



**Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Agenda for Thursday, September 11, 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: Meredith Henderson, Brad Schiff, Stephen Davol, Ryan Clark, Bre Rose, Betty Gray, Ryan Edwards

Members not present: Jackie Zibrat-Long

Administrators present: Dr. Scott Carpenter, Robin Millen, Michael MacMillan, Joy Jordon, Paul Donlon

AGENDA

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Meredith Henderson

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- i. July 10, 2025

MOTION: Betty Gray moved to approve the minutes from July 10, 2025, seconded by Ryan Clark.

UNANIMOUS: the motion passes

- ii. August 14, 2025

MOTION: Betty Gray moved to approve the minutes from August 14, 2025, seconded by Brad Schiff.

UNANIMOUS: the motion passes

- iii. September 4, 2025 Workshop

Copy not included in packet, will move to next meeting for vote.

C. MRHS Student Representative

None

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

None

E. Reports and Discussions

- i. Voting Items from August 14th MRSD Agenda

1. July 24, 2025 Workshop Minutes

MOTION: Betty Gray moved to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2025 Workshop, seconded by Brad Schiff

UNANIMOUS: the motion passes

2. Second Reading Policy Files: ACAB - Harassment Policy, BBBC - School Committee Member Resignation, BBBE - School Committee Vacancy

MOTION: Brad Schiff moved to approve the Policy Files ACAB, BBBC and BBBE as presented in the agenda packet for approval, seconded by Betty Gray.

UNANIMOUS: the motion passes.

3. Prior year encumbrances

MOTION: Ryan Edwards moved to approve the prior year encumbrances payment in the amount of one thousand, three hundred and fifty four dollars and ninety cents in FY25 invoices not previously encumbered, as presented to the School Committee, seconded by Betty Gray.

UNANIMOUS: the motion passes.

- ii. Approval of MRHS Washington DC Trip

MRHS teacher John Dixon presented the committee with the itinerary for the third annual Washington DC trip that will be offered to two sections of AP Government, about 35 students. The trip will be three days this year and will include a tour to the International Monetary Fund and a visit to Senator Markey's office on Capital Hill. Mr. Dixon asked the committee to vote on the trip at this meeting instead of waiting for the next meeting so he can start buying tickets now and keep the price down for students.

MOTION: Stephen Davol moved to approve the MRHS Washington DC trip on November 16, 17 and 18 2025, seconded by Ryan Clark.

UNANIMOUS: the motion passes

iii. Donation to the Children's Alopecia Project

MOTION: Betty Gray moved to approve the donation of \$482 from the Monomoy Regional Middle School Lighthouse Account to the Children's Alopecia Project, seconded by Ryan Clark

UNANIMOUS: the motion passes

iv. School Committee Goals (first read)

The committee agreed on the goals set forth during the workshop and will have a second read at the next meeting.

v. Prior Year Encumbrances

MOTION: Betty Gray moved to approve the payment of one thousand, and eight dollars and seventeen cents in FY25 invoices not previously encumbered, as presented to the School Committee, seconded by Brad Schiff.

UNANIMOUS: the motion passes

vi. FY25 End of Year Report and Budget Transfers

MOTION: Brad Schiff moved to approve the FY25 quarter four budget transfers as listed in the memorandum provided to the School Committee, seconded by Ryan Clark.

UNANIMOUS: the motion passes

vii. MRMS Construction Project Borrowing

The committee discussed the financing of the Monomoy Regional Middle School construction project. The school business manager outlined plans for borrowing funds to cover costs associated with the project, emphasizing the use of short-term loans to manage cash flow until more precise project costs can be determined.

MOTION: Ryan Edwards moved to approve the various votes prepared by Bond Counsel for the District and presented to the meeting, which votes approve the sale of five million dollars of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes to the successful bidder, establish the terms of the notes and make other determinations as required by the General Laws, federal tax law and federal securities law, seconded by Betty Gray.

UNANIMOUS: the motion passes

viii. District Treasurer Recruitment

The District's Treasurer, Paul Donlon, will be retiring this fall and the recruitment process is now underway. Business Manager Michael MacMillan is seeking School Committee members to be on the interview panel. Stephen Davol, Betty Gray and Ryan Edwards volunteered to be on the interview panel.

ix. News and updates on awarded grants

Updates were provided regarding various grants received by the district aimed at enhancing educational programs. These included a planning grant for career pathways in partnership with local businesses and a PRISM grant focusing on early literacy, which will support both the school and community providers in improving literacy education.

F. Subcommittee, Representative, Liaison Reports

None

G. Superintendent's Report

i. Equity Audit Process

Dr. Carpenter shared the following recognitions with the School Committee:

The MRHS SHORE Food Pantry now has local seafood available, thanks to a generous community donor! Holly Buddensee of the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance in Chatham recently delivered the first weekly donation of clam chowder, haddock chowder, and fish stew to the pantry. The food pantry is run by students enrolled in the

“Students Have Opportunities for Recreation and Employment” (SHORE) program, which provides vocational training and transitional services to young adults with autism or intellectual disabilities. The students oversee the day-to-day operation of the pantry, which serves daily snacks for 100 students and helps provide food boxes for more than 30 Harwich families each week. Many thanks to the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance for their support of this important program.

Yesterday at the high school, as they do each year, the entire school paused for a 9/11 remembrance, with remarks over the loudspeaker from teacher John Dickson and a performance of America the Beautiful by the school's Select Choir.

Congratulations to Amanda Newcomb, Digital Arts teacher at Monomoy Regional High School. She has been awarded a \$5000 grant from the Mass Cultural Council for the 2025-2026 school year.

H. Action Items -Vote Required

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I. **Presentation of the Warrants**

Presentation of the Warrants Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants were presented for MRSC member signatures.

J. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Betty Gray moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brad Schiff.

UNANIMOUS: the meeting adjourns at 7:34 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Roberta Simmons
Recording Secretary