



Marlborough Public Schools

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

Call to Order

September 13, 2022

1. Michelle 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, Katherine Hennessy, Earl Geary, 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 Brendan St. George 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:** Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Presentation:** None.
4. **Committee Discussion/Directives:** None.
5. **Communications:**
 - A. **Akiruno City**

Superintendent Murphy reported that the Director of Planning and Policy Committee at Akiruno City shared a communication this past week that the Mayor of Akiruno City is now Nakajima Hiroyuki.

6. **Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent Murphy reported the current district enrollment data as of September 9, 2022. These numbers do not include students that are in the pre-enrollment stage currently.

The Superintendent and various School Committee members discussed the challenge of larger elementary school class sizes in the district.

Mrs. Murphy shared that Christina Harrington is the newly appointed Supervisor of Health Services for the district. She will update the committee on nursing services at the end of the month.

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Superintendent Murphy attached a copy of the updated Marlborough Bullying Plan to her report.

The Superintendent submitted the draft of her Superintendent Entry plan for the committee's review and feedback.

A. Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Dr. Skaza, the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, shared that about 60 individuals were newly hired to fill positions within numerous departments; they took part in the district's New Staff Orientation. He shared some positive feedback he received from the new staff/faculty; he also mentioned that Donna Marshall was instrumental in planning and prepping for this event.

Dr. Skaza explained that the mentoring program is running with 130 mentors and mentees that have met to go through the program's process/plan. It should be noted that all new hires received a mentor to promote retention in the district.

Almost all of the new hires took part in Tier 1 Restorative Justice training. Starting this month, each school will experience these trainings to build community within the classroom.

Dr. Skaza reported that the FY23 ESSA grants were accepted with a start date of August 23, 2022. This grant provides funding for MPS in respect to Title I, II, III, and IV. He thanked Superintendent Murphy and Karen Rundlett for assisting him in this process.

Dr. Skaza mentioned that the 2022-2023 evaluation process has begun; next steps include creating goals and developing educator plans.

Dr. Skaza congratulated MHS Seniors Eduardo Castro and Silas Gemas on behalf of Principal Riley and MPS. Both students received the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Award for their work in class and on College Board assessments.

7. Acceptance of Minutes:

A. Minutes of the August 23, 2022 School Committee Meeting

Mrs. Ryan abstained from this vote due to her absence during this meeting.

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to accept these minutes.

Motion passed 4-0-1.

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B. Minutes of the August 30, 2022 School Committee Meeting

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to accept these minutes.

Motion passed 5-0-0.

8. Public Participation:

Kevin Maccioli, who lives at 58 Ridge Road, spoke further on the Bullying Policy that will be voted on tonight. He shared his appreciation for the amendments and changes made to the policy, but he did express existing concerns.

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 1.300 Bullying

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

Motion passed 5-0-0.

B. Acceptance of Donations and Gifts

First Church Congregational. MPS students received \$3,450.00 from the First Church Congregational.

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

Motion passed 5-0-0.

Donor's Choose. Jaworek Kindergarten students in Ms. Sherman's class received \$515.00 from Donor's Choose.

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

Motion passed 5-0-0.

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FY23 Title I Entitlement Grant FC305 Title I. MPS received \$1,062,154.00 from this grant.

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

Motion passed 5-0-0.

FY23 Title I Entitlement Grant FC140 Title IIA. MPS received \$150,910.00 from this grant.

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

Motion passed 5-0-0.

FY23 Title I Entitlement Grant FC180 Title III. MPS received \$235,379.00 from this grant.

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

Motion passed 5-0-0.

FY23 Title I Entitlement Grant FC309 Title IV. MPS received \$64,411.00 from this grant.

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

Motion passed 5-0-0.

10. Reports of School Committee Sub-Committees:

Superintendent Murphy shared that Mr. Dias wanted to report on the before and after school programs at the elementary schools.

Mr. Dias shared an update from the Marlborough Boys and Girls Club. The Kane School before school program is full. The remaining AM/PM programs have capacity for registrations. Each program has appropriate staffing for their license, however the BGC is actively searching for staff to fill more positions to meet the childcare needs of families.

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11. Members' Forum:

Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger shared that Mrs. Matthews reviewed the warrant and instructed another member to sign it.

Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger introduced Jessica Rosenzweig, the new Student Advisory Representative, for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger shared that the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) requested that the School Committee holds another orientation for their new members.

Mr. Dias provided a brief update on transportation; the bus driver testing and training process takes a while, so no major changes have occurred yet. There are a few drivers in the pipeline though. He went over the transportation communication process to students and families.

Mr. St George shared that he and Eileen Barry will be splitting the meetings to attend.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made by Mrs. Ryan seconded by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.
Motion passed 5-0-0.

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 27, 2022

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