

Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting
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Members Present: Sarah Gold, Meagan Taylor, Sarah Fox, Emily Barron, David Harris

Also: John J. Buckey, Superintendent
Michelle Cresta, Director of Finance

I. Initial Business and Public Comment

1 Call to Order

Ms. Gold mentioned that committee member Harris was not in attendance that evening. She called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2 Commendations

a. Building Commendations-Eveleth Principal, Donna Zaeske

The principals took turns congratulating principal Zaeske on her retirement and further commended her for her service to the district. It was mentioned that her energy, guidance and support would be missed.

Principal Zaeske recalled her first day in district in 2011. She mentioned some highlights from her tenure in Marblehead. She thanked the staff, students, parent/teacher organizations and community members for all of their support over the years.

Principal Fox presented Principal Zaeske with a painting of Chandler Hovey Park to remember Marblehead.

b. School Committee Commendations

Ms. Taylor thanked Principal Bauer for a wonderful graduation.

3 Student Representative, Dan Howells

Mr. Howells discussed some of the highlights from the 2021-2022 school year.

- School began on September 14th and it took some time to adjust to online classes
- In early October, hybrid learning began along with the start of some extracurricular happenings
- The National Green School Society hosted multiple cleanups around town
- During the Winter, the performing arts department shared virtual performances in lieu of in person
- The Jewel Tones acapella group also placed 2nd at the quarter finals for the international competition
- The sports teams had successful seasons
- The ski teams won for the North division
- The Seniors hosted Family Feud nights
- The play Urine Town was attended virtually
- Full time in person learning began in April

- During the Spring, Senior Project took place and a 3rd annual Cultural Feast was scheduled
- Concerts and the annual spelling bee occurred outdoors
- The Distributive Education Club of America, DECA was recognized for work throughout the year
- Students who were recognized for their athletic achievements were commended

Mr. Howells spoke in favor of holding more outdoor classes. He also noted the positive impact more frequent mental health check-ins had on students. It was mentioned that the prerecording and live streaming of events was a welcomed change. He also shared what a pleasure it has been to hold the student representative position the last three years and introduced his replacement Yasen Colon.

The committee thanked Mr. Howells and noted that his informative updates will be missed. He was gifted a gavel.

4 Public Comment

- Jonathan Letterman inquired about continued live streaming beyond the pandemic
- Jean Skaane congratulated Principal Zaeske on her retirement and commended the members of the Green Society. She spoke in favor of working towards removing polystyrene from the district
- Scott Solberg thanked Principal Zaeske for her student support over the years. He also commended Director of Student Services, Mr. Oxford for his recent SEPAC presentation.

II. School Communication and/or Discussion Items

1. Minutes: 2/11/21, 2/23/2021 and 2/25/2021

Ms. Gold asked for a motion to accept the minutes from 2/11/21 and 2/25/21. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Gold-yes

Ms. Barron-yes

Ms. Taylor-yes

Ms. Fox-yes

The motion passes 4-0.

2. Superintendent Evaluation Summative Report

Ms. Barron recognized that Dr. Buckey has lead the district with tenacity and determination. She made a motion to approve the summative evaluation as presented at the last school committee meeting on June 3rd with two suggested edits. One being the addition of comments in step 4 page 3 and second being the strikethrough in the comments under standard 4 page 10. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion.

After a conversation regarding the addition of additional included comments took place, it was discussed that the summative was written in a balanced way so no one member would be over or under represented. Ms. Gold noted that moving sentences to a different section was not the same as adding new information. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Gold-yes

Ms. Barron-yes

Ms. Taylor-yes
Ms. Fox-no

The motion passes, 3-1

3. Subcommittee and Liaisons Updates
 - Andrew Petty with the Board of Health joined the facilities subcommittee meeting to be part of the larger conversation to begin recycling and composting throughout school buildings. Ms. Fox thanked the members of the subcommittee with assisting with building a facilities strategic plan.
4. Building Project Update
 - The project is on schedule and the PTO is looking into the planning of the organic garden
 - Tours for other building principals and leaders will be scheduled

III. Superintendent Report

1. Student Service Presentation-Director of Student Service, Dr. Eric Oxford
This agenda item was presented out of order. Dr. Oxford presented to the committee following the Superintendent's updates.

Director of Student Services, Eric Oxford provided an overview of a five-year plan for redefining the student services department. The presentation focused on recent accomplishments, areas of improvement and areas to prioritize so Marblehead could maximize inclusive opportunities.

2. Curriculum Update-Assistant Superintendent, Nan Murphy
Assistant Superintendent, Nan Murphy provided an update from the office of teaching and learning. She thanked the teaching staff, students and families for enduring a difficult year and recognized the partnerships that were developed through all of the transitions. She recognized Rebecca Brand for her efforts and noted the priority areas of focus as 1) curriculum and development alignment 2) diversity, equity and inclusion 3) professional development.

Superintendent Murphy introduced the new writing and math programs sharing that grades k-5 would adopt the Lucy Calkins curriculum for writing. Grades K-6 would adopt a new math program called Learn Zillion and grades 7-8 would welcome Ready Math. She shared a sample schedule of how curriculum would align throughout the district while also providing common planning time. It was mentioned that the DEI group would be working on developing a mission statement as it relates to diversity, equity and inclusion and a calendar outlining the plan for professional development days was shared.

Superintendent Murphy also mentioned exploring plans for summer offerings at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

3. District Updates
This agenda item was taken out of order. The district updates were shared after the building project updates.
 - a. Planning for Success (PFS)
Dr. Buckley shared the Planning for Success PFS initiative overview to help the committee to better understand the process. The planning team met that same week and the week prior. Members were trained to collect stakeholder input and synthesized it. Dr. Buckley shared that the final plan would be brought back to the committee in August for review.

Ms. Fox commended the student representatives on the committee and Ms. Taylor shared that she can see the value in the process.

The Reopening Committee has its final meeting the day before. Dr. Buckey mentioned that the mask mandate will end with the school year. He noted that DESE will continue to recommend mask wearing while encouraging districts to follow their own mask policy. It was also mentioned that a vaccination clinic is scheduled for next Wednesday. An end of the year social emotional survey went out to students. Additionally, summer services were mentioned during the meeting and a Board of Health representative gave an update from the mental health task force.

IV. Finance and Organizational Support

1. Schedule of Bills

MS. Gold made a motion to approve the schedule of bills totaling \$421,202.69. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Gold-yes

Ms. Barron-yes

MS. Taylor-yes

Ms. Fox-yes

The motion passes , 4-0.

2. Contracts for Renewal

Ms. Cresta shared all of the service maintenance contracts that are up for a one year renewal. She mentioned the Town would also need to vote the renewal extension for jointly held contracts.

Ms. Gold made a motion to award a one year extension of the On-Call Plumbing contract to Robert Irvine and Sons of Lynn in the amount of \$43, 080 and to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Committee. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Gold-yes

Ms. Barron-yes

Ms. Taylor-yes

Ms. Fox-yes

The motion passes , 4-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion to award a one year extension of the HVAC Mechanical Repairs contract to Cooling & Heating Specialists of Newton in the amount of \$29,980 and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract on behalf of the Committee. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Gold-yes

Ms. Barron-yes

Ms. Taylor-yes

Ms. Fox-yes

The motion passes , 4-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion to award a one year extension of the HVAC Control Work contract to Automated Building Systems, Inc in the amount of \$35,436 and to authorize the Chair to

sign the contract on behalf of the Committee. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion passes , 4-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion to award a one year extension of the Roofing Repairs contract to Greenwood Industries, Inc. of Worcester in the amount of \$29,160 and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract on behalf of the Committee. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion passes , 4-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion to award a one year extension of the Simplex Fire Alarm Maintenance contract to Johnson Controls of Canton in the amount of \$15, 285 and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract on behalf of the Committee. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion passes , 4-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion to award a one year extension of the Fire Alarm contracts to B&B Engineering of Georgetown, MA in the amount of \$68,000 and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract on behalf of the Committee. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion passes , 4-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion to award a one year extension of the Elevator Maintenance contract to Embree Elevator of Woburn, MA in the amount of \$51,400 and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract on behalf of the Committee. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion passes , 4-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion to award a one year extension of the Boiler Maintenance contract to Combustion Service company of New England of Cambridge, MA in the amount of \$78,000 and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract on behalf of the Committee.

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

The motion passes , 4-0.

3. Acceptance of Donations

Ms. Gold asked for a motion to accept two donations from the Marblehead Boosters Club, Inc. in the amount of \$19,395.00 and \$652.28 to be used for outdoor tents. The motion was moved Ms. Taylor by and seconded by Ms. Barron. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes, 4-0.

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

Ms. Gold asked for a motion to accept a donation from the Estate of Barbara S. Gray in the amount of \$373.74 to be added to the Donald J. Gray and Barbara S. Gray Scholarship fund. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes 4-0.

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

V. Closing Business

1. New Business

Ms. Fox requested on behalf of inquires if the committee could receive itemized invoices of the Back Together website. She also inquired if the new Technology Director, Stephen Kwiatek would be taking over the management of the site.

2. Correspondence

Ms. Gold shared that the committee received an invitation to a ceremony for the following evening, June 18th at Abbot Hall in recognition of the Juneteenth holiday.

3. Public Comment

Jean Skaane of Foster St. asked for clarification regarding opening the new elementary school polystyrene free.

4. Adjournment
Ms. Gold adjourned the meeting at 9:18pm.

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

Approved February 3, 2022