

**MARLBOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School - Library
Thursday, March 26, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call by Chairperson:

Chip Morris, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

BOE Members Present: Chip Morris, Amy Kuhrt, Jean Wilson, Jamie Smigel, Louise Concodello, William Guzman, and Linda Earley

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Celebrations:

- **CAPSS Superintendent Award** - Dr. Holly Hageman presented certificates to 6th graders, Keira Olin and Tyler Gatto for their outstanding achievements.
- **Board Appreciation** - Dr. Hageman expressed appreciation to the Board on behalf of MES staff, families, and herself, thanking members for their dedication, service, and continued support of the district.

4. Public Comments:

Hal Whitney, 20 Ogden Lord Road - Mr. Whitney thanked the Board for their service and shared a suggestion to consider relocating the Senior Center to the MES site.

5. Additions to the Agenda:

C. Morris made a motion that the Board add an Executive Session regarding a contract negotiation item between Agenda Items 12 and 13, seconded by A. Kuhrt. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

C. Morris made a motion to relocate Agenda Item 8.2 - FY27 Budget discussion in response to the Board of Finance requested reduction, to follow the Consent Agenda, seconded by J. Smigel. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda

- 6.1 Minutes of 02/26/26 Regular Business Meeting , 3/12/26 Special Meeting;
- 6.2 Personnel Actions – none;
- 6.3 Reports – receive and file the following document: monthly enrollment report;

A.Kuhrt made a motion that the Board approve Consent Agenda items 6.1 - 6.3, seconded by L. Concodello. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

- # 8.2 FY27 Budget discussion in response to the Board of Finance requested reduction:**
Per the BOF directive to reduce its FY27 budget by \$25,000, Dr. Hageman recommended that the reduction come from the textbook line by leveraging a reimbursement grant.

Dr. Hageman also encouraged Board members and the community to attend the Town Meeting scheduled for April 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the MES Cafeteria to vote on the proposed reallocation of MES Roof Reserve Funds to the MES Egress Project.

L. Earley made a motion that the Board reduce its FY27 Operating Budget by \$25,000 for a revised Operating Budget of \$9,327,184., seconded by J. Wilson. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

7. Oral Reports

7.1 Advisory Groups

- PTO – Kristen Trahan reported that the Fun Run fundraiser is scheduled for April 9th (rain date April 10th). Additional upcoming events include Movie Night, UCONN Baseball Family Night, and the next PTO meeting on April 1st.
- SAC – No meeting
- Operations, Wellness & Safety - No report
- Board of Finance Liaison – William Guzman reported that the Board of Finance met this past Monday, with primary discussion focused on budget adjustments proposed by the Town Manager.
- AHM – Chip Morris reported that AHM will host a Kids vs. Cops basketball game on Friday at RHAM High School. He also noted that the Health Matters program currently has openings in painting, macramé, youth yoga, planting, and open arts classes. Summer brochures are expected to be released in early April, and AHM has begun filming its new HERE4YOU podcast, with episodes anticipated to be released in mid-April.

7.2 Subcommittees

- Policy: Updated Policies - Updated standing policies were distributed for review.
- Personnel: No report
- Communications: No report

7.3 Chairperson: No report

7.4 Superintendent and Administrative Team

- Professional Development Presentation - A Professional Development overview was provided by Dr. Hageman. The “Professional Learning at MES” document was submitted.

8. Unfinished Business

- 8.1 MES Facilities Project Update** - Dr. Hageman reported that the Board of Selectmen has appointed five standing members to the Marlborough Elementary School Building Committee (MESBC): William Guzman, Amy Kuhrt, Kelly Oren, Russell Salvador, and Derek Bride. Two alternate members have also been appointed: Roark McCutcheon and Patricia Fitton. One alternate position remains open.

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9. New Business

9.1 Review March Financial Report - Submitted

10. Communications

10.1 Staff Vacancy Summary - Updated Staff Vacancy Form Submitted

11. Future Meetings & Topics

- Town Meeting: Approve Reallocation of MES Roof Reserve Funds to MES Egress Project, **April 1, 2026, 7:00pm**, MES Cafeteria
- 1st Annual Town Budget Public Hearing, Monday, **April 20, 2026, 6:00 pm**, MES Cafeteria
- Next Regular Business Meeting, Thursday, April 23, 2026, 6:30 pm
- 2nd Annual Town Budget Public Hearing, Monday, **May 4, 2026, 6:00 pm**, MES Cafeteria
- **Town Budget Referendum, Tuesday, May 5, 2026, MES Community Room**

Agenda suggestions for the next business meeting are due to the Chairperson or Superintendent by 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

12. Public Comments

Ken Hjulstrom, 181 S. Main St. - Expressed appreciation to Dr. Hageman for informing the group about the RHAM audit memo.

13. Executive Session - Executive Session regarding contract negotiation

L. Earley made a motion that the Board enter into executive session to discuss a contract negotiation item, seconded by J. Wilson.

C.Morris amended the motion to invite Dr. Holly Hageman to join the discussion, seconded by L. Concodello. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

BOE Members Present: Chip Morris, Amy Kuhrt, Jean Wilson, Jamie Smigel, Louise Concodello, William Guzman, and Linda Earley

Administration Present: Dr. Holly Hageman, Superintendent

Enter into Executive Session: **7:55 p.m.**

Exit Executive Session: **8:11 p.m.**

14. Adjournment:

J. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., seconded by L. Earley. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,
Carmela Monte