

**MINUTES**  
**Maynard School Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 15, 2020, 7:00 pm**  
**Remote Meeting**

Pursuant to Gov. Baker's Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20, the School Committee has modified meeting procedures to ensure the safety of all participants. The public was not allowed to physically access this School Committee meeting. This meeting was held virtually (internet) using Zoom Technology. All members of the public were invited to join the meeting virtually online or by phone. In addition, a recording of the meeting is posted on the WAVM YouTube page under Maynard School Committee Meetings. (<https://www.youtube.com/user/WAVMproductions/playlists>)

Meeting Called to Order at 7:08 pm. An attendance roll call was taken

Mary Brannelly - Present  
Bethlyn Houlihan - Present  
Natasha Rivera - Present

Jessica Clark and Lydia Clancy were Absent

Also present were Bian Haas, Superintendent; Jennifer Gaudet, Assistant Superintendent; Wayne White, Business Manager; Jeff Ferranti, Director of Student Services; Colleen Andrade, Administrative Assistant.

**Ms. Rivera called for a roll call vote to enter Executive Session under MGL; CH30A; § 21(a)(3)** To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with an addendum to the MESA contract, since an open meeting could have a detrimental effect on the bargaining of the public body and the chair so declares. SC will return to open session.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Brannelly - Yae  
Bethlyn Houlihan - Yae  
Natasha Rivera - Yae

School Committee entered into Executive Session at 7:11 pm.

School Committee returned to the open meeting at 7:17 pm.

Ms. Brannelly made a motion to accept the side letter between the Maynard School Committee and MESA modifying Article 11.04, but adding language that this agreement will expire when the current contract expires.

Ms. Houlihan 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Mary Brannelly - Yae  
Bethlyn Houlihan - Yae  
Natasha Rivera - Yae

**Motion passed 3-0**

### **Approval of Minutes**

it was noted that there were a few grammatical corrections to be made to names. It was suggested to add the Chair's name in the Chair report.

Without objection, the minutes of 9/17/20 were approved with grammatical corrections.

**Approval of Warrants** - Without objection, School Committee accepted the approved warrants #21-019 and #21-020 and 21-021.

**Citizens' Comments** - there were no citizen's comments received via email.

### **Superintendent's Report - Brian Haas**

The rest of the grades will be starting in-person instruction on 11/9. Covid numbers in Maynard remain low.

The 265k budget reduction, the wifi extension at MHS and the Green Meadow feasibility study were approved at Town meeting.

In the process of interviewing 2 Solar Power companies, interviews will be at the end of month. Maro Hogan and Tim Macduff are the School Representatives on the committee.

Mr. Haas noted that there was a Fowler assignment around indigenous peoples day. The intent of the optional extra credit assignment was to have students learn about a holiday that people don't know a lot about. He pointed out that educators were responsible to remain neutral and not to take sides on a political view.

Each school will be making a presentation to School Committee in a few weeks.

He highlighted some of the things happening at each school.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Ms. Rivera noted that a School Committee delegate for the MASC annual meeting would be needed.

She asked if they wanted nurses to present to School Committee at a future meeting.

A citizens comment came in late which Ms. Rivera read:

Cavan Stone, 17 Rice Rd - Today classes were canceled for the Remote Green Meadow kids for the stated reason that the school "wanted to give the in person students our full attention on their day back." This is not acceptable. Why were not enough resources provided to give the remote kids a free and appropriate education today?

### **Other Business**

In light of having 2 School Committee members absent, the policies would be reviewed, but there would be no vote at this meeting.

Ms. Brannelly went through the policies.

EEAA - Walkers & Riders - It was clarified that only Kindergarten students had to be met at the bus. Other grade protocols would be handled in student handbooks.

IHB - Special Instructional Programs and Accommodations - Jeff Ferranti provided language edits "to return to the least restrictive environment as soon as possible."

IHBA - Programs for Students with Disabilities - there had been a question if this was redundant. After "Disabilities", "or impairments" was added to the title.

IHBAA - Observations of Special Education Programs - The timing noted in the 2nd paragraph would be changed to "within 2 business days of receipt". Mr. Ferranti said this was covered under legislation and didn't see Maynard reacting in a way to prevent observations.

KI - Visitors to the Schools - changed verbiage at the beginning, "parent,... interested in enrolling in" instead of "visiting classrooms".

ACAB - Harassment - first reading. Named Jenifer Gaudet as the Title IX coordinator, added from our former harassment policy the paragraph about record keeping. It was suggested to spell out MPS at the beginning of the document.

JLCB - Immunization of Students - first reading. Very straightforward policy, no changes made. Schools already follow this protocol since it is a DOH requirement.

Still have pending policies waiting to hear back from the unions.

### **Subcommittee and Members Reports**

Budget Subcommittee - have a timeline for the FY22 budget. Next meeting will be on 10/21. The Tri-Board Budget Subcommittee meeting was postponed to 10/22.

Negotiations Subcommittee - planning on setting a meeting in early November.

Communications Subcommittee - Maro Hogan joined the meeting and reviewed the communication map, general contact list for all students to have clear general contacts for any type of communication. Also looked at how communication has been and how we want that to look moving forward.

Curriculum/Strategy Subcommittee - Talked if they should start a new strategic plan, but decided to take elements and keep tying it back to the current strategic plan. The Subcommittee decided they were not able to speak to the curriculum itself, but talk about the frame of the strategic planning and will hear how the curriculum aligns with that, then the budget that aligns with the curriculum.

SEPAC Collaboration meeting will be 10/20.

Ms. Brannelly made a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Houlihan 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mary Brannelly - Yae

Bethlyn Houlihan - Yae

Natasha Rivera - Yae

**Motion passed 3-0**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Colleen Andrade*

*Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools*

*Approved 11/19/20*