

Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting  
Thursday April 25, 2024  
7:00PM

Members Present: Sarah Fox, Brian Ota, Jennifer Schaeffner, Alison Taylor, Al Williams

Also Present: Dr. Theresa McGuinness-Interim Superintendent, Mary Delai- Interim Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Julia Ferreira-Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

I. Initial Business

a. Call to Order

Ms. Fox called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

b. Commendations

- Brian Ota reads a statement that he has written on the leaks at Marblehead High School
  - He would like to commend Todd and the Custodians regarding the diligence in keeping up with the leaks
- Jennifer Schaeffner highlights that Marblehead High School students were selected to attend the North Shore Chamber of Commerce's dinner
  - The North Shore Chamber of Commerce celebrates the top 5% of students in the graduating class of each public high school on the north shore
- Alison Taylor would like to commend anybody that pulled and returned papers for a seat on a committee within the district
- Sarah Fox would like to commend everyone that has been part of the districts hiring committees

c. Public Comment

- Mary McCariston-46 Pine Cliff Drive
  - Mary asks a question about an article she read regarding additional funding that the district may receive from the Town
  - Mary also references the "firing of Ann Haskell" and gives her opinion on the dismissal

II. District Updates-Dr. Theresa McGuinness

- Dr. McGuinness would like to commend the Marblehead Boosters and the community for the "Fund the Field" project that was able to raise over \$800,000 for the replacement of Piper Field at the High School
- Staffing Updates:
  - Glover School Principal
    - First round of interviews has taken place
    - Site visit scheduled for 05/02
  - Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations
    - Interviews were today 04/25
    - Updates will be provided in the next two weeks
  - Village School Principal
    - Starting next week
  - Assistant Director of Student Services (.5 FTE)

- Will be posted soon
- Special Education Program Review
  - Due date for proposals was today 04/25
  - 5 firms have submitted proposals
  - Proposals will be reviewed by evaluation committee and a vendor will be selected by 05/15
- Marblehead High School Roof Replacement:
  - Due date for proposals is 05/16
  - 12 Firms have requested RFS's
  - Proposals will be reviewed by evaluation committee on 05/20 and the vendor will be selected by 05/30
- 05/24-Last day of classes for Seniors
- Senior Prom- 05/29
- Graduation-05/31
- Student representative Cat Piper will be graduating this year and will bring her choice for replacement representative to the next School Committee meeting

a. Updated School Calendar 2024-2025 (vote)

- School Committee has received some changes requested by the MEA to the School Calendar for the 2024-2025 School Year

*Motion to amend the previously approved motion to approve the 24/25 School Calendar*

Moved by Ms. Schaeffner, Seconded by Ms. Taylor

Mr. Williams, Mr. Ota, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Schaeffner, Ms. Fox- All Yes

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passes 5-0

III. Consent Action and Agenda Items

a. Schedule of Bills (vote)

*Motion to approve the identified schedule of bills totaling \$425,631.81*

Moved by Ms. Taylor, Seconded by Ms. Schaeffner

Mr. Williams, Mr. Ota, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Schaeffner, Ms. Fox- All Yes

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passes 5-0

b. Approval of Minutes (vote)

*Motion to approve the minutes as presented for 01/18/2024 with the requested edits*

Moved by Ms. Schaeffner, Seconded by Mr. Ota

Mr. Ota, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Schaeffner, Ms. Fox- All Yes

Mr. Williams has abstained from the vote

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passes 4-0 with one abstention

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

##### a. Director of Student Services Interview (vote)

- Lisa Marie Ippolito-Finalist for Director of Student Services for Marblehead Public Schools
  - Dr. McGuinness provides an introduction of Lisa Marie to the School Committee
  - The School Committee asks their questions to Lisa Marie

*Motion to approve the hiring of Lisa Marie Ippolito for the Director of Student Services pending contract negotiations*

Opened for Discussion

- Jennifer Schaeffner has done research and this position in other School Districts is an Assistant Superintendent position and proposes an amendment to the motion

*Motion to hire Lisa Marie Ippolito as the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services pending a successful contract and pending the voting in of a new role, salary range, and job description*

Moved by Ms. Taylor, Seconded by Mr. Ota

Mr. Williams, Mr. Ota, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Schaeffner, Ms. Fox- All Yes

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passes 5-0

##### b. Marblehead High School Turf Replacement Donation (vote)

*Motion to approve the acceptance of the donation from the Marblehead All Sports Boosters in the amount of \$680,698 for the Piper Field replacement and site improvement*

Moved by Ms. Schaeffner, Seconded by Ms. Taylor

Mr. Williams, Mr. Ota, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Schaeffner, Ms. Fox- All Yes

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passes 5-0

##### c. User Fees Rate Setting (vote)

- Mary Delai sent a memo to the School Committee recommending that the district adopts option 2

*Motion to approve the new user fee schedule outlined in the closed packet for the 2024-2025 School Year*

Moved by Ms. Schaeffner, Seconded by Ms. Taylor

Mr. Williams, Mr. Ota, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Schaeffner, Ms. Fox- All Yes

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passes 5-0

d. Superintendent Search Discussion

- The district has received a number of qualified candidates
- The School Committee discusses who their top 4 candidates are to begin to narrow the pool of candidates
- The final candidates for the Interim Superintendent position will be Barbara Cataldo, Thaddeus King, Jose Munos, John Robidoux and David Thompson

e. Sub Committee and Liaison Updates and Discussion

- Communications Survey Update
  - Brian Ota presents the Final Draft of the Communications Survey
  - The School Committee points out a few more edits that need to be made prior to publishing the survey
  - As the Surveys are completed they will be sent to Stephen Kwiatek, Director of Technology, to pull the data together for the School Committees review

V. Closing Business

a. New Business-School Committee Announcements and Requests

- None

b. Correspondence

- None

c. Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned at 8:15PM by Ms. Fox

Respectfully Submitted,  
Allison McMahan, Secretary  
Marblehead School Committee