

Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 2016
MHS Library

Members Present: Kathleen Leonardson, Meredith Tedford,
Susie Pratt, Kate Lipsitz

Also: Maryann Perry, Superintendent
Dr. Bradford Smith, Assistant Superintendent
Amanda Maniaci, Business and Finance Administrator
Ken Lord, Exec. Dir. Of Technology and Operations

SC Members Absent: David Harris

I. Initial Business

A. Call to Order

Ms. Leonardson called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

B. Commendations

Superintendent Perry welcomed the families of the students receiving an award this evening. She explained that two awards will be given out to four students this evening- the Mass. Assoc. of School Superintendent's Certificate of Excellence and the National School Development Council Award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning.

Mass. Assoc. of School Superintendent's Certificate of Excellence

The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents has designated this award for academic excellence. The award goes to a student who has shown distinction in the pursuit of excellence during their high school career.

The Superintendent considers a student's GPA, awards, honors, school activities, athletic achievements, talents, work experiences and particularly community service. Superintendent Perry gave a brief bio on each student and thanked their families for the support they provided. She presented the Mass. Assoc. of School Superintendent's Certificate of Excellence to Caroline Tripodi and Adam Linsky.

National School Development Council Award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning

Since Marblehead is a district affiliated with the New England School Development Council (NESDEC), we have been given the opportunity to present this award to deserving high school students. This award is given to students who show academic growth and exhibit leadership in their school and the community.

The National School Development Council (NSDC) is a network of regional school study councils, like NESDEC, that supports excellence, equity and continuous educational improvement. The NSDC network assists hundreds of schools and school districts nationwide in becoming high-performance organizations. Superintendent Perry gave a brief bio on each of these two students and thanked their families for the support they provided. She presented the National School Development Council Award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning to Alyssa Nye and Allison Klocker.

Ms. Leonardson thanked James Maroney of MHTV and the students helping him film this meeting.

Ms. Leonardson also made note that Mr. Harris is not present this evening because he is away on a business trip.

C. Public Comment

none

D. Student Representative

Amanda Lindqvist-School Committee Student Representative and president of Student Government
Not present

II. Consent Agenda & Action Items

1. Second reading of policy JKAA-Physical Restraint of Students

Ms. Tedford made motion to approve revised policy JKAA-Physical Restraint of Students for second reading. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pratt and the Committee **VOTED** on a roll call vote, 4-0 in favor: Ms. Pratt-yes; Ms. Leonardson-yes; Ms. Lipsitz-yes; Ms. Tedford-yes.

2. Second reading of policy JJF-Student Activity Accounts

Ms. Pratt made motion to approve revised policy JJF-Student Activity Accounts for second reading. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tedford and the Committee **VOTED** on a roll call vote, 4-0 in favor: yes; Ms. Pratt-yes; Ms. Leonardson-yes; Ms. Lipsitz-yes; Ms. Tedford-yes.

III. Teaching/Learning-Superintendent of Schools

A. District Reports and Updates

1. PBIS report – District-wide Initiative

Ms. Perry noted that this is an opportunity for the Committee to learn about another program in our district called PBIS which stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. Ms. Perry introduced Mr. Bellucci, Director of Student Services and Program Accountability. Mr. Bellucci made note that this program is a joint effort between himself and Dr. Smith on Positive Behavior and Intervention Support. He explained that there will be a coaches meeting each month and these coaches will return and teach their team and the team will in turn train the teachers. Mr. Bellucci indicated that the Village and Glover Schools are here this evening to present what they are doing at their schools and said that the other three schools will present at the next SC meeting. He also stated that SEPAC has sponsored an evening for a PBIS parent training which is scheduled for March 29th. Mr. Bellucci introduced, Christine Downs, PBIS coordinator. Christine noted that the Technical Assistance Center on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports has been established by the Office of Special Education Programs, US Dept. of Education. Positive Behavioral Support is a general term that refers to the application of positive behavioral interventions and systems to achieve socially important behavior change. PBIS is not a program or curriculum, it is a System Change! She explained that schools create this program unique to their school. This is a response to intervention model. Each school forms a matrix of what their school culture will look like.

2. Gerry update

Ms. Perry announced that she had very exciting news regarding the Gerry School. She informed the Committee that the MSBA has invited the Town of Marblehead into the MSBA’s “eligibility period,” which is the first official level of approval towards a potential building project, to address the Gerry school and the educational needs of our students who attend the school. The MSBA would share a significant portion of the cost. The MSBA administration has also informed us that the eligibility period for Marblehead will commence the last Wednesday of March, 2016 which will “start the clock” on a 270 day period during which several tasks must be completed prior to moving to the next major phase of the process, called the “feasibility study” phase. You can find more information on this at the MSBA’s website: <http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/>.

Mr. Lord noted that the deadline for people interested in being on the Gerry Building Committee is March 1st. There are specific member roles that need to be filled. If you are interested, please go to the front page of our website for more information.

3. Principal search

Ms. Perry noted that the Principal Search Committee met on Monday, January 25th. The committee is comprised of 24 members: 8 HS staff, 7 parents/community members, 1 school committee member and 8 administrators consisting of 1 Principal, 2 Vice Principals, Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent, Business Manager, Technology Director, and Sped Director. We will conduct interviews on Monday and Tuesday, February 1st and 2nd and hope to have a finalist to bring in the week before vacation week. Site visits to their district will follow and hopefully a principal will be announced by March 1st. If however none of these candidates meet our criteria, we will begin the process over.

IV. Finance Organizational Support

1. Schedule of Bills

#12958	\$ 5,560.59
#12959	\$ 27,443.40
#12962	\$158,288.18
#12974	\$ 12,574.09
Total	\$203,866.26

Ms. Tedford made motion to approve the schedule of bills totaling \$203,866.26. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lipsitz and the Committee **VOTED** on a roll call vote, 4-0 in favor: Ms. Pratt-yes; Ms. Leonardson-yes; Ms. Lipsitz-yes; Ms. Tedford-yes.

2. Kindergarten Tuition for 2016-2017

Ms. Perry explained that last year, the district performed an in-depth study of the kindergarten revenues and expenses as well as a comparative district comparison. The Committee voted an increase for the 2015-2016 school year and agreed to discuss kindergarten tuition each year regarding smaller incremental increases each year rather than one large increase. This way, families can plan ahead of time and anticipate tuition rate increases. We are recommending a 2% cost of living increase for the 2016-2017 school year and will continue to offer sliding scale financial aid, installment payments as well as follow the DESE guidelines.

Ms. Pratt made motion to accept the 2016-2017 Kindergarten tuition rate of \$3264.00 and Pre-K rate of \$2,040.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tedford and the Committee **VOTED** on a roll call vote, 4-0 in favor: Ms. Pratt-yes; Ms. Leonardson-yes; Ms. Lipsitz-yes; Ms. Tedford-yes.

3. Rental Facilities for 2016-2017

Ms. Perry explained that last year, an in-depth study of our buildings and facilities rental contracts, costs and expenses was conducted and an increase was recommended and accepted at that time. In reviewing the costs from last year, we believe the rates are currently meeting our expenses. We are recommending that the Committee vote level rates across all categories, as we continue to utilize the fiscal 2016 building and facilities contract rates for the fiscal 2017 school year.

Ms. Pratt made motion to approve level rates at the FY16 rates for FY17 for building and facility rentals. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lipsitz and the Committee **VOTED** on a roll call vote, 4-0 in favor: Ms. Pratt-yes; Ms. Leonardson-yes; Ms. Lipsitz-yes; Ms. Tedford-yes.

V. School Committee Communication and/or Discussion items

1. SC meeting calendar for 2016-2017

Ms. Perry explained that they tried to look at what was going on in the district to avoid evenings where SC members may be required to be at one of their children’s schools for an event. Ms. Leonardson made note that Mr. Harris contacted her and suggested that the Committee consider beginning the meetings at 7:00pm rather than 7:30pm. Ms. Leonardson asked the committee what their views were on the subject. Most felt it would be worth trying for the following year.

Ms. Pratt made motion to accept the 2016-2017 SC calendar of meeting dates as presented except for the change in start time which will now begin at 7:00pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lipsitz and the Committee **VOTED** on a roll call vote, 4-0 in favor: Ms. Pratt-yes; Ms. Leonardson-yes; Ms. Lipsitz-yes; Ms. Tedford-yes.

Ms. Tedford reminded the Committee that they have a workshop scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:30p.m. at the admin offices on Widger Road. Mike Gilbert from MASC will be there to discuss “Best Practices for School Committees and to review the Mid-Year SC Goals.

VI. Closing Business

A. New Business

none

B. Correspondence

none

C. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Lipsitz and seconded by Ms. Tedford. The Committee **VOTED** to adjourn on a 4 yes, 0 no, roll call vote: Ms. Pratt-yes; Ms. Leonardson-yes; Ms. Lipsitz-yes; Ms. Tedford-yes. The public session of the meeting ended at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
David Harris
Marblehead School Committee

Meeting Documents:

Policy JKAA-Physical Restraint of Students

Policy JFF-Student Activity Accounts

PBIS report on Power Point

Schedule of Bills

Kindergarten Tuition for 2016-2017

Rental Facilities for 2016-2017

School Committee Meeting Calendar 2016-2017

Approved by SC 3/17/16