

Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting

Thursday March 2, 2023

7:00pm

Marblehead High School- Library

2 Humphrey St.

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Members Present: Sarah Fox, Sarah Gold, Thomas Mathers, Alison Taylor and Meagan Taylor

Remote Participants:

Also Present : John J. Buckey, Superintendent
Nan Murphy, Assistant Superintendent
Michelle Cresta, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

I. Initial Business

a. Call to Order

Ms. Fox called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Superintendent Buckey shared an update on all of the work happening behind the scenes with the staff, students, police, the MBTA and news outlets to locate two missing high school students.

b. State of the District

Superintendent Buckey shared slides in celebration of student achievement. The results focused on PSAT results and state comparison data in the subject areas of reading and math. It was shared that the graduating class of 2023 has been accepted into a total of about 132 different schools.

c. Commendations

Ms. Gold commended the boys indoor track team for a member making it to Nationals, she recognized the girls swim team for making it to State and acknowledged both of the ski teams who placed 2nd in States.

d. Student Representative-Yasen Colon

The student representative, Yasen will be in attendance at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

e. Public Comment

None

II. Consent Action and Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes-1/23/2023, 1/30/2023 and 2/13/2023

Ms. Fox asked for a motion to approve the minutes from 1/23, 1/30 and 2/13/2023 and to approve the schedule of bills in the amount of \$253,997.71. The motion was moved by Ms. Gold and seconded by Mr. Mathers. The motion passes, 5-0.

b. Schedule of Bills

Approved and voted under the approval of minutes section

c. Approval of Overnight and /or Out of State Filed Trip

DECA Trip (formerly known as Distributive Clubs of America)

Ms. Fox asked for a motion to approve the overnight DECA trip to State Finals on 3/9 through 3/11/2023. The motion was moved by Ms. Gold and seconded by Mr. Mathers. The motion passes, 5-0 all in favor.

III. Superintendent Report

a. High School and Assistant Superintendent Search Update

The initial meeting for the high school principal search took place on Tuesday via zoom due to the snow day cancellation. A total of 8 applicants will be paper screened beginning the following week.

Prior to discussing the timeline for the Assistant Superintendent Search, Sarah Fox was named as the search representative for that committee. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday and the paper screening for the 26 applicants will also begin that week. The list of search committee members was included in the materials packet for the evening along with a tentative timeline.

b. Safes Routes to Schools Update

Superintendent Buckey shared a list of the connections each school has with Safe Routes including taking advantage of their grant opportunities and safety audits for walking and biking to school along with recommendations for implementing safer arrival/dismissal procedures.

c. Bussing Update

Superintendent Buckey happily reported that the District now has three full time bus drivers, 1 part time bus driver and two additional staff members that are licensed and can provide backup coverage if required. The number of students transported within the District was mentioned and the numbers of those students that pay to participate in the Pay to Ride program was also shared. Three bus routes run daily along with a 7D vehicle.

d. Sustainability Update

Memorandums for the work being done at each building to increase sustainability efforts were shared with the committee. Highlights include:

- Recycling bins in each classroom
- Refillable water stations
- Reusable cafeteria trays and silverware
- Organic Gardens at the elementary schools
- Composting at the middle and high schools
- High School environmental honor Society
- High School greenhouse project being developed

e. District Updates

No further District updates were shared.

IV. School Committee Communication and Discussion Items

a. Review of FY24 Budget Timeline

Ms. Fox explained the Town has yet to close their books. Joint budget subcommittee meetings are being scheduled.

b. FY24 Budget Planning and Discussion

Superintendent Buckey shared that there are currently three different versions of the budget that could be presented. 1) the austerity budget, 2) the level service budget and 3) the leadership aspirational budget which is the budget the leadership team presented at the budget workshop.

A committee discussion about benefits costs savings to the District pertaining to vacancies and retirement took place and committee members inquired why the savings couldn't be recalculated by the Town to help fund other requests. A discussion about the use of Chapter 70 funding occurred and further conversation about warrant articles and the use

of ARPA funds occurred. It was decided that using ARPA funds for one-time costs may be the best approach.

A timeline of the budget meetings was shared:

- budget subcommittee on the 3rd
 - hearing on the 21st
 - vote on the 23rd
 - Fincom budget vote on the 27th
- c. Subcommittee and Liaison Updates
A discussion about facilities capital needs requests took place and it was confirmed that a meeting for rolling stock is already scheduled for the following week

V. Closing Business

a. New Business

Principal Fox confirmed that more than a one-year contract can be issued to a principal as previously discussed during the meeting.

b. Correspondence

Ms. Fox explained that an email about tardies came to the committee but it is operational and did not apply

c. Adjournment

Ms. Fox adjourned the meeting at 8:36pm

Materials Included:

Student Achievement Presentation Slides

Schedule of Bills

High School Principal and Assistant Superintendent Search Timeline

Memorandum Updates:

Safe Routes to Schools

Bussing

Sustainability

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Dimier, Secretary

Marblehead School Committee

Approved March 16, 2023