



# 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**

**September 26, 2023**

1. Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger 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, 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 was also present.

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Presentation:** None.

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

5. **Communications:** None.

6. **Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent Murphy shared that her Superintendent Induction Program has begun for the second year. She now has a new coach, Maryellen Brunelle.

Superintendent Murphy presented on school and district MCAS and Accountability findings. The details can be found in her report.

- A. Director of Finance and Operations Report**

Mr. Lafleur, the Director of Finance and Operations, provided an update on the Richer Elementary MA School Building Authority (MSBA) eligibility period.

Mr. Lafleur shared that six routes in Marlborough are without bus drivers. Two drivers are currently training for their CDL licenses. The district routes without permanent drivers have been covered by combining routes and buses doubling back. However, there are a few elementary routes that are 30 minutes late each day.

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

Dr. Skaza, the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, reported that 45 new hires attended New Staff Orientation. He thanked the IT Department for their support with this event.

Dr. Skaza shared that the mentoring program is now active. Mentors and mentees met virtually on September 14<sup>th</sup>. All first-year educators in the district take part in this program.

New hires were trained in a two-day overview on Tier 1 practices. Whitcomb School finished their next series of Tier II trainings on September 21<sup>st</sup>. MHS will start the Tier II training series on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The Supervisor of Social-Emotional Learning, Lindsay Castro, is completing an apprenticeship to become an official trainer.

Dr. Skaza reported that the FY24 ESSA grants were accepted with a start date of August 8, 2023.

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

### **A. Minutes of the September 12, 2023 School Committee Meeting**

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger 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](mailto: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. MHS Staggered Openings for 2023-2024**

The MHS staggered opening dates are October 11<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, and June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve the MHS staggered openings.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

## **B. MASC Delegate**

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to nominate Mrs. Matthews as the MASC Delegate and Mrs. Hennessy as the alternate.  
Motion passed 5-0-1.

## **C. MASC Resolutions**

Mrs. Ryan read each of the eight MASC resolutions, which are attached to this agenda item in detail.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews seconded by Mrs. Ryan to approve Resolution 1: Full Stable Funding for METCO.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve Resolution 2: Regarding Investigations and Recommendations for Transportation Bidding Procedures.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve Resolution 3: Regional Transportation.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve Resolution 4: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve Resolution 5: MA School Building Authority as amended.  
Motion passed 5-1-0 (Bodin-Hettinger).

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve Resolution 6: School Bus Stop Arm Surveillance Act and Enforcement and Penalties.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.



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Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve Resolution 7: Related to MCAS.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy to not approve Resolution 8: Safe Storage of Firearms.  
Motion passed 5-0-1 (Bodin-Hettinger).

Mrs. Ryan read the proposal to amend the MASC By-laws.  
Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy to approve this proposal.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.

## **D. Policies for Approval**

### **1. Policy 8.001 Student Welfare/Mandated Reporting**

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve this policy.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.

### **2. Policy 8.014 Life-Threatening Allergy**

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve this policy.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.

## **E. Special School Committee Meeting on October 17, 2023**

Superintendent Murphy proposed that a special School Committee be held on October 17, 2023 to formally welcome guests from the Akiruno exchange program.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve the addition of a School Committee meeting on October 17, 2023.  
Motion passed 6-0-0.

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

**The Boxing Club.** MPS received \$150.00 from The Boxing Club.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve this donation.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

**Samantha Perlman.** MPS received \$1,150.00 from Samantha Pearlman.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve this donation.

Motion passed 5-1-0.

**FY24 FC240 IDEA.** MPS received \$1,596,624.00 through this grant.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve this donation.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

**FY24 FC262 EC IDEA.** MPS received \$70,568.00 through this grant.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve this donation.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

**FY24 FC305 Title I.** MPS received \$1,024,360.00 through this grant.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve this donation.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

**FY24 FC140 Title IIA.** MPS received \$294,004.00 through this grant.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve this donation.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

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**FY24 FC180 Title III.** MPS received \$294,004.00 through this grant.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to approve this donation.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

**FY24 FC309 Title IV.** MPS received \$77,944.00 through this grant.

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger 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.

Superintendent Murphy reminded members of the Whitcomb community that tomorrow night there will be a parent workshop and meeting about the Yondr Pouches from 6-7pm.

Mrs. Hennessy shared that Mrs. Matthews was assigned to the Tournament committee at MIAA. Mrs. Hennessy also began her new role on the Board of Directors of the MIAA.

## **12. Adjournment:**

Motion made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

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 October 10, 2023

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