



**Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Agenda for Thursday, April 9, 2026 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 Clarke, Jackie Zibrat-Long, Ryan Edwards, Brett Fortin

Members not present: Betty Gray

Administrators present: Dr. Scott Carpenter, Dr. Robin Millen, Michael MacMillan, Joy Jordan, Lindsay Hooper, Kristen Callahan

AGENDA

A. Call to Order

Meredith Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

B. Adjourn to Executive Session: Roll Call Vote to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(2) to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and review Central Office job descriptions. Regular Open Session to resume at approximately 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Meredith Henderson: aye; Brad Schiff: aye; Stephen Davol: aye; Ryan Clarke: aye; Jackie Zibrat-Long: aye; Ryan Edwards: aye; Brett Fortin: aye. **UNANIMOUS**, the meeting adjourns to Executive Session.

The meeting resumed at 6:58PM

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes

i. March 26, 2026 Regular Business Meeting

MOTION: Brett Fortin motioned to approve the March 26, 2026 Regular Business Meeting minutes, seconded by Jackie Zibrat-Long.

The motion passes with six ayes and Stephen Davol abstaining.

D. MRHS Student Representative

Maggie Powers, MRHS Student Representative, gave an overview of recent happenings at the high school and highlighted some upcoming events.

- Congratulations to the school jazz band for winning a gold medal at the Massachusetts Association of Jazz Educators State Finals.
- Upcoming Pops Concert on April 14th at 7 PM with a jazz theme, promising a fun evening.
- Recognition for MRHS musicians who auditioned successfully for the All-Cape and Islands Music Festival on April 30th.
- Senior Prom is happening tomorrow, with a spirit week leading up to the event, highlighting the fast approach of the year's end.
- Spring sports are in full swing, with multiple games and matches scheduled, wishing luck to all athletes.
- The sophomore class hosted the Harlem Wizards event, emphasizing community support and fun.
- The Hope Squad attended the third annual Hope Summit, focusing on mental health awareness and engagement.
- Arts Night is showcasing student art and music from all schools, with a dedicated Senior Arts Night in May.
- The Young Women's Club will host a Mother's Day tea in May, promoting family engagement and community spirit.

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

None

F. Reports and Discussions

i. NSDC Award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership

MRSD Superintendent Dr. Carpenter presented the NSDC award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership to MRHS senior, Sean Needham.

- Counselor's Praise: Ms. Hall commended Sean for his exceptional influence and engagement in the school community.
 - Notable for his volunteerism, leadership roles, and support for peers and underclassmen.
 - Recognized for making newcomers feel valued and fostering connections.
- High Expectations: A personal story shared about guiding Sean in selecting a rigorous senior course load for his ambition to attend Mass Maritime.
- Commitment to Excellence: Sean's decision to enroll in four AP classes, demonstrating his commitment to academic excellence and readiness for future challenges.
- Future Aspirations: Sean plans to pursue marine engineering at Mass Maritime, showcasing his dedication and potential.

The presentation concluded with congratulations and recognition of Sean's achievements.

ii. Curriculum Update

Dr. Robin Millen, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Kristen Callahan, Curriculum Director, STEM 5-12 and Lindsay Hooper, Curriculum Director, Humanities 5-12 provided an overview of the initiatives that have been implemented this year.

Implementation of I-Ready Program

- I-Ready classroom mathematics implemented for K-7, shifting towards student-centered learning.
- Early indicators show increased student performance at elementary and middle school levels, reducing the number of students below grade level.
- Focus on refining instructional practices, continued professional learning, and data monitoring to sustain growth.

Expansion of Literacy and STEM Initiatives

- Ongoing work on K-12 literacy plan with significant professional development for teachers, including science of reading training.
- Aiming to enhance STEM access through Project Lead The Way (PLTW), focusing on middle school engagement and future high school opportunities.

Partnership discussions with Quincy College to offer dual enrollment courses on-site, aiming for greater accessibility for students are in progress and hope to be in place for fall of 2026.

We will continue with ongoing data collection and analysis to ensure continuous improvement and alignment with state standards as well as broader collaboration with community partners to develop more pathways for students.

iii. 2025-2026 Superintendent Summative Process and Documents (First read April 30, Second read May 14)

School Committee member Jackie Zibrat-Long discussed the process for the Superintendent evaluation.

- Key dates for the evaluation process were established:
 - First read of the evaluation on April 30th
 - Second read scheduled for May 14th
- Evaluation documents will be emailed out and are also available in paper format.
- Participants will receive:
 - Dr. Carpenter's goals and action steps
 - Indicator rubric with self-assessment highlights
- The completed evaluations are due by April 20th to allow for adequate review time before meetings.

- Documents will be electronically fillable for convenience.
- Questions regarding the evaluation process can be directed to the chair or vice chair for assistance.

Chair and vice chair to compile summative feedback for review on April 30th and final presentation on May 14th.

iv. School Committee Meeting Dates (Add April 30th, Move May 21th to May 28th)

School Committee Chairperson Meredith Henderson reviewed the updated meeting schedule with the committee due to the Superintendent Evaluation timeline and asked the members to let her know if they could attend to make sure there was a quorum for the April 30th meeting.

v. General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes

VOTE REQUIRED

Michael MacMillan, MRSD Business Manager, reviewed the middle school siding project and the borrowing schedule.

- The middle school siding project is officially underway.
- Crews are working diligently, operating six days a week for 11 hours a day.
- Original borrowing of \$5 million is still pending expenditure.
- Request for approval of an additional \$4.4 million short-term borrowing.
- This funding will cover upcoming higher invoice amounts to avoid ending the year in deficit.
- Long-term borrowing will occur post-project completion based on actual costs.
- Bond Council and financial advisors facilitated the borrowing process.

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long motioned to approve the various votes prepared by Bond Counsel for the District and presented to the meeting, which votes approve the sale of four million, four hundred and six thousand, one hundred and five 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 Ryan Edwards.

UNANIMOUS: the motion passes

vi. MRHS Donation to Animal Legal Defense Fund

VOTE REQUIRED

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long motioned to approve the donation of \$35 from the Monomoy Regional High School Animal Welfare Club Account to Animal Legal Defense Fund, seconded by Ryan Edwards.

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vii. First Reading Policy Files: File DJG: Vendor Relations, File IM-MSP: Middle School Pathway Exploration Policy

School Committee member Ryan Edwards presented the policies under review. Both policies will move forward for a second reading at the next meeting.

G. Subcommittee, Representative, Liaison Reports

i. Policy Subcommittee

School Committee member Ryan Edwards updated the members on the Policy Subcommittee and the current procedures to review policies.

- The director of student services has stepped down from the committee.
- This has caused delays in setting agendas and policy changes.
 - The team is working to establish a new plan moving forward.
- There are a few policies under review, but nothing urgent at this time.
- Comparison to last year indicates a lack of pressing matters.
- Suggestions to engage MASC to assist with reviewing the policy manual.
- The absence of an administrator may impact understanding and implementation of policies.
 - Propose a system to ensure timely updates on mandatory policies from DESE.

H. Superintendent's Report

i. Recognitions, including After-Prom supporters

National School Librarian Day was observed on April 4 to recognize the vital role school librarians and media specialists play in fostering literacy, research skills, and a love for reading. We appreciate our Shark librarians for managing resources, teaching digital citizenship, and supporting both students and staff!

We are wrapping up National Assistant Principal Week, a time to celebrate their important work they do supporting students, mentoring teachers, and fostering positive school cultures.

Our high school seniors have their prom tomorrow evening, with the Grand March at 5:30 p.m. at the Wychmere Resort in Harwich. Thanks to everyone who puts this special event together, from advisors to administrators to parent volunteers hosting the after-prom party. A list of sixty-six donors was read aloud to recognize all the support from the local community partners. Students, have fun and be safe!

Dr. Carpenter also shared some information he will be presenting to the Harwich Select Board and the Chatham Select Board next week regarding the upcoming vote for the roof replacement project at the middle school.

- The roof replacement project totals \$11.8 million.
- Approximately \$3.9 million will be reimbursed by the state, reducing taxpayer costs to about \$7.8 million.
- The project includes a metal roof, chosen for its durability against extreme weather conditions.
- Metal roofs can withstand higher winds and last 2.5 times longer than asphalt shingles.
- They are solar ready, allowing for easy installation of solar panels without compromising the roof's integrity.
- The state's approval of the metal roof is to protect public interests with state funding.
- It is crucial for the project to pass both town meetings at full amount to secure state funding.
- The urgency of the roof replacement is emphasized due to ongoing leaks and building preservation needs.

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

Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ryan Edwards.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roberta Simmons
Recording Secretary