



Marlborough Public Schools

School Committee

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

October 17, 2023

1. Michelle Bodin-Hettinger called the special meeting of the Marlborough School Committee to order at 6:15 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, 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:** Ryan Sweeney, an Eagle Scout Candidate from Troop 41, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Presentation**

- A. **Welcome Akiruno visitors**

Superintendent Murphy welcomed Heather Roach, the advisor for the Akiruno exchange program, along with all the individuals involved in this exchange program.

- B. **Akiruno trip**

MPS student Christopher Smith spoke about his experience in the exchange program. The principal representing Akiruno spoke about his trip to Marlborough with his students. Multiple Akiruno city officials, the Vice President of the Akiruno International Youth Club, and a host family member spoke about this experience as well.

Ms. Roach played a compilation video that highlighted the eight Whitcomb students' recent trip to Akiruno. She then introduced the Whitcomb students and the Akiruno students that they are hosting.

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4. Adjournment:

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.
Motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Matthews
Secretary, Marlborough School Committee

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