



Marlborough Public Schools

School Committee
District Education Center
25 Union Street, Marlborough, MA 01752
(508) 460-3509

Call to Order

August 23, 2022

1. Mrs. Matthews 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 Daniel Caruso, Earl Geary, Katherine Hennessy, and Heidi Matthews. Also present were Superintendent Mary Murphy, Director of Finance and Operations, Douglas Dias, and MEA Representative Brenden St. George.

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mrs. Matthews led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Presentation:** None.
4. **Committee Discussion/Directives:** None.
5. **Communications:** None.
6. **Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent Murphy shared that a monthly MPS Family and Community update will be posted on the district website.

Superintendent Murphy expressed gratitude for the school custodians, Facilities Department, and the food services team for their hard work and dedication. She noted that renovations in the Early Childhood Center, Richer School, and Whitcomb School were completed by the custodial team and Facilities Department.

The Superintendent explained that various MPS traditions will return this academic year. One of these is the Employee Service Awards that will occur on Monday, August 29th. Students in grades 1-5 will participate in "Open Door Day" at their elementary school later that day as their first day of school is August 31st. ECC and Kindergarten students will visit their school the following week as their first day is September 8th.

Mrs. Matthews reminded families that school breakfast & lunch will be free again.

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7. Acceptance of Minutes:

A. Minutes of the July 12, 2022 School Committee Meeting

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to table these minutes.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

8. Public Participation:

Kevin Maccioli, who lives at 58 Ridge Road, returned to speak about the Bully Prevention Policy that are on tonight's agenda. He proposed three amendments for the committee to consider.

It should be noted that members of the public may provide comment via email before the meeting to 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. Policy for Removal

1. Policy 8.110 Student Advisory Committee

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to table the removal of Policy 8.110 Student Advisory Committee.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

B. Policies for First Read

1. Policy 1.010 Mission Statement

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to move forward with this policy as a first read.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

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2. Policy 1.200 Prayer in School (Name Change: constitutionally protected Religious Expression/Prayer)

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to move forward with this policy as a first read.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

3. Policy 1.300 Bullying

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to move forward with this policy as a first read.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

4. Policy 2.223 Student Advisory Committee

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to table this policy.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

5. Policy 8.015 DNR/Comfort Care

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to table this policy.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

6. Policy 8.130 Student Discipline

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to move forward with this policy as a first read.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

7. Policy 8.140 Student Conduct

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to move forward with this policy as a first read.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

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8. Policy 8.145 Hazing

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to move forward with this policy as a first read.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

9. Policy 8.450 Foster Care Education

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to table this policy.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

10. Policy 8.600 Student Dress Code

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to move forward with this policy as a first read.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

11. Policy 9.700 Homeless Education (new number 8.350)

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to table this policy.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

10. Reports of School Committee Sub-Committees:

Mrs. Hennessy shared that another Policy Sub-Committee meeting will be planned.

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to suspend the rules.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Matthews to call a Special Meeting for Tuesday, August 30th.
Motion passed 4-0-0.



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11. Members' Forum:

Mrs. Hennessy thanked her colleagues for attending the meeting tonight.

Mrs. Matthews welcomed Brenden St. George back to the School Committee meeting. He is sharing the MEA Representative position with Eileen Barry.

Mrs. Matthews has reviewed and signed the warrant.

Mrs. Murphy shared that tomorrow will be New Staff Orientation. Most of these faculty have spent the past two days working on Restorative Justice.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy seconded by Mrs. Matthews to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heidi Matthews', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heidi Matthews
Secretary, Marlborough School Committee

HM/jm

Approved September 13, 2022