

Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2016
MHS Library

Members Present: Meredith Tedford, Kate Lipsitz, Jennifer Schaeffner
Susie Pratt, David Harris, Jr.

Also: Maryann Perry, Superintendent
Dr. Bradford Smith, Assistant Superintendent
Amanda Maniaci, Director of Business and Finance
Ken Lord, Exec. Dir. Of Technology and Operations
Monica Visco, Director of Human Resources

SC Members Absent:

I. Initial Business

A. Call to Order

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

B. Commendations

Ms. Pratt commended the team of teachers at the Village School for the Vocabulary Parade event.

Mr. Harris commended the seven sports teams who moved on to the MIIA State Tournament:

- 4 seed varsity field hockey
- #9 seed varsity volleyball
- #1 seed varsity football
- #6 seed varsity girls soccer
- #4 seed varsity boys soccer
- Varsity cheer team will compete in the NEC Cheer Tournament on Sunday 11/6
- Boys/Girls cross country will compete in the Eastern Mass. State Divisional Race on Saturday

Superintendent Perry reminded the community of this week's performance "Once Upon This Island Village."

Superintendent Perry reminded the community that here in Marblehead we hold high standards for respect and inside our walls we teach education to all students. Our first choice as educators is to educate. Anyone can voice with respect and will be heard with respect. Everyone needs to come together and know that in the schools of Marblehead, it's education first.

C. Public Comment

Ms. Tedford asked for public comments and reminded the community to limit their comments to 3 minutes.

Jennifer Eaton, 126 West Shore Drive. Thanked the committee for their time with our students and asked to open a dialogue regarding the school calendar to find a more practical approach to education.

Kimberly Howard, 1 Ramsey Road supports the request that we review the school calendar to provide more consistency in education for our students.

Erin Newman, 15 Beverly Ave lends full support to Jennifer Eaton's request and remarked that in the first twelve weeks of the school calendar we've only had four full weeks of school and no full week until January which makes it very difficult for students to settle into a routine and a burden to two income households.

Kathy Kindall, 162 Jersey Street noted that she has one child at the Charter and another in MPS and that religious freedoms are protected by the law and anyone can exercise their legal right for an excused absence within the limits of the law. She stated that she does not feel it is necessary for religious holidays to be on the calendar and that five school days in a row would better serve our students. Noted that a survey was sent out and vast majority of respondents voted in favor of removing religious holidays on the calendar. She also noted that the half days on the calendar are excessive. "Please make education of our students first which means consistency."

Katherine Martin, 21 West Shore Drive noted that she wants to be sympathetic to everybody but that we need to do what's best for our children's education.

D. Student Representative

Melissa Kordha, junior at MHS and School Committee student representative reminded the community that this coming weekend is the Girls Powder Puff Game.

Winter track has begun

They had a good student turnout for set build up for the performance of "Sister Act."

II. Consent Agenda & Action Items

1. SC Minutes: 10/6/2016; 10/20/2016

Ms. Tedford asked for a motion to accept. The motion was made by Ms. Schaeffner and the Committee **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

III. Teaching/Learning-Superintendent of Schools

A. District Reports and Updates

1. Weight Room Equipment declared as surplus

Mr. Lord explained there is weight room equipment that is broken or out of date and new room must be made for the new equipment. He asked to declare these items as surplus.

Mr. Harris made motion to approve the list of weight room equipment presented as surplus. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lipsitz and the Committee **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

2. Superintendent's Goals update

Superintendent Perry presented an update of her goals for the Committee.

Goal 1 - By April 2017, implement a system of curriculum renewal that supports increased academic achievement and social-emotional learning through a coordinated, aligned and consistently delivered curriculum based on challenging standards and high expectations.

Goal 2 - By April 2017, expand, fund and enhance school facilities and technology, along with the associated professional development, to promote the highest potential outcomes for student and faculty achievement, and to comply with new State assessment technology mandates.

Goal 3 – By April 2017, design, streamline, and organize a thorough and complete hiring process by which staff are recruited, hired, moved and counseled by the administrative leaders.

The Committee took a brief break 9:10pm

The Committee returned at 9:15pm.

Goal 4 – By April 2017, will implement communication strategies to improve internal and external communication in order to promote Marblehead as a collaborative, transparent district dedicated to student achievement.

IV. Finance Organizational Support**1. Schedule of Bills**

#14203	\$299,850.58
#14227	\$ 8,822.00
#14228	\$ 11,758.84
#14229	\$ 13,001.80
#14231	\$ 27,388.93
Total	\$360,822.15

Motion to approve all schedules of bills totaling **\$360,822.15** was made by Ms. Pratt and seconded by Ms. Lipsitz. The Committee **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

V. School Committee Communication and/or Discussion items**1. Gerry Update**

- **Addition of Bldg. Committee Member**

Mr. Harris noted that he was not present at Nov 10th Building Committee meeting but noted that the Committee is moving forward on a tight schedule. The next Gerry Bldg Committee meeting will be held on November 29th, a meeting on December 7th or 8th.

Mr. Lord stated that he had a conference call with the MSBA for updated enrollment numbers and they suggested adding Bell to the Feasibility Study. He explained that at the past School Committee meeting, the School Committee added the Bell School Principal, Ms. Donna Zaeske. Bell School teacher Aimee Sheppard showed interest in serving on the Gerry Bldg. Committee as well.

Ms. Schaeffner made motion to appoint Aimee Sheppard to the Gerry Bldg. Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and the Committee **VOTED** unanimously in favor.

2. Sub-Committee Update

- **Policy**

Ms. Schaeffner noted that the sub-committee had their second policy meeting with Mike Gilbert of MASC going through sections C and D. There were some updates and they will meet with the Superintendent and the Business Manager to review these updates.

- **Protocols:**

Ms. Pratt noted that she and Ms. Schaeffner worked on a draft and have sent it to the Superintendent.

Ms. Tedford made note that the Committee should also draft Goals.

3. MASC Conference Update

Ms. Tedford gave a brief update on her attendance at the conference.

VI. Closing Business**A. New Business****B. Correspondence****C. Adjournment**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:51pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Lipsitz
Marblehead School Committee

Meeting Documents:

SC Minutes 10/6/2016 and 10/20/2016

Weight Room Memo to declare old equipment surplus

Superintendent's Goal Update

Schedule of Bills

Approved by SC 1 12 2017