



**Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Agenda for Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Monomoy Regional High School Library, 75 Oak Street, Harwich, MA 02645**

This meeting will be broadcast to Channel 22 as well as live-streamed/recorded to the [MRSC YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)

Members present: Betty Gray, Meredith Henderson, Stephen Davol, Jackie Zibrat-Long, Ryan Clarke, Brad Schiff, Bre Rose, Ryan Edwards

Members not present:

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

AGENDA

A. Call to Order by the Superintendent The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Dr. Carpenter. Welcome to the new members, Stephen Davol from Chatham and Ryan Edwards from Harwich.

B. Vote for Chair, Vice Chair of the Monomoy Regional School Committee

MOTION: Dr. Carpenter called for a motion to nominate a new Chair of the Monomoy Regional School Committee.

Ryan Clarke moved to nominate Meredith Henderson as the new Chair of the Monomoy Regional School Committee, seconded by Jackie Zibrat-Long.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

Chair Meredith Henderson called for a motion to nominate a new Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Betty Gray nominated Brad Schiff as Vice-Chair of the Monomoy Regional School Committee, seconded by Ryan Clarke.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes

i. April 10, 2025

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2026 MRSC meeting seconded by Betty Gray.

Ayes: Betty Gray, Meredith Henderson, Jackie Zibrat-Long, Ryan Clarke, Brad Schiff, Bre Rose

Abstain: Stephen Davol, Ryan Edwards

The motion passes.

ii. May 1, 2025

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2026 MRSC meeting seconded by Brad Schiff.

Ayes: Betty Gray, Meredith Henderson, Jackie Zibrat-Long, Ryan Clarke, Brad Schiff, Bre Rose

Abstain: Stephen Davol, Ryan Edwards

The motion passes

D. MRHS Student Representative

MRHS Student Representative Jason Elhilow reported on recent events at the High School since his last visit. Some highlights include the Wellness Fair, the Pop's Concert, Prom at Wychmere Harbor Club, Greece & Japan trips over the April break, Hope Squad activities and fundraisers, the Suicide Awareness Walk and the Senior Stroll to the elementary schools. He also shared details on key upcoming events at MRHS; Senior Arts Night, Finn Fest activities, Convocation and Graduation.

School Committee member Brad Schiff thanked Jason for his dedication and tremendous enthusiasm as the student representative during this past school year.

E. Public Comment: None

F. Reports and Discussions

- i. Welcome new School Committee members
- ii. Indoor Track & Field Team

Athletic Director Karen Guillemette presented a slide show going over the details of adding a new varsity sport during the winter season at MRHS, Indoor Track & Field. The winter sports season is the shortest sports season with the least amount of choices for athletes. One advantage of adding Indoor Track & Field will be to give more opportunity to all student athletes as well as preparing and conditioning Spring athletes for their season. Ms. Guillemette explained that first year varsity sports go unfunded per the MIAA rules however, the cost of the coach would be covered by the district. During the first season, the Indoor Track & Field student athletes will need to have fundraisers to cover the cost of buses, league fees and invitationals. Uniforms and equipment are already available and would not need to be funded. The cost of adding this varsity sport in future budgets will be estimated at \$8000 per year plus the cost of the coaches salary. The current coach of the Indoor Track & Field Club, Adam Syty, shared how the club has grown over the last two seasons and expressed his commitment and excitement for the future. Several student athletes spoke in support of the addition of Indoor Track & Field as a varsity sport including Alexa Ford, Sean Neal, Quinn Muldoon and Kade Stephens.

The School Committee members asked several questions and agreed to vote at the next meeting.

iii. Breaching Barriers/Y Achievers Presentation

Community Engagement Coordinator Joy Jordan presented the committee with an overview of the program which is now finishing its second year. Breaching Barriers is designed to improve student access to postsecondary education by creating a partnership between local professionals that serve as mentors, with students that are facing one or more barriers to higher education. This year the program had 10 mentors and 12 students. Students and mentors met regularly during the school year. In April, students and mentors were able to attend three college visit field trips. One trip focused on Providence, Rhode Island and included Johnson & Wales, Rhode Island School of Design, Brown University, Providence College and the University of Rhode Island. The second trip focused on the Boston College Fair providing students the opportunity to access information to over 300 colleges and universities across the country. The third field trip traveled to Boston to visit UMass Boston, Northeastern University and Boston University.

The Breaching Barriers program will start a new collaboration with the Y Achievers program starting in the 2025-2026 school year. The Y Achievers program has been in existence for decades but the partnership with Monomoy will be the of its kind on the lower Cape. This partnership will provide an additional level of support to students for college and career development during their high school years and will also offer continued support to those same students in their post secondary education years. The kickoff presentation for the Y Achievers program will take place on June 10th during Jawsome hour.

iv. MRSC Summer Retreat - discussion and possible dates

Dr. Carpenter shared his thoughts for the summer MRSC retreat. One main focus would be strategic planning by looking forward 5 to 10 years and projecting what the district will look like in terms of enrollment and budgeting. He also encouraged a review of the regional agreement so there is an understanding of the components and the trends that impact the agreement. A poll will be sent out to members before the next meeting to narrow down the date options in July 2025 for the retreat.

- v. First Reading of Policy Files: BBBC- School Committee Member Resignation, BCA - School Committee Member Ethics, BCB - Committee Members Conflict of Interest, BDD - School Committee Superintendent Relationship, BDE - Subcommittees of the School Committee, BDG- School Attorney, BEC - Executive Session, BEDA - Notification of School Committee Meetings

Committee member Brad Schiff reviewed the changes for each policy and moved the policies to a second reading at the next meeting.

- vi. Convocation and Graduation

Dr. Carpenter reminded all members they are welcome to attend the Convocation Ceremony on Thursday, June 5th at 6:00 PM and Graduation on the field on June 7th at 6:00 PM.

G. Subcommittee, Representative, Liaison Reports

- i. Middle School Building Committee - Report

The building committee has not met since the last meeting. Dr. Carpenter would like to thank the voters of Harwich and Chatham for approving the project. We will begin to move forward to finalize siding choices and get the project ready to go out to bid.

- ii. Policy Subcommittee -Discussion of Policy Files: AC -Nondiscrimination Policy Including Harassment and Retaliation, ACA Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex, ACAB - Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy and Grievance Procedure, ACC - Sexual Harrassment/Title IX Policy and Procedures, ACE - Nondiscrimination on the basis of disability

Melissa Maguire, Director of Student Services and Special Education, reviewed the overall policy changes and reasoning behind them. The committee members will have time to review the significant changes before the first reading at the next meeting on June 12, 2025.

H. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Carpenter commended Dr. Millen and Ms. Jordan for their work with the MLPAC. At the last meeting, Claudio Berbeo and America Cruz were voted in as co-presidents of the MLPAC.

I. Action Items -Vote Required

- i. Second Reading of Policy Files: AD Mission Statement, ADC Tobacco Use on School Premises, BA School Committee Operational Goals, BB School Committee Legal Status, BBA School Committee Powers and Duties, BBAA School Committee Member Authority, BBB School Committee Composition

MOTION: Brad Schiff moved to approve the Policy Files as presented in the agenda packet for approval. The motion was seconded by Betty Gray.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

J. Presentation of the Warrants

Accounts Payable and Payroll warrants were presented for school committee member signatures.

K. Adjournment

MOTION: Betty Gray moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jackie Zibrat-Long.

UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roberta Simmons
Recording Secretary