

Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting  
Thursday May 13, 2021  
7:00pm

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Members Present: Sarah Gold, Meagan Taylor, Sarah Fox, Emily Barron, David Harris

Also: John J. Buckey, Superintendent

I. Call to Order

Ms. Gold called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

a. Public Comment

None

II. Planning for Success-Superintendent's Advisory Committee Membership

Dr. Buckey named the representatives of the Planning for Success Initiative and thanked Ms. Fox for offering her input in how to select applicants in a fair way. The names of applicants were added to a bag and shuffled before the representative names were drawn.

Elementary Representatives

Reece Dahlberg-Parent

Mimi Lemay-Parent

Teacher Diane Babbitt is interested along with one other elementary teacher representative, which will be confirmed before naming

Middle School Representative

Jeff St. George-Parent

Tawny Callahan-Teacher

High School

Lucy Burke-Parent

Two teachers are interested and will be drawn at the high school the following day

Community Members

Merle Schell

Cindy Tower Loewen

School Committee Members

Sarah Fox

Meagan Taylor

High School Students

Ariel Mogolesko

Benjamin Kahn

Town Representative

Jason Silva-Town Administrator

METCO Representative  
Monique Loyd

SEPAC  
Scott Solberg

Dr. Buckey shared that the PfS process will begin with the first meeting scheduled for the following Tuesday at 9am in the field house at the high school. He further thanked all interested applicants.

### III. Review of Policy EBCFA-Face Coverings

The face coverings policy, policy EBCFA was revisited to go over recently recommended language changes to include addressing the wearing of masks while on school property during “school hours and at school sponsored events.”

A conversation focusing on the specifics of when and where masks should be worn took place. Concerns were raised regarding the clarity of the language used. Committee members had questions specific to how the edited policy would affect drop off and pick up, sporting events and recess.

With the understanding that the face covering policy may need to be revisited in the near future as health guidelines change, Mr. Harris made a motion to accept policy EBCFA face coverings as revised on 5/13. It was seconded by Ms. Taylor. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes 5-0.

MS. Gold-yes  
Ms. Barron-yes  
Ms. Taylor-yes  
Ms. Fox-yes  
Mr. Harris-yes

### IV. Open Meeting Law Complaint Discussion

Ms. Gold addressed an open meeting law complaint the committee received from community member, Jennifer Schaeffner regarding a photo posted to social media that Ms. Gold shared of herself with other committee members present. She explained that the committee would need to vote whether the gathering and posting was an open meeting violation and report the findings back to the Attorney General’s Office

After discussion, committee member Harris noted that the prepared statement Ms. Gold already shared addressing the issue was well received. Mr. Harris shared his disappointment that the topic had come to the level it has and recommended that the committee move on from the occurrence. Mr. Harris made a motion that the gathering and posting was not a violation of open meeting law to which Ms. Taylor seconded. Ms. Taylor also pointed out the proactive steps Ms. Gold took to address the concerns and potential violation by self-reporting the occurrence and addressing community concerns publicly. Ms. Barron also agreed that there was no open meeting law violation and supported her opinion by sharing the definition of the word deliberation noting that by definition the school committee was not in violation of an open meeting law complaint. Ms. Fox recommended a committee training to further avoid such complaints going forward.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes 4-0.

Ms. Gold-yes  
Ms. Barron-yes  
Ms. Taylor-yes  
Ms. Fox-no, stating she felt the occurrence was in violation of open meeting law  
Mr. Harris-yes

Although there was no formal decision made regarding the training, committee members were agreeable to the suggestion.

Ms. Gold made a Motion and vote to meet in Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21(a) for the following purpose: purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Marblehead Education Association MEA if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee and the chair so declares

The motion was moved by Ms. Fox and seconded by Ms. Taylor. Ms. Gold noted that the committee would not be returning to open session and asked that all non-committee members exit the zoom call. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes 5-0.

Ms. Gold-yes  
Ms. Barron-yes  
Ms. Taylor-yes  
Ms. Fox-yes  
Mr. Harris-yes

Ms. Gold entered Executive Session at 7:54pm.

Meeting in Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21(a) for purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Marblehead Education Association MEA with no intent to return to open session.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Dimier, Secretary  
Marblehead School Committee*

*Approved January 6, 2022*