Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 6:15 PM
Monomoy Regional High School Library, 75 Oak Street, Harwich, MA 02645

This meeting was broadcast to Channel 22 as well as live-streamed/recorded to the MRSC YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Members present: Betty Gray, Chair; Tina Games, Vice Chair; Brad Schiff; Jackie Zibrat-Long; Ryan Clarke; Meredith Henderson; Jessica Rogers.

Members not present: Bre Rose.

Administrators present: Dr. Scott Carpenter, Superintendent; Dr. Robin Millen; Michael MacMillan; Melissa Maguire; Joy Jordan.

A. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM.

B. Adjourn to Executive Session Roll Call Vote to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(3) to conduct strategy sessions with respect to Collective Bargaining. Regular Open Session to resume at approximately 6:30 PM.

C. MRHS Student Report Representative
Student Representative Jason Elhilow delivered his update to the School Committee about various events at MRHS over the months of December and January. Some highlights include the Celebration of Excellence, the Alumni Show and Robotics competition. The HS also hosted Breakfast for a Cause fundraiser and the SandScript Club held an OpenMic event.

D. Public Comment: Speakers are limited to three minutes; additional time is at the discretion of the Chairperson

E. Reports and Discussions

i. FY26 Budget Update / FY26 Budget Hearing
MRSD Business Manager Michael MacMillan shared a brief update on FY26 budget, mentioning the state budget release and its impact on Chapter 70 funding and minimum local contributions.

ii. **Reporting out on January 9. 2025 Executive Session** **Vote Required**
On January 9, 2025 the MRSC met in Executive Session to discuss and approve a 1-year extension to Dr. Carpenter's contract, which is due to expire in June 2025. The new contract will end in June 2026.
MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the 1-year extension to Dr. Carpenter's contract, seconded by Meredith Henderson,
UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

iii. **Reporting out on January 23. 2025 Executive Session** **Vote Required**
January 23. 2025, the MRSC met in Executive Session to discuss and approve the new SEIU collective bargaining agreement for the Monomoy Custodians.

MOTION: Jessica Rogers moved to approve the SEIU contract as presented in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Meredith Henderson.
UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

iv. **Selection of Owner's Project Manager for Middle School Siding Project** **Vote Required**
MRSD Business Manager Michael MacMIllan discussed the selection process for the OPM for the middle school restoration project. Four firms were interviewed, and ECC Corporation was ranked number one. ECC Corporation has experienced staff and a broad experience that impressed the school building committee. The initial agreement with ECC Corporation will last until the end of June, with a cost not to exceed $32,200. The project will include siding and windows, and the scope may increase as the project progresses.
MOTION: Ryan Clarke moved to approve that the district enter into a contract with ECC Corporation for the Owner's Project Manager Services for the MRMS Restoration Project. The motion was seconded by Meredith Henderson.
UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

v. First Reading: Policy File IFK - Competency Determination Graduation Requirement - Dr. Robin Millen

vi. First Reading: Policy File ADDA - Fingerprint-based criminal history record information (CHRI) checks made for non-criminal justice purposes; CORI requirements; DCF Central Registry
As mentioned at the January 9, 2025 MRSC meeting, Massachusetts voted to no longer use MCAS as a competency requirement therefore the Policy Subcommittee, with Dr. Robin Millen, met to draft **Policy File IFK - Competency Determination Graduation Requirement**. This policy will come back for a second reading and approval vote at the February 13, 2025 MRSC meeting.
On behalf of the Policy Subcommittee, Brad Schiff stated that **Policy File ADDA - Fingerprint-based criminal history record information (CHRI) checks made for non-criminal justice purposes; CORI requirements; DCF Central Registry** will not be presented this evening and will go back to the subcommittee for further review.

vii. **Possible Massachusetts School Building Association Update -** Not presented **Potential Vote**

viii. Equity Audit Process
Dr. Carpenter provided an update on the equity audit process, which will involve monthly meetings with the Diversity Council. The first phase of the audit will focus at the building level with teams including teachers, administrators, parents, and community members. A climate survey will also be conducted to gather additional data.

ix. 2024-2025 MRSC Goals Update
MRSC Chair Betty Gray reviewed the 2024-2025 MRSC goals and noted the progress made towards each so far this year.

F. Subcommittee, Representative, Liaison Reports

i. Building Committee / ii Indoor Air Quality Update
On behalf of the MRMS Building Committee, Jackie Zibrat-Long gave a summary of their meeting, held on January 21, 2025. At the meeting, the committee selected the OPM, the ECC Corporation. They discussed issues such as potentially replacing the windows, HVAC, and about educating the public and being very transparent and using social media.
Dr. Carpenter continued to share that the District is going to start a testing regime with a mold specialist in Dennis, to do target inspections or 'disturbed air testing'. The company will be working with the MRMS custodial staff and testing in the classrooms over the upcoming weeks

iii. Policy Subcommittee - As presented in the first readings above.

iv. Representative Report - Cape Cod Collaborative

Cape Cod Collaborative Representative Jessica Rogers noted the retirement of Executive Director Paul Hilton and announced that Dr. Hope Hanscom has accepted the role of Executive Director, succeeding Paul Hilton, who served the Collaborative for 14 years. Ms. Rogers also noted that as she will not be seeking re-election at the end of her term, Brad Schiff will be assuming her role as representative to the Cape Cod Collaborative.

G. Superintendent's Report

i. Recognition of Donations, Grants, and other Acknowledgments

Dr. Carpenter also recognized Paul Hilton and echoed Ms. Rogers sentiments of Dr. Hanscom's qualifications.

H. Action Items - Vote Required

i. **Selection of Owner's Project Manager for Middle School Siding Project** **Vote Required**

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UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

ii. **Possible Massachusetts School Building Association Update -** Not presented **Potential Vote**

iii. Dr. Carpenter's 1-Year Contract Extension

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the 1-year extension to Dr. Carpenter's contract, seconded by Meredith Henderson,
UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

iv. **SEIU MRSD Custodians Association 2025-2028 Agreement**

MOTION: Jessica Rogers moved to approve the SEIU contract as presented in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Meredith Henderson.
UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

I. Presentation of the Warrants Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants were presented for School Committee member signatures.

J. Adjournment

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jackie Zibrat-Long.
UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Tambolleo
Recording Secretary