

**Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting
Monday June 28, 2021
6:00pm**

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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

a. Call to Order

Ms. Gold called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

b. Committee Organization

Election Officers

i. Chairman

Ms. Taylor made a motion to nominate Ms. Gold to serve as Chairman of the committee.
Mr. Harris seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Taylor-yes

Mr. Harris-yes

Ms. Barron-yes

Ms. Fox-abstain

Ms. Gold-yes

The motion passes 4-0-1.

ii. Vice-Chairman

Ms. Gold made a motion to nominate Ms. Taylor for Vice Chairman of the committee noting that she could not imagine the work without her. Ms. Barron seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Gold-yes

Mr. Harris-yes

Ms. Barron-yes

Ms. Fox-abstain

Mr. Taylor-yes

The motion passes 4-0-1.

iii. Secretary

Ms. Fox shared that she would be interested in remaining in her role as secretary for the committee.

Ms. Gold noted providing another member an opportunity to fulfill the secretary role and made a motion to nominate Ms. Barron, which was seconded by Mr. Harris. Ms. Taylor requested that the secretary be responsible for assisting with website updates. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Gold-yes
Ms. Taylor-yes
Mr. Harris-yes
Ms. Fox.-no
Ms. Barron-yes

The motion passes 4-1.

- c. Commendations
 - i. School Committee Commendations
Mr. Harris commended the athletics department for making the baseball playoffs and the boys lacrosse team who went undefeated. He also recognized the tennis teams for the successful year.
- d. Public Comment
Ms. Cindy Tower Loewen spoke in favor of Ms. Taylor remaining on the committee. She also spoke in favor of constructive dialogue, without divisiveness going forward sharing that Marblehead was better off than most districts during the pandemic.

II. **School Communication and/or Discussion Items**

- a. Review of Policy EBCFA Face Coverings
Dr. Buckey recommended rescinding the facemask policy sharing that DESE would not be requiring them for summer school. He explained the policy would be rescinded until the need for the policy to be put back into place.

Ms. Gold made a motion to rescind policy EBCFA, Face Covering. The motion was moved by Mr. Harris and seconded by Ms. Taylor.

Ms. Fox shared her concerns regarding the policy being in contradiction with CDC's guidance. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The motion passes, 5-0.

- b. Subcommittee and Liaisons Updates
Ms. Fox clarified when the subcommittee reorganization would be selected to which Ms. Gold confirmed that it would take place at the retreat meeting.
- c. Building Project Update
The project is near 80% completion.
 - Cafetorium and administration spaces are being completed
 - Landscaping began and the playground equipment has arrived
 - Specialty lighting fixtures will arrive the second week of August
- d. Summer Retreat Days
Ms. Gold proposed a one-day retreat and after a discussion regarding date options and scheduling conflicts, it was decided that the retreat would take place on Wednesday August 3rd in person.

III. **Superintendent Report**

a. Clerk's FY22 Compensation Plan

Ms. Gold made a motion to approve the Clerk's FY22 compensation plan. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Fox. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Gold-yes

Ms. Barron-yes

Mr. Harris-yes

Ms. Fox-yes

Ms. Taylor-yes

b. Cafeteria Contract

Ms. Gold made a motion to approve the cafeteria workers contract. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron.

Ms. Gold-yes

Ms. Barron-yes

Mr. Harris-yes

Ms. Fox-yes

Ms. Taylor-yes

The motion passes 5-0.

IV. **Finance and Organizational Support**

a. End of FY21 Update

Ms. Cresta provided an end of FY21 financial update sharing that as of June 18th, 96% of the operating budget had been spent. Both the substitute wages and legal counsel budgets would end the year in surplus with both the unemployment and custodial overtime accounts ending the year in deficit.

Ms. Cresta also provided a Covid funding report update sharing that there is an additional \$900k funds available from the ESSER II and ESSER III grants. The district will need to determine what to spend the funds on while allotting at least 20% on mitigating learning loss. The grant funds expire in September of 2023 and September of 2024.

A discussion regarding the possibility of prepaying out of district tuition with surplus funds took place. Additionally, the option of covering custodial accounts in deficit with some grant funds was also discussed.

b. Schedule of Bills

Ms. Gold made a motion to approve the schedule of bills totaling \$87,831.70 which was moved by Ms. Fox and seconded by Ms. Taylor. Prior to a roll call vote being taken a committee member inquired about a recently voted building committee schedule that was not included. Ms. Cresta confirmed the schedule was omitted from the schedules until the Chair had an opportunity to review it. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Gold-yes

Ms. Barron-yes

Ms. Taylor-yes

Mr. Harris-yes

Ms. Fox-yes

The motion passes, 5-0.

Ms. Gold explained that the committee would be ending their open session to enter into Executive Session with no intent to return to open session.

Executive Session:

At 6:53pm Ms. Gold made a motion to meet in Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A Section 21 (a) for purpose 2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, (i.e. the Director of Finance and the Superintendent) or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (i.e. the Director of Finance and the Superintendent) with no intention of returning to public session. A roll call vote was taken.

The motion was moved by Ms. Fox and seconded by Ms. Taylor.

Ms. Gold-yes

Ms. Taylor-yes

Ms. Barron

Ms. Fox-yes

Ms. Harris-yes

The motion passes, 5-0

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

Approved January 20, 2022