

Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting

Friday August 28, 2020 9:00am

Zoom Conference Call-

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

Also: Dr. John J. Buckey-Superintendent
Nan Murphy-Assistant Superintendent

I. Call to Order

Ms. Gold called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Ms. Fox made a motion to allow for public comment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris. A roll call vote was taken. It was mentioned that due to Ms. Taylor experiencing connectivity issues that her vote would be counted as an abstention. The motion carried 4-0-1.

Ms. Gold-yes
Mr. Harris-yes
Ms. Fox-yes
Mr. Barron-yes
Ms. Taylor-abstained

II. Public Comment

Ms. Catherin Martin of W Shore Dr. inquired if an Industrial Hygienist would be completing the carbon dioxide and humidity testing in all of the school buildings. She also questioned what the timeframe and plans for mitigation would should there be any findings upon inspection.

Mr. Patrick Noonan asked the committee to share any other non HVAC related unresolved issues that could delay modifications to the collective bargaining agreements that would prevent the staff from returning and the school hybrid start date.

III. Memorandum of Agreement with the Marblehead Education Association

Superintendent Buckey explained that the memorandum involved collaboration with the Marblehead Education Association MEA to address provisions to the reopening of schools. He shared that areas of concern related to building safety, cleaning protocols, the school calendar and staff professional development. It was noted that HVAC concerns could delay the memorandum of agreement for the reopening of schools and that an air quality audit would address such concerns. Superintendent Buckey informed the committee that the Director of Facilities, Todd Bloodgood had coordinated with Fuss and O'Neill to begin an air quality audit as early as the following week. He also confirmed that staff who felt more comfortable to do so were approved to work from home during the first two weeks of professional development until the audit was complete. He further shared that the memorandum had been approved by the MEA the previous evening and that the school committee would need to vote to approve it as well so the air quality audit work could begin.

Ms. Gold asked for a motion to approve the memorandum of agreement between the Marblehead School Committee and the Marblehead Education Association which would get the district through September 14th. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron.

The committee discussed the expectations of staff working remotely from the classroom versus working from home. Dr. Buckey reminded the committee of the Commissioner's expectations that

staff teach remote from their classrooms further clarifying that additional personal protective equipment and separate work spaces could be provided as an accommodation for those staff that required it. A conversation regarding appropriate staff accommodations and the approval process for working from home took place.

Ms. Fox noted that she was in favor of staff that was able to work from home being able to do so, sharing that she felt it could help lessen the number of individuals in the buildings; thus lessening the potential for the virus spreading.

Ms. Fox also requested that the air quality reports be shared when they come in to which Superintendent Buckey confirmed that the results would be provided to the community as the safety of the staff and students remained a primary concern. Superintendent Buckey thanked the MEA for their collaboration mentioning how grateful he was for the positive working relationship.

A roll call vote to approve the memorandum of agreement was taken. The motion passed, 5-0 all in favor.

Ms. Gold-yes

Mr. Harris-yes

Ms. Fox-yes

Ms. Barron-yes

Ms. Taylor-yes

IV. Adjournment

Ms. Gold adjourned the meeting at 9:33am sharing that the recording would be posted to the YouTube channel.

*Respectfully Submitted
Sarah Fox, Secretary
Marblehead School Committee*

Approved October 29, 2020