



Marlborough Public Schools

School Committee

District Education Center

25 Union Street, Marlborough, MA 01752

(508) 460-3509

Call to Order

September 12, 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, Katherine Hennessy, Heidi Matthews, 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. MEA Representative Elton Thomas and Student Advisory Representative Risha Khanderia were also present.

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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 the current district enrollment numbers as of September 8, 2023. A chart is provided in her report and broken down by school. However, the enrollment number has increased by about thirty students since the time of her report. Twenty-six students remain in the pre-registration status as well.

Superintendent Murphy updated the committee on the 47 open positions in the district. Superintendent Murphy shared that ways to improve the cooling systems at ECC, Kane and Whitcomb will be explored by the district.

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A. Assistant Superintendent of Student Services & Equity Report

Mrs. O'Brien, the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Equity, shared an update on the Marlborough Early Childhood program. The new Director of Early Childhood is Jill Regan. Mrs. O'Brien spoke about the different trainings and planning that has gone on to prepare for the school year at ECC. The current pre-school program runs 5 days a week all academic year; half-day sessions run in the morning and afternoons from Monday through Thursday.

Jill Regan was welcomed by the Chairman and committee.

7. Acceptance of Minutes:

A. Minutes of the August 29, 2023 School Committee Meeting

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve 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. Policies for First Read

1. Policy 8.014 Life-threatening Allergy

Mrs. Hennessy presented this policy for first read.

B. Policy for Approval

1. Policy 8.001 Student Welfare/Mandated Reporting

Mrs. Hennessy explained that this policy will be voted on at the next meeting, so she presented it for first read.



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C. Acceptance of Donations and Gifts

O'Connor Studios. Jaworek Elementary School received \$1,655.52 from O'Connor Studios.

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

Motion passed 6-0-0.

FY24 FC510 GLEAM. MPS received \$252,000.00 through FY24 FC510 GLEAM.

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: None.

11. Members' Forum:

Mrs. Matthews has reviewed and signed the warrant.

Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger welcomed Student Advisory Representative Risha Khanderia.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heidi Matthews', is written over a light gray circular stamp.

Heidi Matthews
Secretary, Marlborough School Committee

HM/jm

Approved September 26, 2023

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