

MARLBOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 30, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.
Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School – Library

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Kerri Barella, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

BOE Members Present: Kerri Barella, Amy Kuhrt and Chip Morris.

Members attending remotely: Sue Stolfi, Angela Colantonio and Jean Wilson.

Administration Present:

Dr. Holly Hageman, Superintendent
Paula Graef, Principal
Kristen Trahan, Principal
John Mercier, Director of Operations
MicheleDemicco, Business Manager

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Celebrations: None

4. Public Comments: None

5. Additions to the Agenda: None

6. Consent Agenda: None

7. Oral Reports:

7.1 Advisory Groups

- PTO – No Report
- SAC – No Report
- Operations, Wellness & Safety – No Report
- Board of Finance Liaison – No Report
- AHM – No Report

7.2 Subcommittees

- Policy - No Report
- Personnel - No Report
- Communications - No Report

7.3 Chairperson - No Report

7.4 Superintendent and Administrative Team - No Report

8. Unfinished Business:

Continue Review, Discussion and Take Possible Action Re: FY2025-26 Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Plan - Dr. Holly Hageman presented a document comparing surrounding school district proposed FY26 budgets, highlighted that the Marlborough budget is the lowest increase comparatively.

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Additionally, the Superintendent shared a Q & A document with responses to questions submitted by Board members regarding the proposed budget. The Q & A document was made available to both the Board and the audience, and Dr. Hageman reviewed the contents during the meeting.

C. Morris made a motion that the Board approve of the Operating Budget in the amount of \$8,991,424.66 and the Capital Improvement Plan request of \$75,000.00 for FY26, seconded by S. Stolfi. A. Colantonio, J. Wilson and S. Stolfi all voted Yes remotely, Unanimously approved by all present. MOTION CARRIED.

9. New Business: None

10. Public Comments:

Pam Farrington - 95 Jerry Daniels Rd., expressed her gratitude to Dr. Hageman for her thoughtful preparation of the budget, highlighting the consideration given to the needs of students, staff, and families. She also thanked Board Member Jean Wilson for raising the important question regarding the potential loss of federal funds. Ms. Farrington was pleased to hear that Dr. Hageman receives regular updates from the CSDE, CAFE and Shipman, which help keep the district informed on such matters.

11. Communications: None

12. Future Meetings & Topics

- Board of Finance Meeting: BOE Budget Presentation, Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 6:30PM in MES Library
- Policy Committee Meeting, Thursday, February 27, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Business Meeting, Thursday, February 27, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment:

A.Kuhrt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m., seconded by S. Stolfi. A. Colantonio, J. Wilson and S. Stolfi all voted Yes remotely, Unanimously approved by all present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carmela Monte