

MARLBOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School - Library Thursday, April 24, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call by Chairperson

Kerri Barella, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

BOE Members Present: Kerri Barella, Angela Colantonio, Amy Kuhrt, Chip Morris, Linda Earley, Jean Wilson, and Josh Bruhn.

Administration Present: Dr. Holly Hageman, Superintendent
Paula Graef, Principal
Kristen Trahan, Principal

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Celebrations

- CAPSS Student Awards: Dr. Holly Hageman presented certificates to 6th graders, Jack Gustafson and June Ranta for their outstanding achievements.
- Invention Convention: Teachers, Mary Cochefski and Michaela Dehm provided an overview of the Invention Convention program. Students Finn Peach, Owen Howe and Jude Magnan presented their projects to the Board of Education.

4. Public Comments: None

5. Additions to the Agenda: None

6. Consent Agenda:

- 6.1 Minutes of 03/27/25 Regular Business Meeting;
- 6.2 Personnel Actions – none;
- 6.3 Reports – receive and file the following document: monthly enrollment report;
- 6.4 Approval of Policy Adoption: (REFERENCE: March 27, 2025 Agenda, Encl. 9.2 P#: 4000.1/4200.1/5145.44 - Sexual Harassment/Title IX)

A.Colantonio made a motion that the Board approve the following Consent Agenda items 6.1-6.4, seconded by J. Wilson. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Oral Reports

7.1 Advisory Groups:

- PTO - Kristen Trahan and Paula Graef provided an overview of PTO events held in April, including the Fun Run. Upcoming events: Assembly featuring a math and science magician, the Art Show, Staff Appreciation Week, the Yard Goats outing, and the Spring Book Fair.
- SAC - No meeting in April
- Operations, Wellness & Safety - No report

- **Board of Finance Liaison** – Linda Earley reported that the Board of Finance held a Public Hearing on April 14th to discuss the proposed budget.
- **AHM** - Chip Morris shared that AHM's summer program brochure was published this week. He highlighted several upcoming events, including the Spring Drive-Thru Drug Take-Back scheduled for Saturday, April 26th, and the Hebron Town Clean-Up. Additionally, a fundraiser concert featuring Patrick Tobin, a Frank Sinatra tribute artist, will be held on May 3rd. Tickets are still available for the event.

7.2 Subcommittees:

- **Policy** - No report
- **Personnel** - No report
- **Communications** - No report

7.3 Chairperson

- Status on filling BOE vacancies: Kerrie Barella, welcomed Josh Bruhn to the Board.

7.4 Superintendent and Administrative Team:

- Projected last day of school for students and staff: Friday, June 13th - Updated school calendar submitted.
- Date/Time of Sixth Grade Promotion: Thursday, June 12th, 9-10am
- Mid-Year SCIP (updated): Dr. Hageman provided a follow-up to last month's Mid-Year School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP) presentation and addressed questions from Board members. A handout was distributed to accompany the presentation.
- FY26 Teacher Hiring Update: Dr. Hageman informed the Board that MES is in a strong position regarding staffing for FY26.

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 Vice Chair Vacancy - Special Election to Fill the Vice Chair Position

L. Earley made a motion that the Board elect a Vice Chairperson in accordance with Board Policy, seconded by A. Colantonio.

A. Colantonio nominated Amy Kuhrt for the position of Vice Chairperson, and the nomination was seconded by K. Barilla. Amy Kuhrt accepted the nomination.

J. Wilson nominated Chip Morris for the position of Vice Chairperson, seconded by L. Earley. Chip Morris respectfully declined the nomination.

The Board voted in favor of Amy Kuhrt as Vice Chairperson. Voting in favor were K. Barilla, A. Colantonio, J. Bruhn, A. Kuhrt, and C. Morris.

9. New Business

9.1 Review April Financial Report: Submitted

9.2 Discussion and Possible Action Re: Participation in Healthy Food Certification Program - Eligibility Requirements for BOEs opting to implement HFC:

The Board is required to vote on whether to approve participation in the healthy food option of the Healthy Food Certification (HFC) program. If the Board approves participation, a subsequent vote will be required to decide whether to allow food and beverage exemptions.

A.Colantonio made a motion that the Board approve the motion in its entirety as stated: Implementing the healthy food option of C.G.S. Section 10-215f:

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Marlborough Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of **July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026**. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Seconded by A. Kuhrt. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

L. Earley made a motion that the Board approve the motion in its entirety as stated:

The Marlborough Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

Seconded by A. Kuhrt. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Communications

10.1 Staff Vacancy Summary: Submitted

11. Future Meetings & Topics

- Second Town Budget Public Hearing, Monday, May 5, 2025, 6:30pm
- Town Budget Referendum, Tuesday, May 6, 2025, **6:00am - 8:00pm (corrected time)**
- Tentative Policy Subcommittee Meeting, Thursday, May 22, 2025, 6:00 pm
- Next Regular Business Meeting, Thursday, May 22, 2025 6:30 p.m.

12. Public Comments: None

13. Adjournment:

A.Colantonio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm, seconded by J. Bruhn. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carmela Monte