

Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting
March 23, 2017
Coffin School

Members Present: Meredith Tedford, Kate Lipsitz, Jennifer Schaeffner
Susie Pratt, David Harris

Also: Maryann Perry, Superintendent
Dr. Bradford Smith, Assistant Superintendent
Amanda Maniaci, Director of Business and Finance
Ken Lord, Exec. Dir. Of Technology and Operations
Monica Visco, Director of Human Resources

Members Absent:

I. Initial Business

A. Call to Order

Ms. Tedford called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

The Coffin and Gerry Schools presented a Student Showcase

1. Grade 1 Service Project (Mrs. Quillen/ Mrs. O'Flynn)
2. Grade 2 PBIS Community Meeting Song (Mrs. Pittore)
3. Grade 2 Art/Earth Day (Ms. Herchenhahn, Art Teacher)
4. Grade 3 Patriots Songs (Teachers: Mrs. Sheridan, Mrs. Bruett, Ms. Homan, Mrs. Frein)
5. Grade 3 Recorders (Ms. D'Amour, Music Teacher)

Ms. Tedford explained that since the School Choice hearing was posted for 7:15pm we would take other agenda items out of order until that time.

I. (continued) Initial Business

B. Commendations

Mr. Harris congratulated our girls and boys ski teams who both won the Massachusetts State Alpine Championship. He also congratulated **Mike Giardi** for being named coach of the year by the Northeast Conference Basketball League and kudos to Patrick Bugler for being named the boys player of the year.

Superintendent Perry congratulated the Bell School for their success at the Massachusetts Odyssey of the Mind tournament. All our teams qualified to attend all, state?

Ms. Tedford thanked PTO for bringing Chris Herren to Marblehead. She also thanked James Maroney of MHTV for filming tonight's event.

C. Public Comment

None

D. Student Representative

Melissa Kordha, student representative noted that two High School students are putting on a performance of "Romeo and Juliette" and the rehearsals are currently under way. She also stated that students have begun spring sports and that the Junior Class Auction is Friday night.

II. Consent Agenda & Action Items

1. **SC Minutes 3/2/17.** Ms. Schaeffner made motion to approve the minutes of 3/2/17. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pratt and the Committee **VOTED** 5-0 in favor.

2. High School Seniors White Water Rafting Field Trip – overnight and out of state

Ms. Bethan Jones reviewed the schedule for the trip and explained the importance to the seniors attending.

Ms. Lipsitz made motion to approve the overnight and out of state High School Seniors White Water Rafting Trip.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Pratt and the Committee **VOTED** 5-0 in favor.

3. Interact Club Field Trip to NYC Ground Zero Museum – Out of state

Mr. Jim Nye and student Vanessa Freedman, Co-President of the Interact Club presented the agenda and reason for students attending this field trip to Ground Zero. Ms. Schaeffner made motion to approve the out of state field trip for Interact members to NYC Ground Zero Museum. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lipsitz and the Committee

VOTED in favor, 5-0.

IV. Finance Organizational Support

1. Schedule of Bills

It was explained that schedule #14695 was pulled from the total and will be voted on separately.

Ms. Tedford asked the Committee to vote the schedule of bills now totaling \$80,736.17. Ms. Pratt made motion to approve the schedule of bills totaling \$80,736.17. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lipsitz and the Committee **VOTED** in favor, 5-0.

Vote on Schedule #14695 for \$391,731.17

Ms. Lipsitz made motion to approve the schedule of bills #14695 for \$391,731.17. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pratt and the Committee **VOTED** in favor, 5-0.

Taken out of order

V. School Committee Communication and/or Discussion items

1. Gerry Update (taken out of order)

Mr. Harris noted that the GSBC OPM Subcommittee received the OPM proposal packets on Thursday, March 16th and the committee decided on three finalists. On Monday, March 20th the Sub Committee discussed the ranking and identified questions. Mr. Lord is doing reference checks of those submitted with the proposals and Ms. Perry is calling district superintendents to check on references for the OPMs. Both set of reference checks will be used in the final decision.

The interviews will be on Friday, March 24th and Monday, March 27th. The responses will be ranked and a recommendation will be decided at the GSBC meeting on April 4th. This recommendation will then be presented to the School Committee on April 6th for approval.

Public Hearings began

7:15pm

Public Hearing on School Choice

Superintendent Perry stated that under the provisions of the Education Reform Act of 1993, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education presumes that each school committee will admit non-resident students under the Choice Program unless there is a vote to the contrary. Under M.G.L. Chapter 76, Section 12B, the School Committee is obliged to hold a public hearing and vote on School Choice participation prior to June 1st of each school year.

Ms. Perry asked that the Committee take action on this matter at this meeting in order to notify the State of our decision in accordance with the deadline. She noted that the recommendation of the Marblehead Public School district is that the Marblehead Public Schools **not** participate in the School Choice program for the 2017-2018 school year due to unstable enrollment.

Mr. Harris made motion to approve the recommendation that the Marblehead Public Schools **not** participate in the School Choice program for the 2017-2018 school year due to unstable enrollment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schaeffner and the Committee **VOTED** in favor, 5-0.

7:20 pm

Public Hearing on School Budget

Ms. Perry began the presentation by noting that the FY18 Budget seeks to reflect the priorities identified in the district’s defined mission, vision and goals, with the assumption of concurrently providing sufficient resources to ensure compliance of all federal, state and locally mandated educational programs and requirements. The three budget themes are: Budget sustainability; Curriculum and Assessment and to Secure and appropriate funding for proposed staffing needs aligning with the district initiatives. The FY18 Educational Initiatives are:

- Social Emotional Learning and Bullying Prevention
- Supporting academic achievement of our student enrollment
- Statewide Assessment MCAS 2.0

For FY18 we are requesting \$36,539,604 which is an increase of \$1,784,896. This increase is due to contractual increases across all units/steps and grades. Charts provided visuals on the breakdown by cost center and departments. The FY18 budget highlights District-wide and then by school and department were briefly explained. It was noted that the FY18 Budget will be voted on at the next School Committee meeting on April 6, 2017 then on May 1, 2017 at Town Meeting will be a vote to approve the School Department FY18 Budget as a total of the FY18 Total Town Budget Appropriation and Warrant Article. This power point, the entire FY18 budget and Q&As will be posted online with documents for this meeting.

7:50 PM -Public hearing closed

III. Teaching/Learning-Superintendent of Schools

A. District Reports and Updates

1. School Improvement Plans – update of current year, K-12

The Principals and Assistant Principals presented updates to their SIPs.

Malcolm H. Bell School Improvement

Goal 1: Curriculum - Math

Goal 2: Curriculum - English Language Arts

Goal 3: Science

Goal 4: Assessment

Goal 5: Building Vision

Coffin/Gerry School Improvement

Goal 1: Assessment

Goal 2: Curriculum

Goal 3: School Safety and Climate

Goal 4: Building Capacity: Technology Use

Glover School

Goal 1: Goal 1: School Culture

Goal 2: Curriculum and Assessment

Goal 3: Safety

Goal 4: Building Vision and Shared Leadership

Mr. Harris left the meeting at 8:10pm .

Village School:

Goal 1: Curriculum

Goal 2: Assessment

Goal 3: Safety

Goal 4: Building Vision

Veterans School
Goal 1: Curriculum
Goal 2: Assessment/Data School Improvement
Goal 3: Safety
Goal 4: Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports

Marblehead High School
Goal 1: Curriculum
Goal 2: Assessment
Goal 3: School Climate and Safety

IV. Finance Organizational Support (continued)

2. FY18 Preliminary Budget

This was discussed during the Budget Hearing and Ms. Maniaci noted that the Master Budget, Q&As and Power Point will be online for the public to view.

V. School Committee Communication and/or Discussion items

- 1. Gerry Update was given earlier in the evening.

VI. Closing Business

A. New Business

None

B. Correspondence

Ms. Tedford noted that she will send out thank you notes.

She also made Committee members aware that they received a notice at their seats about a PBS documentary that will be presented at the Abbot Public Library. Ms. Tedford reminded the Committee that the Town’s Warrant Hearing will be held on Monday, March 27th.

C. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, all were in favor and the public session of the meeting ended at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Lipsitz
Marblehead School Committee

*Meeting Documents:
Coffin School Presentation Agenda
School Choice Memo
FY18 Budget Hearing PP and accompanying documents
Minutes 3/2/17
Senior White Water Rafting field trip request
Interact Club Field Trip request
School Improvement Plans K-12*

Approved 4/6/2017