

**Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting
Thursday May 19, 2022 at 7:00pm**

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Members Present: Sarah Gold, Meagan Taylor, Emily Barron
Remote Participants: Sarah Fox and David Harris

Also: John J. Buckey, Superintendent
Michelle Cresta, Assistant Superintendent of Business
and Operations
Mia Carr and Lauren Case, High School Students
Tyler Earp, High School Student

I. Initial Business

a. Call to Order

Ms. Gold called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. She recommended taking the meeting out of order to hear student updates first prior to beginning the School Choice Hearing, which could not begin until 7:05pm.

b. Student Representative-Yasen Colon

- Team Harmony completed the seminars for first year health classes on May 10th and 11th
- They also conducted a hybrid presentation on May 16th sponsored by the by Racial Justice Team
- The Peer Leaders recently lead and identity activity and conducted a moment of silence for the victims of hate crimes
- Junior Prom was May 13th
- Sophomore MCAS took place on May 17-18th
- The Latin Club is hosting a fundraiser the following evening
- The Cultural Fest is also scheduled for the following evening at the High School
- The Freshmen will be hosting a Spike Ball tournament on May 22nd at the High School
- The Music Department will take a Music in Parks trip on Saturday May 21st at Westfield State
- The National Honors Induction will be Tuesday
- An Art show is scheduled from May 18-June 3rd at Abbot Library
- Senior Project Presentations will be on May 27th, the Seniors' last day
- Senior Prom will be at Fenway on May 31st
- Two students and the Task Force Against Discrimination will be running a Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony on June 8th
- The Junior Class raised \$38K in their class auction and will be selling shirts for Senior Sunrise scheduled for June 6th.
- Seniors are selling Six Flag tickets for their senior trip and planning graduation
- A sports update was provided

c. Commendations

This agenda item was taken out of order and mentioned after the student representative updates and prior to the hearing on school choice.

- Ms. Barron commended two sophomore students that are part of the High School Democrat Club for the rally they held over the weekend.

Public Hearing on School Choice for the 2022-2023 school year

Ms. Gold called the hearing on School Choice to order at 7:05pm

Superintendent Buckey reminded the committee that the recommendation made last year for opting not to participate during the 2021-2022 school year was due to considerations related to the drop in enrollment directly related to COVID. He further shared that after meeting with the leadership team, the consensus for the recommendation for the 2022-2023sy is to participate limiting the number of available spots to three for Kindergarten, two for 4th grade and five for 9th grade.

Ms. Gold asked for a motion to participate in the choice program for the 2022-2023sy which was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron. A discussion addressing specific questions took place. Topics discussed included:

- Consideration of increasing enrollment numbers and the possibility of needing to add class sections
- Kindergarten tuition considerations for those students coming into Marblehead from a tuition-free district
- Policy related considerations

After a discussion and prior to taking a vote, it was recommended by committee member Harris to hold off with participating until more information regarding participating could be provided. It was mentioned that a decision would need to be submitted to the state prior to June 1st.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed 2-3

Ms. Gold and Ms. Fox-yes

Mr. Harris, Ms. Taylor and Ms. Barron-no

Ms. Gold asked for another motion for the Marblehead Pubic Schools to opt out of School Choice for the 2022-2023sy. The motion was moved by Mr. Harris and seconded by Ms. Taylor. A roll call vote was taken and the motion not to participate passed, 3-2

Ms. Gold and Ms. Fox-no

Mr. Harris, Ms. Taylor and Ms. Barron-yes

Ms. Gold closed the hearing at 7:31pm.

d. Public Comment

None

II. Consent Action and Agenda Items

a. Minutes

Ms. Gold asked for a motion to approve the minutes from 3/3/2022, 3/17/2022, 3/31/2022 and 4/7/2022

The motion was moved by Taylor and seconded by Mr. Harris.

Ms. Fox pointed out a correction for editing which committee members were appointed to the search committees for the principal and food service director searches.

The motion passes, 5-0

Ms. Gold, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Fox, Ms. Barron and Mr. Harris-all yes

III. Superintendent Report

a. Senior Project Updates-High School Students, Mia Carr and Lauren Case

Seniors Mia Carr and Lauren Case presented a brochure of the mental health related project they have been working on. It was mentioned that they were working in collaboration with Massachusetts General Hospital to fund raise and spread awareness on teen mental health disorders Statistics were shared along with recommended coping mechanisms and a list of resources for those in need.

A car wash fundraiser will be scheduled on Sunday May 22nd from 12-2.

The students were applauded for their efforts to raise awareness of such an important topic.

b. Eagle Scout Greenhouse Project Update-High School Student, Tyler Earp

Student Tyler Earp presented a slideshow about his fundraising efforts for building a greenhouse and raised garden beds at the high school. He went over fundraising and site conservation efforts underway. He also discussed the plan for site preparation and installation. It was mentioned that \$25K has already been raised towards his goal of raising a total of \$75K. To follow the progress of the project, committee members can visit mhsgreenhouse.org for more information.

Committee members commended Mr. Earp for his work and ambition undertaking such a significant project.

c. District Updates

i. Early Dismissal for Last Day of School

Superintendent Buckley explained that he has learned it has been past practice to make the last day of school a half day for students but not documented on the school year calendar. He asked that the committee consider adopting a half day of school for students on the last day during the 2021-2022sy and going forward.

Ms. Gold asked for a motion to memorialize the last day of school as noon release this year and going forward. The motion was moved by Mr. Harris and seconded by Ms. Taylor.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes, 5-0.

Ms. Gold, Mr. Harris, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Barron and Ms. Fox-all yes

ii. Superintendent Self Evaluation

It was explained that Dr. Buckley's self-evaluation along with supporting documents had been provided to the committee for review. Individual member evaluations should be turned in by June 2nd so that a summative could be compiled and provided to the committee with ample time before the meeting on the 16th.

IV. Finance and Organizational Support

a. Schedules

A motion to approve schedule of bills totaling 1,294,094.64. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes, 5-0.

Ms. Gold, Mr. Harris, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Barron and Ms. Fox-all yes

V. School Committee and/or Discussion Items

a. Payroll Grievance Update

Ms. Gold shared that there was a recent meeting with the Interim Town administrator last week to follow up on a payroll grievance and it was shared that the Town continues to work on and address concerns brought forth by the education association, MEA.

b. Appointment of Mark Strout as representative to the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School

Ms. Gold asked for a motion to approve Mark Strout for a new 3-year term as Marblehead Town Representative to the Board of Trustees for the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School.

The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Harris.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes, 5-0

Ms. Gold, Mr. Harris, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Barron and Ms. Fox-all yes

c. Review of Policy IKF-Graduation Requirements

Ms. Gold shared that small adjustments to the graduation policy were made to reflect updates to the program of studies. The following adjustments would be made to the revised policy:

- Four years of mathematics would no longer include an integrated equivalent
- Engineering, separate from physics, should be included with the four-year requirement for lab based physics
- The two-year requirement for foreign language will need to include the same foreign language

Ms. Gold mentioned that the revisions will be brought back to the committee for a vote on June 2nd.

d. Subcommittee and Liaisons Update

- One more policy meeting will be held in June
- The Cultural Fest will take place the following evening on May 20th at the high school

e. New Business

None

f. Correspondence

Ms. Gold noted the few pieces of correspondence received regarding stained glass windows and an essay from a former student pertaining to out of school suspensions.

At 8:05pm, Ms. Gold made a motion and vote to meet in Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21(a) for the following purpose: purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Marblehead Education Association MEA Unit A members if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee and the chair so declares

The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron and a roll call vote was taken with the motion passing 5-0.

Ms. Gold, Mr. Harris, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Barron and Ms. Fox-all yes

Meeting in Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21(a) for purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Marblehead Education Association MEA, specifically, Unit A members regarding sick days with no intent to return to open session.

Materials Included:

Memo on School Choice

School Choice Policy JFBB

Student Mental Health Brochure

Superintendent SMART Goals

Memo Schedule of Bills

Correspondence Re:Essex Tech Representative

Graduation Requirements Policy IKF

Correspondence on Out of School Suspension

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Dimier, Secretary

Marblehead School Committee

Approved June 23, 2022