

**Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday December 15, 2022**  
**7:00pm**  
**High School Library**

Zoom Recording ID

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**Members Present:** Sarah Fox, Sarah Gold and Alison Taylor

**Remote Participants:** Meagan Taylor

**Also:** John J. Buckey, Superintendent  
Lauren Kinder, Glover School Nurse  
Amanda Murphy, Village School Principal  
Greg Ceglarski, Athletics Director  
Michelle Cresta, Director of Finance

**I. Initial Business**

- a. Ms. Fox called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.  
She introduced orchestra teacher, Ms. Frias and her students for a musical performance.
- b. Encore Student Choral Performance  
The meeting opened with an orchestra performance from the extracurricular string ensemble made up of 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Three holiday songs were played.
- c. Commendations
  - Ms. Fox commended the students for their performance. She also commended the entire fine arts department for all of the recent performances that have taken place through the district.
  - Ms. Gold recognized the Superintendent for his thoughtful weekly updates sharing that they were a nice addition to keep the District informed. Ms. Gold also commended the work that has taken place to provide positive changes to the parent/teacher conferences.
  - Ms. Alison Taylor thanked the Brown PTO for their work with the holiday show.
- d. Student Representative-Yasen Colon
  - The Fashion Club recently held a winter gear drive for Life Bridges of the North Shore
  - The Jefferson Forum is holding a toy collection drive through the 13<sup>th</sup> for Pathways for Children
  - The Sophomores held their annual candy gram fundraiser and raised \$300
  - The National Green School Society is holding a fundraiser through December 28<sup>th</sup>. Sustainable gifts can be purchased online at [foodsupply.com](https://foodsupply.com)
  - The winter concert for the high school music department will be on December 19<sup>th</sup>
  - The middle school concert is scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup>
  - The Senior Class is working on their show which will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Winter sports have begun, and a sports update was provided
- e. Public Comment  
None

**II. Consent Action and Agenda Items**

- a. *Appointment of School Nurse*  
Ms. Lauren Kinder was brought forward to fill the nurse position at the Glover School.

Ms. Kinder has 10 years of experience as a nurse with 5 years' experience as a school nurse working for Lynn and most recently Malden Public Schools. She is experienced working with a Prek-12<sup>th</sup> grade student population. She is currently working in a K-8<sup>th</sup> grade building that houses about one thousand students.

Discussions pertaining to the following took place:

- Ms. Kinder's reasons for moving on from her current position
- The role of a school nurse in providing social/emotional support to students
- What skills Ms. Kinder would bring to the nursing position at the Glover School

Prior to a vote being taken, Superintendent Buckey recommended revisiting the vote once he has had time to connect with Malden regarding a transition start date. The committee consensus was to invite Ms. Kinder back in early January for a formal vote.

### III. Superintendent Report

#### a. Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, MCAS Testing Update Village School MCAS Update-Principal Amanda Murphy

Principal Murphy gave an overview of recent years test administration and provided a summary of grade level scores per content area. She shared that the need for teacher/student intervention would be reflected in budget planning. She noted that data would be used to inform WIN, "What I Need" instruction and to create vertical curriculum alignment with the Veterans Middle School.

#### b. Addressing Hate in School Sports-Athletic Director, Greg Ceglarski

Mr. Ceglarski opened his presentation sharing the expectations of student athletes and the code of conduct referenced in the handbook. He further stressed the importance of athletes representing the community at all times. Mr. Ceglarski explained the measures being taken to monitor the potential for incidences of hazing and harassment. Additionally, the consequences for students who witness and do not report incidences of hate were shared.

Mr. Ceglarski mentioned a recent conference he attended at TD Garden which focused on addressing hate. He noted the significant examples shared "from the field". It was recommended to address incidences during weekly captain's meetings as an opportunity for leadership training and culture building.

Principal Bauer further noted that by establishing a positive culture, a better team and program would be built which would ultimately lead to success.

It was recommended by a committee member for high school athletes to speak to younger athletes focusing on how to combat incidences of hate. Ms. Fox questioned training requirements by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association and any professional development offerings for training team captains.

#### c. District Updates

Superintendent Buckey shared feedback from a recent budget focused Thoughtexchange. The data included feedback from more than 300 people with over twelve thousand ratings.

It was noted that thoughts pertaining to staff compensation, curriculum and tuition-free kindergarten stood out amongst budget related topics. It was also shared that the discussion surrounding lengthening the school day was equally divided amongst community members who either strongly agreed or strongly disagree with the idea. Superintendent Buckey mentioned that surprisingly transportation was not prioritized from a budget point of view.

Superintendent Buckey informed the community that COVID test kits will be sent home before holiday break for testing before returning. A Superintendent's Coffee will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Village School.

Additionally, he reminded the committee that school committee member inquiries should go through the Superintendent's office when no longer a parent focused conversation.

#### IV. Finance Organizational Support

##### a. Schedule of Bills

Prior to asking for a motion to approve the schedule of bills, Ms. Fox shared her concerns regarding a communication consultant the district was contracting with that she was unaware of.

A discussion about supporting communication needs with a less expensive price tag of a Director level position took place. After a discussion about how to bring consultants into the district going forward took place, Ms. Fox asked for a vote to approve the schedule of bills totaling \$654,349.52. It was moved by Ms. Gold and seconded by Alison Taylor. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Gold-yes

Ms. Alison Taylor-yes

Ms. Meagan Taylor-yes

Ms. Fox-abstain

The motion passes, 3-0-1.

#### V. School Committee Communication and Discussion Items

##### a. School Committee Budget Priorities and Budget Calendar Discussion

Ms. Fox asked for a motion to approve the presented budget priorities 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, Ms. Alison Taylor, Ms. Meagan Taylor, Ms. Fox-all yes.

##### b. School Committee Member Vacancy Update

Ms. Fox discussed scheduling a mutually agreeable date for interviewing candidates for the vacant school committee seat. It was decided that if January 23<sup>rd</sup> could work for all, Ms. Taylor would reschedule her conflict if applicable.

##### c. Subcommittee and Liaisons Updates

- Ms. Fox noted an email issue with the clerk's office and encouraged subcommittee members to check their postings to ensure they were up on the Town's website
- Facilities will meet once more information pertaining to the warrant is shared
- A Park and Recreation meeting was held to discuss memorandum of understanding adjustments
- A joint Budget Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Monday

#### VI. Closing Business

##### a. New Business

Ms. Taylor requested an update for the composting and recycling programs at the schools

Ms. Gold inquired about having student Tyler Earp return to discuss his Eagle Scout Greenhouse Project.

The draft calendar for the 2023-2024 school year will be shared at the first meeting in January

##### b. Correspondence

A contract for the communication consulting was included in the materials and discussed earlier in the meeting

c. Adjournment

Ms. Fox adjourned the meeting at 8:54pm

*Materials Included:*

*Nurse Resume-Lauren Kinder*

*MCAS Results Presentation-Village School*

*Athletics Presentation-Combatting Incidences of Hate*

*Schedule of Bills*

*FY24 Budget Directives*

*Communications Consulting Contract-2022-2023sy*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Lisa Dimier, Secretary*

*Marblehead School Committee*

*Approved February 16, 2023*