

Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting  
Thursday April 27, 2023  
6:00pm

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Members Present: Sarah Fox, Sarah Gold, Thomas Mathers, Alison Taylor and Meagan Taylor

Also Present: John J. Buckey, Superintendent  
Michelle Cresta, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations  
Michele Carlson, High School Assistant Principal  
Julia Ferreira, Middle School Assistant Principal

I. Initial Business

a. Call to Order

Ms. Fox called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Motion and vote to meet in Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21(a) for the following 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.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0. Committee member, Ms. Meagan Taylor arrived to the meeting late and was not present for the roll call vote.

Executive Session-6:03pm

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 the intent to return to open session by 7:00pm.

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:25pm and a recess was called until the open meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

b. State of the District

Superintendent Buckey shared that Veteran's Middle School teacher Joan Miller will be filling the role of Interim Assistant Principal for the 2023-2024 school year.

He shared data on the college application trends noting the following:

-out of 228 students, 2,088 applications were sent

-the names of the colleges and universities students had already been accepted to

An update was provided on a new software that would support the plan for redistricting while also serving as a comprehensive platform for student enrollment and human resources related data

A discussion pertaining to the use of ARPA funds took place. During the discussion, it was explained that \$157K worth of budgeted priorities has been allocated to ARPA funds.

c. Commendations

- Ms. Fox commended Samantha Rosato for advocating for education
- Ms. Alison Taylor commended the Brown School for the STEAM Fair they held

d. Student Representative-Yasen Colon

- The Music Department took a trip to Disney to perform over April break
- The French Department took a trip to France over April break
- Prom tickets are on sale. The Junior Prom will be at Danversport on May 12th and the Senior Prom will be on June 2nd at the House of Blues
- The Acapella Spring Concert will be May 5th at the high school auditorium

- The Legally Blonde musical is scheduled for May 28th through the 30th
  - AP exams begin on May 1st and will go through May 12th. The library will be closed during exams
  - The National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive on May 19th
- e. Public Comment  
None

II. Consent Action and Agenda Items

- a. Approval of Minutes 4/6/2023  
b. Schedule of Bills

Ms. Fox asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 6, 2023 and to approve the schedule of bills totaling \$483,930.68.

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

Ms. Gold, Ms. Alison Taylor, Ms. Meagan Taylor, Mr. Mathers and Ms. Fox-all yes.

III. Superintendent Report

- a. Technology Strategic Plan Presentation-Director of Technology, Stephen Kwiatek

Director Kwiatek provided an overview on the five-year technology plan. The overview focused on infrastructure updates, curriculum-related improvements, professional development and budget impacts.

Further discussion on one time versus recurring costs took place.

Superintendent Buckey commended Director Kwiatek for moving the technology needs of the district forward with a level service budget.

- b. District Updates

No additional updates were shared.

IV. School Committee Communication and Discussion Items

- a. Review of Policies

- i. Review of new policy-jlcda-Administering Naloxone

Ms. Fox asked for a motion to approve policy jlcda. The motion was moved by Mr. Mathers and seconded by Ms. A. Taylor. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

- ii. Ms. Gold, Ms. A. Taylor, Ms. M. Taylor, Mr. Mathers and Ms. Fox-all yes.

Review of policy bedh-public comment at school committee meetings

Ms. Gold explained that the public comment policy was added for review as a recommendation to revise per the Massachusetts Association of School Committee. It was also mentioned that the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court recently reviewed a case pertaining to an open meeting violation in regard to public comment which provided an opportunity to revisit the policy in consideration of necessary edits. After discussion, it was decided that the public comment policy will be further reviewed for additional minor revisions.

- b. Park and Recreation-Memorandum of Understanding

Superintendent Buckey explained that revisions to the MOU were made by the Park and Rec board after a joint meeting to address revisions was held. He noted the importance of bringing the revised version to the committee prior to voting the memorandum. Ms. Fox further explained that the recommendation to schedule a joint meeting to confirm the Memorandum of Understanding was discussed during a recent meeting with Park and Rec. After discussion, it was decided that Sarah Fox and Sarah Gold will represent the school committee during joint meetings with Park and Rec.

- c. Superintendent Evaluation

Ms. Fox requested that the Superintendent's self-evaluation be received by the committee on May 20th so there will be a few weeks to review it prior to compiling the results during a workshop in the beginning of June.

d. Coffin School-Building and Property Discussion

Ms. Fox recommended not taking any action on the Coffin School until a new committee is in place at the end of June. Ms. Taylor requested that the Coffin School be discussed at the summer retreat. It was agreed that the school needs to be addressed with the Town during the next fiscal year as it remains a concern.

e. METCO Inc Headquarters Meeting-Planning and Discussion

Ms. Fox mentioned that she was in the process of coordinating with the METCO Director, the Town Clerk and MASC for planning and posting guidelines pertaining to holding a meeting outside of Marblehead.

f. FY24 Budget Planning and Discussion

Town meeting is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday night with the potential for a third night. Due to the number of meetings scheduled for that week, it was decided that the school committee meeting scheduled for that Thursday would be canceled.

g. Subcommittee and Liaisons Updates

Ms. Meagan Taylor reminded the committee that the Unsung Hero event will be held on June 14th in person at the Landing.

V. Closing Business

a. New Business

None

b. Correspondence

None

c. Adjournment

Ms. Fox adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Lisa Dimier, Secretary*

*Marblehead School Committee*

*Approved May 18, 2023*