee hearings, and the Air and Space Museum.

In discussion, school committee members asked questions related to logistics and potential concerns, including the timing of the trip so close to the November election.

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the AP Government trip to Washington, DC., seconded by Jessica Rogers.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

G. Subcommittee, Representative, Liaison Reports: None

H. Superintendent's Report

i. Recognition of Donations, Grants, and other Acknowledgments

Dr. Carpenter shared the following recognitions:

Monomoy Regional High School has joined with Outer Cape Health Services to offer additional support to our school community. The service will provide onsite access to OCHS Navigator services and tele-behavioral and telemedicine appointments. The school-based OCHS Navigator will work alongside school personnel to help students and families to access locally-based services and resources.

Thanks to a generous donation from Subaru of New England, every Chatham Elementary School student was given a math toolbox to take home – and the school also now has \$15,000 to dedicate toward special projects to support students. Each year, Subaru of New England schedules a community service project at their annual conference, which was held at Chatham Bars Inn this year. The team at CBI recommended Chatham Elementary School to Subaru as a worthy recipient. Each Chatham Elementary student has received a box filled with markers, whiteboard, clock, dominoes, playing cards, pencils, number chart, number line, protractor, ruler, math games, and more. This comprehensive set of materials will support and reinforce students in learning and practicing math.

Dr. Kelly was also invited to the conference's final dinner, where team members spoke about the company's commitment to giving back to the community. She was then surprised with a check from Subaru of New England for \$15,000 for the school.

ii. MASC Conference registration

Dr. Carpenter shared the MASC Conference agenda, to be held in November 2024, and told members to contact Leah Tambolleo if they wish to register.

I. Action Items - Vote Required

i. AP Government trip to Washington, DC.

Potential Vote

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the AP Government trip to Washington, DC., seconded by Jessica Rogers.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

ii. Approval of MRHS Animal Welfare Club donation to the Sampson Fund

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the payment of five thousand and twenty eight dollars and sixteen cents in FY24 invoices not previously encumbered, as presented to the School Committee. The motion was seconded by Meredith Henderson

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

iii. Approval of payment of prior year - FY24 invoices

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the donation of one hundred dollars from the Monomoy Regional High School Student Activity Animal Welfare Club Account to The Sampson Fund. The motion was seconded by Meredith Henderson.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

J. Presentation of the Warrants

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

K. Adjournment

MOTON: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jessica Rogers.

UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Tambolleo
Recording Secretary