



# Marlborough Public Schools

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**School Committee**  
District Education Center  
25 Union Street, Marlborough, MA 01752  
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## Call to Order

**January 10, 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, Katherine Hennessy, and Denise Ryan. Also present were 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, Douglas Dias. Additionally, MEA Representative Eileen Barry and Student Advisory Representative Jessica Rosenzweig were 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 reported that members of the MPS leadership team, including herself, met with members of Attorney General Andrea Campbell's Schools/Education subcommittee regarding concerns about school transportation for students/families in need.  
Superintendent Murphy shared that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) voted on December 21<sup>st</sup> to approve the Richer Statement of Interest (SOI) into the next stage of the process: the Eligibility Period. She highlighted some of the next steps between June 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 and July 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.  
The Superintendent attached Assabet Valley Collaborative's FY22 Annual Report and FY22 Financial Statement to her report. These reports have already been submitted to DESE.

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## **A. Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Report**

Dr. Skaza, the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, shared the upcoming professional development opportunities for faculty/staff members within the district on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The morning session will continue the Anti-Bias/Anti-Racist (ABAR) PD series that began in November 2021. The afternoon session will offer many sessions for faculty/staff to choose from. The January 17<sup>th</sup> PD session catalogue is attached to his report.

Dr. Skaza explained that the mentors and mentees in MPS met on January 5<sup>th</sup> for a mid-point check-in. Around 80 educators discussed their challenges, successes, and concerns for the 2022-2023 academic year.

## **7. Acceptance of Minutes:**

### **A. Minutes of the December 13, 2022 School Committee Meeting**

Motion made by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve these minutes.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

## **8. Public Participation: None.**

It should be noted that members of the public may provide comment via email before the meeting to [superintendent@mps-edu.org](mailto:superintendent@mps-edu.org). Public participation 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. MHS Student Council Conference Attendance**

Ms. Klein requested for the committee to allow two MHS Student Council members to attend the 3-day, 2-night Student Council Conference in Hyannis, MA this year.

Motion made by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve this request.

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## **B. Director of Finance & Operations Interview Committee & Timeline Discussion**

As of July 1, 2023, the position of Director of Finance & Operations will be vacant. Patty Brown presented the tentative timeline to fill this future opening. She then explained that the district would like to request at least one School Committee member to be part of the interview committee for this process.

Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger shared that Mrs. Matthews would like be part of the interview committee, as well as herself.

Mrs. Hennessy shared that she could be an alternate for the committee.

## **C. Acceptance of Donations and Gifts**

**O'Connor Portraiture.** O'Connor Portraiture donated \$664.11 to ECC and \$1,990.42 to Goodnow Brothers Elementary School.

Motion made by Mrs. Ryan, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve these donations.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

**O'Connor Portraiture.** O'Connor Portraiture donated \$1,661.53 to Jaworek Elementary School and \$1,012.08 to Richer Elementary School.

Motion made by Mrs. Ryan, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve these donations.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

**O'Connor Portraiture.** O'Connor Portraiture donated \$1,276.86 to Whitcomb Middle School.

Motion made by Mrs. Ryan, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve this donation.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Donor's Choose.** Ms. Ryan's classroom from Goodnow Brothers Elementary School received \$1,837.24.

Motion made by Mrs. Ryan, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve this donation.  
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**Adopt A Classroom/Digital Credit Union.** Ms. Shulman's classroom from Jaworek Elementary School received \$250.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Ryan, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve this donation.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Hannaford Supermarket.** Hannaford Supermarket donated \$1,378.00 to MHS and \$300.00 to Richer Elementary School.

Motion made by Mrs. Ryan, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve these donations.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Box Tops for Education.** Whitcomb Middle School received \$106.00 and Kane Elementary School received \$33.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Ryan, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve these donations.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Maria Delrosario & Brian Burke.** Maria Delrosario and Brian Burke donated \$500.00 to Kane Elementary School.

Motion made by Mrs. Ryan, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve this donation.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.

**10. Reports of School Committee Sub-Committees:** None.

**11. Members' Forum:**

Mrs. Hennessy shared her appreciation for Dr. Brown presenting to the district for ABAR professional development. She mentioned his upsurge in notoriety from being on an ABC TV show about parenting.

Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger stated that Mrs. Matthews reviewed the warrant, and she will sign it on her behalf.

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## **12. Adjournment:**

Motion made by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.  
Motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heidi Matthews', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Heidi Matthews  
Secretary, Marlborough School Committee

HM/jm

Approved January 24, 2023