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Meeting Name: MPS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: 17 WASHINGTON STREET, SCHOOL COMMITTEE ROOM

Agenda Items to be addressed:

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Presentation
4. Committee Discussion/Directives
5. Communications
6. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Director of Finance & Operations Report
 - B. Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Report
7. Acceptance of Minutes
 - A. Minutes of the November 14, 2023 School Committee Meeting
8. Public Comment
9. Action Items/Reports
 - A. Acceptance of Donations and Gifts
10. Reports of School Committee Sub-Committees
11. Members' Forum
12. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Matthews, Secretary
Marlborough School Committee

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

TO: MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FROM: MARY MURPHY, SUPERINTENDENT
SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE
DATE: 11/28/2023

1. Marlborough High School District 3 Sportsmanship Award: Marlborough High School was selected to receive the 2023 MIAA District 3 Sportsmanship Award. This is a significant recognition. Marlborough High School was selected by the schools with whom they compete.

The presentation of the District Sportsmanship Awards took place during the 29th Annual MIAA Sportsmanship Summit at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough on Thursday, November 9, 2023. Principal Dan Riley, Athletic Director Jeff Rudzinsky, and MHS student ambassadors to MIAA Ava VanBuskirk, Abby Carroll, and Akrif Semakula attended the summit.

2. Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award: It is with great privilege that we recognize Rhea Khanderia as a Class of 2024 recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award. Rhea is known for being a driven, kind, genuine and passionate young woman who exemplifies the DAR qualities of dependability, service, and leadership, and patriotism.

During her years at Marlborough High School (MHS), Rhea has been extremely involved in our school community. Rhea is continually giving back through her volunteer efforts, and she is always seen at every school event. Rhea is currently the secretary of the Class of 2024, and she serves on the student council. Rhea is a member of the Regional Student Advisory Council and the State Student Advisory Council that works to have students have a voice in their schools. Rhea is also a member of the National Honor Society, the National Business Honor Society, Business Professionals of American, and serves as a peer leader. Rhea is 3 sport varsity athlete and volunteers with our Unified Track and Unified Basketball programs. One of Rhea's greatest passions is being part of our Best Buddies program and working with our special education students through our unified sports and unified art & music courses. Rhea's leadership and involvement in the MHS community sets her apart from her peers.

Rhea is currently ranked in the top of her class with a 4.23 cumulative grade point average (G.P.A). Since entering MHS, Rhea has demonstrated all the attributes of a

hardworking student. She is incredibly focused and determined to be the absolute best she can be academically. During her junior year, Rhea completed two Advanced Placement (AP) courses. This year as a senior, Rhea is continuing to challenge herself by taking on three additional AP courses.

Rhea has goals of attending college in the fall and majoring in either business or political science. Congratulations to Rhea on her past, present, and future achievements.

Rhea will receive her award at a ceremony in March.

3. National School Development Council (NSDC) Award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning:

It is with great privilege that we recognize Jordan Bautista as a Class of 2024 recipient of the National School Development Council (NSDC) Award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning. Jordan is a true leader at Marlborough High School (MHS) and has excelled academically in his time here. Jordan has a reputation for being an honest, empathetic, committed, and passionate young man.

Jordan has taken on many leadership roles including a cellist and upright bassist for the school orchestra, a member of the MHS Jazz Band, the secretary of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, and the Vice President of the Student Council.

Academically, Jordan is a high-ranking member of his class with an overall GPA of a 4.83. Jordan has successfully completed three Advanced Placement (AP) courses and is recognized by the College Board as an AP Scholar. Jordan is currently enrolled in four additional AP courses during his senior year.

Jordan is hoping to major in biomedical engineering or biochemistry in college next year and has an incredibly bright future ahead of him. Congratulations to Jordan for his past, present, and future accomplishments!

It is with great honor that we recognize Luiz Gustavo Bernardes as a Class of 2024 recipient of the National School Development Council (NSDC) Award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning. Luiz is the epitome of an outstanding student and leader within his community. We have been privileged to watch Luiz grow into a kind, humble and hardworking student during his time at MHS.

Luiz stands out amongst his peers academically. The dedication he has put into his academics is represented by his 4.8 GPA and membership in the National Honor and National Business Honor Societies. He has successfully completed three Advanced Placement (AP) level courses and was recognized by College Board as an AP Scholar. At the completion of his senior, he will have taken a total of eight AP courses. Luiz has been intentional with the courses he has chosen to take during his time at MHS and has always taken opportunities to challenge himself academically.

Outside of academics, Luiz is an integral part of the MHS community. He is the Vice President of his class and the captain of both the soccer and volleyball teams. He is an advocate for others and takes pride in his ability to be a mentor to younger students. He is an advocate for equal opportunity and has dedicated more than 40 hours of community service to our unified programs including Best Buddies and Special Olympics. The work that he has done at MHS is reflective of Luiz's natural ability to lead and care for those around him.

Luiz is hoping to study Computer Science and Finance in college next year. He has an incredibly bright future ahead of him and whatever institution he becomes a part of will be extremely lucky to have him. Congratulations to Luiz for his past, present and future accomplishments.

4. Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' (MASS) Award for Academic Excellence:

It is with great privilege that we recognize Alexis Ott as a Class of 2023 recipient of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' (MASS) Award for Academic Excellence. Alexis is a natural leader at Marlborough High School. Academically, she stands out amongst her peers and has become an integral part of the MHS community.

Alexis is humble and hardworking when it comes to academics. She is naturally bright and has the ability to be successful in whatever she puts her mind to. She has taken a variety of classes that have challenged her and allowed her to expand her knowledge in various subjects. At the completion of this year, she will have taken a total of eight Advanced Placement (AP) level classes and last year she was recognized an AP Scholar with Honor. She is also an active member of the National Honor Society and has earned copious amounts of academic achievement awards throughout her time at MHS.

Alexis has also become an integral part of her community throughout her high school career. She has been a class officer for four years and is a member of the varsity basketball, volleyball, and tennis team. She spends her time outside of school volunteering to coach girls' basketball and has held various jobs throughout her summer

breaks. She takes every opportunity she can to give back and be an active and supportive member of her community.

Alexis is an eager and hardworking student. She intends on majoring in Mechanical Engineering. We are lucky to have Alexis as part of our community and cannot wait to witness her continued success after she graduates. Congratulations to Alexis for her past, present, and future accomplishments.

It is with great privilege that we recognize Violet Ren as a Class of 2023 recipient of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' (MASS) Award for Academic Excellence. Violet is a true leader at Marlborough High School (MHS) and a dedicated member of our community. During her years at MHS, Violet has been a member of our National Honor Society, the President of our Tri-M Music Honor Society, a member of our Cross Country and Outdoor Track teams, Drum Major for the high school marching band, president of the MHS Symphonic Band and the recipient of the Harvard Book Award and multiple other faculty awards.

Violet is also the founder of the Marlborough Medley, Marlborough High School's Social Justice club's art and literary magazine. Along with her dedication to Marlborough High School, Violet has been a volunteer at the Everett Conservation Commission and this past summer interned with the Department of Conservation and Zoning here in Marlborough.

Violet has successfully completed four Advanced Placement (AP) courses and is recognized by the College Board as an AP Scholar. She is currently enrolled in four additional AP courses during her senior year at Marlborough High School. Violet is currently ranked number one in her class and has a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 4.91.

Violet is leaning towards majoring in physics in college next year and has an incredibly bright future ahead of her. Congratulations to Violet for her past, present, and future accomplishments.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Murphy
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDATE - FINANCE & OPERATIONS

TO: MARY MURPHY, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FROM: TOM LAFLEUR, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & OPERATIONS
SUBJECT: SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDATE
DATE: 11-28-2023

Tonight's update from Finance and Operations:

Goodnow Brothers Elementary School:

I have included a letter from the Massachusetts School Building Committee in your packets. The MSBA has approved Goodnow as a model school building. This program was created to effectively adapt and re-use the design of successful, recently constructed school buildings for future projects in the Commonwealth.

Food Services Participation:

Our foodservice program continues to see the benefits of universal school meals, with participation in school breakfast and lunch up since the pre-covid "normal" benchmark of FY20.

I will provide the School Committee with periodic updates on school meals participation rates district-wide, utilizing our last pre-Covid fiscal year as a benchmark. Below are the participation rates for September 2023.

September	FY20	FY24
Lunch Participation	56.9%	67.0%
Breakfast Participation	24.6%	47.0%

The district believes in providing our students with access to nutritious and appealing meals and will continue striving for a 75% participation rate in school lunch. I would like to remind families that school meals are included at no cost for all Marlborough students.

Bus Transportation:

Placeholder for most recent update.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Lafleur
Director of Finance and Operations



Massachusetts School Building Authority

Deborah B. Goldberg
Chair, State Treasurer

James A. MacDonald
Chief Executive Officer

Mary L. Pichetti
Executive Director / Deputy CEO

October 25, 2023

Ms. Mary Murphy, Superintendent
Marlborough Public Schools
25 Union Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

Re: Model School Program

Dear Superintendent Murphy:

Congratulations! The **Goodnow Brothers Elementary School** has been approved to become one of the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (the "MSBA") new Model Schools. The Model School Program was created to effectively adapt and re-use the design of successful, recently constructed elementary, middle and high schools.

It was a pleasure to visit your school, and we would like to thank you and your staff for opening up your school to MSBA representatives and for making time for our inquiries. It was a substantive process and one that we are happy to be sharing with you.

If you have any questions regarding the selection of your district's school, please contact Elena Seiti, Capital Program Manager, at (617) 720-4466.

Sincerely,



James A. MacDonald
Chief Executive Officer



Mary L. Pichetti
Executive Director/Deputy CEO



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Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning's Report to School Committee – Regular Session November 28th, 2023

Professional Development Update:

On November 7th, our district held a full professional development day that was split into a morning and afternoon frame of time. The morning sessions were a continuation of our Anti-Bias/Anti-Racist (ABAR) professional development that began back in November of 2021. Our high school educators explored some ABAR related topics more deeply, such as differentiated instruction for equity and understanding the challenges that our MHS students face. Our PreK-8 educators practiced with some of the ABAR lessons that have been created for our PreK-8 students. The first lesson of this three lesson series will be instructed in November/December of 2023.

We are very proud of the efforts of many of our staff members who have stepped-up to facilitate ABAR training sessions, as well as the efforts of our ABAR Steering Committee that has led this work.

The afternoon sessions were a variety of offerings from our MPS Choice Catalogue. There were 32 total workshops of which the majority were led by Marlborough staff. We are looking forward to another full day of professional development later this school year in March.

John and Abigail Adams Scholarships:

On Behalf of Principal Riley and the Marlborough Public Schools, I would like to congratulate the following students on their John and Abigail Adams Scholarship.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has created this merit scholarship program to reward the hard work and achievement of students in Massachusetts, as well as to encourage our students to continue their education at a public institution of higher learning.

Recipients receive the four-year John and Abigail Adams Scholarship upon acceptance to a participating Massachusetts public institution of higher education. The choice is based on outstanding MCAS results.

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For 2024, the following students have been selected:

VICTOR AMENDOLARO	MARIA HERNANDEZ SILVA
CLARA BARROS	DYLAN HUTHER
JORDAN BAUTISTA	THALIA HYLAND
LAURA BENWAY	ELIZABETH JOHNSON
LUIZ GUSTAVO BERNARDES	RHEA KHANDERIA
SCOTT BRADY	RISHA KHANDERIA
HALEY BROWN	ROSE KING
CAROLINA BURGOS	MAEVE LAFRENIERE
ELIAS BYRTUS	ISAAC MEIRELES
ADIAN CAMPBELL	NEYTAN MILIOLI
KATHERINE CRONIN	NATALIA MOLINA MORRIS
CLARISSA CRUZ BOLANOS	LUIS OLIVEIRA SILVA
ANA JULIA CUNHA	DEVIN O'ROURKE
EVAN DAVIES	ALEXIS OTT
MEGHAN DENEEN	LAGRACE PARKER
LIANNA DENNEY	LUIS FELIPE PENNA
LUANA DEOLIVEIRA	VIOLET REN
RYAN DILLON	JONATHAN RODAS
KYRA DUANE	PARKER ROGERS
JESSICA DZIOBA	DYLAN ROMANO
MAGGIE FAGAN	CATHERINE SEAY
EMANUELE FODERARIO	ALEAH SHAHBAZI
ZACHARY FRASER	RYAN SWEENEY
CARLOS GALICIA	CRISTOPHER URIZAR
GUILHERME HENRIQUE GARCIA	VIVIAN WALSH
ABIGAIL GAUTHIER	JANELLE ZEPEDA
RILEY HALL	ANIKA ZIOBRO

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Call to Order

November 14, 2023

1. Chairman Vigeant called the regular meeting of the Marlborough School Committee to order at 7:30 p.m. at 17 Washington Street, Marlborough, MA. Members present included Michelle Bodin-Hettinger, Daniel Caruso, Earl Geary, Heidi Matthews, and Denise Ryan. Also present were Chairman Vigeant, Superintendent Mary Murphy, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Robert Skaza, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Equity, Jody O'Brien, and Director of Finance and Operations, Tom Lafleur. Student Advisory Representative Risha Khanderia was also present.

This meeting is being recorded by local cable, WMCT-TV, and is available for review.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Vigeant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Presentation:** None

4. **Committee Discussion/Directives:** None.

5. **Communications:** None.

6. **Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent Murphy shared that she and Principal Amy Mulkerin met with members of the MSBA's Post Occupancy Evaluation (POE) program regarding the new building project at Goodnow Elementary School.

Superintendent Murphy attached the first FY24 Assabet Valley Collaborative (AVC) Report to her report.

A. Assistant Superintendent of Student Services & Equity Report

Mrs. O'Brien, the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Equity Report, reported that the August application for the federally funded MassGrad Promising Practices grant was approved for \$75,000.00. A detailed explanation of this grant is included in her report.

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7. Acceptance of Minutes:

A. Minutes of the October 10, 2023 School Committee Meeting

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to accept these minutes.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

B. Minutes of the October 17, 2023 School Committee Meeting

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to accept these minutes.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

C. Minutes of the October 24, 2023 School Committee Meeting

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to accept these minutes.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

8. Public Comment: None.

It should be noted that members of the public may provide comment via email before the meeting to superintendent@mps-edu.org. Public comment is a time for your comments to be heard by the committee; it is not a question-and-answer session.

9. Action Items/Reports

A. FY25 Budget Calendar

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve the FY25 Budget Calendar as presented.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

B. School Committee Vote to Request Funds for MSBA Feasibility Study

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve the requested funds for the MSBA Feasibility Study.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

C. Request for Bid for FY24 Additional Buses

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve the request for bid for FY24 additional buses.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

D. Request to Rebid the Main Transportation Contract for FY25

Motion made by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to table this agenda item.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

E. Acceptance of Donations and Gifts

MA DESE FY24 FC0320 MassGrad Promising Practices. MPS received \$75,000.00 for this grant.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve this donation.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

MA DESE FY24 FC 175 Early College Expansion. MPS received \$4,000.00 for this grant.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve this donation.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

MA DESE FY24 FC460 Early College. MPS received \$50,000.00 for this grant.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve this donation.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

10. Reports of School Committee Sub-Committees:

Mrs. Matthews shared that the Negotiations Sub-Committee has scheduled the first meeting with the MEA for contract negotiations beginning December 6, 2023.

11. Members' Forum:

Mrs. Matthews shared some highlights from the MASC conference regarding the resolutions.

Mrs. Ryan shared that Dessert Theater is this Friday at MHS.

Risha Khanderia shared that four MHS athletes committed to colleges. The unified basketball jamboree held last Wednesday as well; MHS was recognized as a Unified Champion school.

Mrs. Matthews has reviewed and signed the warrant.

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12. Adjournment:

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.
Motion passed 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Matthews
Secretary, Marlborough School Committee

HM/jm

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
AND ACTION COMPILATION SHEET**

**Agenda Item #9A Gifts/Grants
for School Committee Meeting
of November 28, 2023**

SUBJECT: Gifts/Grants to MPS from various sources

Person(s) preparing Agenda item: Patricia Sibilio on behalf of Marlborough Public Schools Staff

Listing of Attachments: Gift/Grant forms:

Grantor/Donor	Beneficiary and Purpose	Amount/Value
1. MA DESE FY24 FC209	MPS	\$ 661,061.00
SC VOTE: _____ item tabled _____ accept _____ decline _____ abstain		
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8.		\$
SC VOTE: _____ item tabled _____ accept _____ decline _____ abstain		

RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee accept these gifts and grant monies.

Recommended by the Superintendent: signature on file

Listing of votes attested to by the Chair, Mayor Arthur Vigeant, or the person acting as chair,

_____ Date November 28, 2023

(name of person if other than Mayor)

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**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
(ACTION ITEM)**

Agenda Item # 9A

**For School Committee Meeting of
November 28, 2023**

SUBJECT: FY24 FC209 Improving Ventilation and Air Quality in Public School Building Continuation
Grant Funding: \$661,061.

Person(s) preparing Agenda Item: Karen Rundlett for Tom Lafleur

Title: Grants Manager

Listing of Attachments (supporting documentation):
Grant Budget

BACKGROUND:

Director of Finance and Operations Tom Lafleur applied for the continuation of the following grant through the Federal Grants program in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

STATUS:

The amount of the grant awards listed above have been approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Committee accept the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Entitlement Grant funding on behalf of the Marlborough Public Schools.

Recommended by: 

Recommended by the Superintendent: 

Budget Detail

Marlborough (0170) Public School District - FY 2024 - FC 0209 - Improving Ventilation and Air Quality (IVAQ) in Public School E

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Indirect Cost	
Total Contributing to Indirect Cost	\$661,061.00
Indirect Cost Rate	2.70%
Maximum Allowed for Indirect Cost	\$17,379.40

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Budget Detail	Narrative Description
Object Code: 06 - Other Expenses Function Code: OPMN - Operations and Maintenance Primary Function: Design, bidding assistance, or cons... Location Code: Marlborough (0170) Quantity: 1.00 Cost: \$661,061.00 Line Item Total: \$661,061.00	Services or equipment related to upgrading HVAC equipment.

Total for filtered Budget Details: \$661,061.00

Total for all other Budget Details: \$0.00

Total for all Budget Details: \$661,061.00

Allocation: \$661,061.00

Remaining: \$0.00

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