

Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting
Thursday October 6, 2022
7:00pm

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Members Present: Sarah Gold, Sarah Fox, Alison Taylor
Members Absent: Emily Barron
Remote Participants: Meagan Taylor

Also: John J. Buckey, Superintendent
Nan Murphy, Assistant Superintendent
Michelle Cresta, Director of Finance
Dan Bauer, High School Principal
Amanda Murphy, Village School Principal
Mary Maxfield, Brown School Principal
Hope Doran, Glover School Principal
Stephen Kwiatek, Director of Technology
Don Morgan, Marblehead Conservancy

I. Initial Business and Public Involvement

1. Call to Order
Ms. Fox called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She noted that Ms. Meagan Taylor would be Participating from home and Ms. Barron would not be in attendance.
2. Commendations
Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents –M.A.S.S Excellence Award
Superintendent Buckey presented Student Representative Yasen Colon with the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents excellence award. A list of his commendable accomplishments was recognized.
3. Student Representative – Yasen Colon
 - Picture Day was 9/28
 - School Advisory Councils SACs were voted 10/1
 - Clubs are starting again
 - The Math Team won their first meet
 - The Boosters held a Scholarship Drive on 10/2
 - The Junior Class opened a class clothing shop
 - The Freshman class elections will be on 10/7
 - Day Zero, the day of service will take place next week
 - A sports update was provided
4. Public Comment
 - Becky Scuiu of Lafayette St. inquired about the elementary schedules and the time on learning requirements. She furthered shared concerns about the time students are standing in line in the cafeteria and the change in specials schedules.

II. Consent Agenda and Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes:
9/7/2022 and 9/22/2022

Ms. Fox asked for a motion to approve minutes from 9/7/2022, which was moved by Ms. Gold and seconded by Ms. Alison Taylor. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes, 4-0.

Ms. Gold-yes
Ms. Alison Taylor-yes
Ms. Meagan Taylor-yes
Ms. Fox-yes

Ms. Fox asked for a motion to approve the minutes from 9/22/2022. The motion was moved by Ms. Alison Taylor and seconded by Ms. Meagan Taylor. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes, 3-1-0.

Ms. Gold-abstained
Ms. Alison Taylor-yes
Ms. Meagan Taylor-yes
Ms. Fox-yes

2. Appointment of School Nurse.
After an introduction by Principal Bauer, Ms. Fox asked for a motion to appoint Vanessa Coonan as an additional nurse at the high school. The motion was moved by Ms. Meagan Taylor and seconded by Ms. Gold. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes 4-0.

Ms. Gold-yes
Ms. Alison Taylor-yes
Ms. Meagan Taylor-yes
Ms. Fox-yes

3. Review of School Improvement Plans-Brown, Glover and Village Schools
Principal Murphy and along with elementary principals, Doran and Maxfield presented the improvement plans for the Village, Brown and Glover Schools. The main focus areas consisted of 1) curriculum 2) strengthening professional culture and 3) diversity, equity and inclusion. Improvement strategies for each of the planning for success initiative areas were outlined and shared during a presentation.

Ms. Fox made a motion to approve the school improvement plans as presented by principals. The motion was moved and seconded. During the roll call vote around 43 minutes into the meeting, Ms. Meagan Taylor had left the meeting and her vote was not included. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes, 3-0

Ms. Gold-yes
Ms. Alison Taylor-yes
Ms. Fox-yes

Ms. Fox reminded the principals that facilities related request could be part of the improvement plans if relevant.

4. Marblehead Conservancy Renewal
Mr. Don Morgan of Wyman Rd. and representative for the Marblehead Conservancy spoke to the committee regarding the conservation properties in Town the conservancy currently maintained. He noted that the conservancy was funded by memberships and the number of projects the conservancy has been involved with over the years was mentioned. It was explained that he was coming before the committee to confirm the schools intentions of continuing the relationship with the conservancy as the organization was currently

undergoing reauthorization by the Conservation Commission. A map of properties maintained was shared which included Seaside Park and the Village school.

Ms. Fox asked for a Motion to approve continuance of the current relationship with the Marblehead Conservancy until further notice which was moved by Ms. Meagan Taylor who had rejoined the meeting and seconded by Ms. Alison Taylor. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes 4-0.

Ms. Gold-yes
Ms. Alison Taylor-yes
Ms. Meagan Taylor-yes
Ms. Fox-yes

III. Superintendent Report

1. Planning for Success Update-Director of Technology, Stephen Kwiatek
The technology Director provided updates pertaining to the PfS Planning for Success Technology Initiative. He shared the following:
 - Students in k-6th grades now have 1-1 devices
 - Smart panels have been installed in buildings
 - A focused technology curriculum is being looked into
 - New cameras have been installed in buildings and areas of buildings that required them.
 - A system called the Raptor System has been implemented to help track visitors in the building
 - Security awareness training is being launchedA reminder about capturing additional technology personnel in the budget was mentioned to account for the need that could be associated with a state framework curriculum

2. Superintendent 2022-2023sy Goals
Dr. Buckley noted that his goals were shared the previous week to allow time to meet with committee members. It was mentioned that the department rubric and feedback from prior evaluations was used to determine goals and that key actions and benchmarks were added to determine outputs.

A discussion about the measurability of goals and instructional round walkthrough took place. Ms. Gold reminded the committee of the opportunity to accompany the Superintendents through an instructional round walkthrough. Ms. Fox voiced her concern regarding the difficulty in measuring operational goals. She further recommended tabling the vote for next the next meeting when all members could be present to vote.

3. District Updates
Principal Fox provided an update on the sidewalk pouring that would take place the following week, which would affect the Village and Veteran families and walking routes for students.

IV. Finance Organizational Support

1. Schedule of Bills
Ms. Fox asked for a motion to approve the schedule of bills totaling \$517,631.20. The motion was moved by Alison Taylor and seconded by Sarah Gold. The motion passed 3-0. Ms. Meagan Taylor left the meeting early.

V. School Committee Communications and/or Discussion Items

1. Subcommittee and Liaison Updates

Ms. Gold shared information on a curriculum, instructional and student life subcommittee noting that the information was being shared in follow up to the discussion held at the summer retreat. It was explained that the committee was suggested in an effort to help the committee better understand and support the inner operational workings of the school day while providing an opportunity to better align teaching and learning initiatives with the district's Plan for Success, which could inform budget planning.

Assistant Superintendent Murphy mentioned developing consistent systems to support student growth and equitable services for all.

A discussion about the benefits of implementing the committee, the makeup of the committee and the governance of the committee took place.

Ms. Fox spoke in favor of the committee assisting with community communication updates.

- The Policy subcommittee that was scheduled for the following day will be canceled for the following morning.
- It was explained that the school committee would meet to discuss budget directives for FY24. The meeting could be posted as a subcommittee or as a workshop. Ms. Fox suggested scheduling the workshop the following week prior to the next meeting.

Ms. Gold requested that the budget subcommittee be mindful of relaying information to the full committee prior to learning about information from written articles.

A conversation that occurred at the last budget subcommittee regarding regular updates on under or overspending was shared with the committee.

Ms. Fox also mentioned budgeting for a software program that would work for the schools and the Towns. She also mentioned looking into changing the process so the school committee could vote the budget prior to the finance committee.

2. Forum Date(s) and Topic(s) Discussion

A discussion about scheduling a topic-focused forum took place and it was suggested that a forum be held on Tuesday the 25th at 7pm.

VI. Closing Business

1. New Business

None

2. Correspondence

A petition pertaining to gym clothing was included in the committee drive and packet posted to the website. It was noted that Principal Fox had already addressed the concerns in a response to parents earlier that day.

3. Adjournment

Ms. Fox adjourned the meeting at 8:57pm

Materials Included:

School Nurse Resume

School Improvement Plans-Brown, Glover, Village

Marblehead Conservancy Presentation

Planning for Success Technology Update

Superintendent Goals
Sidewalk Pouring Update Presentation
Schedule of Bills
Memo-Proposed curriculum, instruction, and student life subcommittee
Petition re: gym clothing

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Dimier, Secretary
Marblehead School Committee*

Approved October 20, 2022