

Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting
Thursday October 28, 2021
7:00pm

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Members Present: Sarah Gold, Meagan Taylor, Emily Barron, David Harris

Participated Remote: Sarah Fox

Also: John J. Buckey, Superintendent
Diversity Equity and Inclusion Team Members
Michelle Cresta, Director of Finance

I. Initial Business and Public Comment

a. Call to Order

Ms. Gold called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

b. Commendations

- Ms. Fox thanked the custodians and Town for their work with power outages on the school cancelation day the day before on October 27th.
- Ms. Taylor thanked the Brown PTO for hosting the Halloween Monster Mash.

c. Student Representative-Yasen Colon

Not in attendance that evening.

d. Public Comment

No public comment

II. Consent Action and Agenda Items

a. Minutes- 4/15/2021 and 4/29/2021

Ms. Gold asked for a motion to approve the minutes for April 15th and April 29th 2021 which was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes, 5-0.

Ms. Gold, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Harris, Ms. Fox and Ms. Barron-all yes

b. Approval to Declare High School Visual Arts Furniture as Surplus

Ms. Gold made a motion to declare the high school visual arts furniture on the list provided as surplus goods. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Fox and a roll call vote was taken with the motion passing, 5-0.

Ms. Gold, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Harris, Ms. Fox and Ms. Barron-all yes

III. Superintendent Report

a. Diversity Equity and Inclusion, DEI Presentation-Office of Teaching and Learning

Ms. Barron provided an introduction to the DEI team purpose and named the participating members including 3 high school students.

High School Principal, Ms. Lynsey Page provided some insight as to how the team developed their mission statement. Second grade teacher, Ms. Maggie Doben explained the importance of sharing the statement with all faculty in an equitable way. Assistant Principal, Ms. Julia Ferreira walked the committee through the approach that was used to help include the staff in understanding how the mission statement could relate to their daily teaching environment.

METCO Director, Deandra Williams discussed how the statement and the DEI work tied into the Planning for Success PFS Initiative.

b. District Updates

Superintendent Buckey commended the Director of Facilities, Todd Bloodgood , the Technology Director, Stephen Kwiatek and his Assistant for their support with navigating the unexpected cancellation of school the day before.

A meeting with the Town regarding ARPA funds will take place the following day and summer programming along with HVAC and IT upgrades will be prioritized for discussion.

Ms. Fox inquired about funding for hosting vaccination clinics in district to which Superintendent Buckey confirmed the plan to host clinics was already being considered.

IV. Finance and Organizational Support

a. Schedules

Ms. Gold informed the committee that schedules would be provided at the next meeting.

V. School Committee Communication and/or Discussion Items

a. Review of Policies

- i. EBCFA Face Coverings
- ii. IJNDD Social Networking Policy for Staff
- iii. IJOC School Volunteers

Ms. Fox requested that the social networking policy and the school volunteer policy be reviewed by legal prior to voting them at the next meeting.

Ms. Gold informed the committee that the face covering policy had been revised to reflect verbiage pertaining to reaching the 80% staff and student vaccination threshold by building to be able to apply for a waiver to go mask optional.

Ms. Fox asked that language be added to the policy clarifying that the submitted waiver attestation be not only submitted to but “approved by” DESE for approval to go mask optional.

A conversation about the mask mandate being extended until January 15th took place. The committee discussed waiting to vote the face coverings policy until one of the next meetings as the consensus was that there would be enough time to vote the policy in support of becoming a mask optional building, prior to meeting the threshold to apply for a waiver.

b. Facilities Memorandum of Agreement

The memorandum will be revisited at the meeting on the 18th of November. A conversation regarding maintaining ownership of certain properties for future use occurred. Ms. Fox requested that a forum for discussing the future use of properties be considered.

VI. Closing Business

a. New Business

None

b. Correspondence

Ms. Gold mentioned that the committee received an email from the Task Force Against Discrimination thanking the committee for sharing the DEI statement.

c. Adjournment

Ms. Gold adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm.

Materials Included:

High School Visual Arts surplus Memo

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Presentation

Policies: EBCFA, IJNDD and IJOC

Memorandum of Agreement with Board of Selectmen

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Dimier, Secretary

Marblehead School Committee

Approved March 3, 2022