

Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 6:30 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; Tina Games; Jessica Rogers; Brad Schiff; Jackie Zibrat-Long; Meredith Henderson

Members not present: Bre Rose; Ryan Clarke

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 6:30PM by Chair Betty Gray.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- i. May 1, 2025 - Not available

C. Public Comment: None

D. Reports and Discussions

i. Second Reading: 2024-2025 Superintendent Summative Evaluation

As presented at the May 1, 2025 MRSC meeting, Dr. Carpenter's summative evaluation was read aloud for the full committee and public to hear. Dr. Carpenter has received a rating of Proficient for the 2024-2025 school year - having met his stated goals.

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the 2024-2025 Summative Superintendent Evaluation as presented in the agenda packets. The motion was seconded by Brad Schiff.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

ii. Superintendent Contract - Update

It was announced that Dr. Carpenter's contract has been extended for one year, making his retirement from Monomoy Regional Schools effective June 30, 2026.

iii. K-7 High-quality Instructional Materials

Teachers and Administrators were welcomed to the podium to share information related to the iReady K-7 High-quality Instructional Materials piloted at the Elementary Schools. Starting with the explanation for the need for a new mathematics curriculum framework due to low MCAS scores, the teachers explained the adoption of the workshop model in grades K-4 and the need for a curriculum that aligns with this model. The process of selecting the iReady program, including data collection, pilot testing, and feedback from other districts highlighted the goals of the task force, such as standards-based instruction, differentiation, and cultural representation. iReady program's features, including diagnostic assessments, personalized learning, and professional development were outlined for the next steps, as well as sharing information with caregivers, professional learning for teachers, and setting up a diagnostic assessment system.

After the presentation concluded, School Committee members engaged in a robust discussion with the presenters.

iv. First Reading of Policy Files: ACE Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability, 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

On behalf of the Policy Subcommittee, Brad Schiff introduced Policy Files: ACE Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability, 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.

Committee members engaged in some discussion per policy read but no major changes were made and each will come back for a second reading and approval vote at the next meeting.

v. Second Reading of Policy: ADF Wellness Policies on Physical Activity and Nutrition

MOTION: Brad Schiff moved to approve ADF Wellness Policies on Physical Activity and Nutrition as presented, seconded by Meredith Henderson.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

vi. Finance Update and Budget Transfer

MRSD Business Manager Michael MacMillan shared an updated financial report, highlighting a 1.1% budget margin, which is lower than the average of 4.3% in the last five years. The report showed increased expenditures in pupil services, transportation, and out-of-district tuition. Mr. MacMillan also discussed the impact of rising costs, including utilities and educational expenses, on the budget.

A budget transfer of \$100,000 from benefits and fixed charges to people services is proposed to cover transportation costs. Mr. MacMillan continued to provide updates on various projects, including the gas supply contract, which has increased significantly. The state's FY26 budget was discussed, with an additional \$90,000 in revenue compared to the budgeted amount.

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the FY25 quarter three budget transfers, as listed in the memorandum provided to the school committee. The motion was seconded by Meredith Henderson.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

vii. Family Table Collaborative Donation

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the MRHS donation in the amount of \$1,100.00 to the Family Table Collaborative collected from the MRHS Empty Bowls Full Hearts fundraiser.

The motion was seconded by Meredith Henderson.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

E. Subcommittee, Representative, Liaison Reports

Legislative Liaison Tina Games made a statement about legislative efforts to revisit Chapter 70 and the rural schools bill.

F. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Carpenter thanked the community for supporting the budget and middle school renovation project at the Harwich town meeting.

Betty Gray announced that this was the last meeting for Committee members Jessica Rogers and Tina Games. Both were presented with Certificate of Gratitude for their service on the Committee and each shared reflections of their time spent serving on the committee.

G. Action Items - Vote Required

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UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

H. Presentation of the Warrants

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants were presented for School Committee member signatures.

I. Adjourn

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jackie Zibrat-Long.

UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Tambolleo
Recording Secretary