

Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting
Thursday May 18, 2023
Marblehead High School
Library
7:00pm

<https://marbleheadschoools-org.zoom.us/j/97872369838?pwd=dThSY25UWTRwMklUMWlOcUFING1TZz09>

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

Also Present: John J. Buckey, Superintendent
Michelle Cresta, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

I. Initial Business

a. Call to Order

Ms. Fox called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Public Hearing on School Choice for the 2023-2024 school year

The hearing on school choice was called to order at 7:01pm.

Due to a pending budget override and the potential for instability in the FY24 budget, it was the recommendation of Superintendent Buckey not to participate in the School Choice Program for the 2023-2024sy. Upon further discussion, it was also recommended that the School Choice Policy, policy JFBB be reviewed prior to becoming a School Choice district.

Ms. Fox asked for a motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation not to participate in the School Choice Program for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion was moved by Ms. Alison Taylor and seconded by Mr. Mathers. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passes, 4-0.

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

b. State of the District

Superintendent Buckey provided the following updates:

- Information on the Continuum of Services for Advanced Learners in partnership with DESE and Northwestern's Center for Talent Development.
- Student Athlete Signing Day which took place at the high school earlier that day
- The selected new K-6th grade Literacy Program "Wit and Wisdom"
- An announcement on the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Professional Learning Exploration Program in partnership with Educational Tours. It was announced that Superintendent Buckey has been selected as the Massachusetts representative to join superintendent leaders from around the country in the Dominican Republic in October of 2023 to explore trends in STEM education.

c. Commendations

Superintendent Buckey commended the Literacy Adoption Committee for their work with selecting new literacy curriculum.

d. Student Representative-Yasen Colon

- Mr. Colon introduced Junior, Ms. Kat Piper as the next Student Representative to take his place during the 2023-2024sy.
- The Legally Blonde performance had three sold out shows and raised over \$10K
- AP Tests were taken from May 1st through May 12th
- Acappellooza was May 5th

- The Hate End Now Cattle Car visited the high school on May 8th and 9th provided lessons on the Holocaust
 - Junior prom was May 12th at Danversport
 - 10th grade MCAS were on May 16th and 17th.
 - The Junior auction will open on May 19th
 - The National Honors Society is hosting a blood drive on May 19th from 8-1pm for students and staff
 - The Cultural Feast will also take place on May 19th from 5-8pm
 - Class Officer elections will be taking place in the end of May and early June
 - A volleyball tournament is scheduled on May 21st in the high school field house and all proceeds will go to charities.
 - The annual art show reception will be on May 23rd at Abbot Hall
 - The Senior prom will be June 6th at the House of Blues in Boston
- e. Public Comment
None

II. Consent Action and Agenda Items

This agenda item was taken out of order and was voted after the budget discussion portion of the agenda.

- a. Approval of Minutes-4/27/2023
- b. Schedule of Bills

Ms. Fox asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 27, 2023 and the schedule of bills totaling \$ 834,799.53 as presented. The motion was moved by and seconded by. The motion passes, 4-0.

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

III. Superintendent Report

- a. High School Presentation-High School Principal, Daniel Bauer
Principal Bauer provided an update on course designation levels including advanced placement, honors level and college prep 1 and 2 courses. An overview of the CP2 courses that have been eliminated and ones that will be phased out were also mentioned. It was noted that support strategies will be in place to assist with building a more inclusive academic learning environment.
- b. District Updates
Superintendent Buckley shared that an offer has been made to a candidate to fill the assistant principal position at the high school. The selected candidate was one of thirty-five applicants and is currently serving in a Dean of Students position. The name of the candidate will be released once they have provided notice to their current place of employment. An offer has also been extended to an HR Manager with experience working in schools.

IV. School Committee Communication and Discussion Items

- a. Policies for Revision
Mr. Mathers explained that the policy subcommittee discussed a plan for the review cycle going forward. The committee has also started the process of reviewing the I policy section more closely as it pertains to committee governance and how the committee engages with the public.
 - i. BEDH-public comment at school committee meetings
Mr. Mathers asked for a motion to approve the amendments to policy BEDH-public comment as presented. Prior to taking a roll call vote, a conversation about limiting public comment to fifteen total minutes took place. After discussion, committee members agreed that the Chairperson could allow for more time if applicable depending upon the importance of topics being discussed.

The motion passes, 4-0.

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

- b. Massachusetts Association of School Committees MASC Policy Revision Recommendations:
Mr. Mathers explained that certain policies pertaining to school advisory councils, school improvement plans and the development and dissemination of procedures were being combined per the recommendation of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. Due to the combining of policies, certain policies will need to be rescinded and/or renamed.

A conversation on the process for approving the school improvement plans took place. It was recommended that the school committee discuss implementing a policy to vote the final approval or agree to make the vote a procedural step in the process after the Superintendent has reviewed and approved the improvement plans.

- i. BDFA-School Advisory Councils-Revision
 - ii. BDFA-E3 Conduct of School Advisory Council Business-RESCIND
 - iii. BDFA-E-School Improvement Plan-Revision /New Name
 - iv. BDFA-E1 School Improvement Plan-RESCIND
 - v. BDFA-E2 Submission and Approval of the School Improvement Plan-RESCIND
 - vi. CHA_CHC-Development and Dissemination of Procedures-Revision/New Name
 - vii. CHA Development of Procedures-RESCIND
 - viii. CHC Procedures Dissemination-RESCIND
- c. Superintendent Evaluation-Workshop Date
Chairperson Fox requested that the committee send her final dates that work with their schedules to hold the workshop for the evaluation of the Superintendent. She mentioned she was looking at the week of June 5th to hold the workshop.
- d. FY24 Budget Planning and Discussion
Chairperson Fox mentioned putting a question and answer document out for the community. It was also confirmed that Superintendent Buckey will be attending community engagements, for example the Rotary Club and PTO meetings to be available for questions.
- e. Subcommittee and Liaisons Updates
- SEPAC will be hosting a budget focused virtual meeting with Superintendent Buckey on May 31st at 7pm
 - Nominations for the Unsung Hero Awards need to be in by June 2nd but will no longer be a live event
- i. Memorandum of Understanding-Parks and Recreation
Chairperson Fox asked for a motion to approve the updated memorandum of understanding between the School Committee and Park and Rec. The motion was moved by Mr. Mathers and seconded by Alison Taylor.

Superintendent Buckey highlighted the collaborative efforts made amongst two organizations with not enough resources to support all the needs of each organization.

The motion passes, 4-0.

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

Ms. Fox shared updates from a recent Park and Rec meeting she attended. An update on a plan for fundraising for turf fields was mentioned.

- V. Closing Business
- a. New Business
None
 - b. Correspondence

Information from Park and Rec regarding the recommended hours of use of the pickleball courts will be shared and addressed at the next meeting.

c. Adjournment

Chairperson Fox adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Dimier, Secretary
Marblehead School Committee*

Approved June 15, 2023