

MEDFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
November 18, 2021

PRESENT: Jessica Reilly - Chair
Timothy Knight - Recording Secretary
Meghan Glenn - Financial Secretary
Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke - Member at Large

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Marsden - Superintendent of Schools
Michael LaFrancesca - Director of Finance and Operations
Andrea Moores - Secretary

ABSENT: Leo Brehm -Vice-Chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Ms. Jessica Reilly after the Executive Session to discuss issues related to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body. (Medfield Teachers Association Units A & B, School Secretaries, Custodians and Cafeteria Workers)

The chair asked for a Roll Call to begin the meeting:

- Timothy Knight - yes
- Meghan Glenn-yes
- Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke-yes
- Jessica Reilly-yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Knight, seconded by Ms. Meghan Glenn to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from 10/25/2021 and 11/1/2021.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Knight, seconded by Ms. Meghan Glenn to approve and retain the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from 9/9/2021 and 11/1/2021.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Withdrawal from MSBA Dale Street Elementary School Project (Vote expected pending anticipated Board of Selectmen and School Building Committee actions) - presented by Dr. Jeffrey Marsden

Dr. Marsden informed the School Committee on the procedure required to withdraw from the MSBA Process. He explained that the Board of Selectmen and the School Building Committee have voted at their meetings this week to withdraw from the MSBA program. He explained that the School Committee also needs to vote to withdraw from the MSBA program. After the School Committee vote a letter of withdrawal will be sent to the MSBA so the MSBA can add Medfield to their December 15th meeting to officially withdraw Medfield from the MSBA program. Dr. Marsden explained that if Medfield didn't get on the MSBA meeting agenda for December the next opportunity would be in March of 2022. The Board of Selectmen and the School Building Committee opted to take this vote sooner rather than later to avoid

extending the process until March. Once the MSBA approves the letter of withdrawal they will send an official letter to remove Medfield from the program which requires signatures from the Board of Selectmen, School Building Committee and School Committee.

Dr. Jeffrey Marsden read a statement to the School Committee about the New Elementary School Project and thanked all of the stakeholders for their hard work and commitment to the project. Dr. Marsden also shared his concerns with the committee as this project moves forward. Ms Jessica Reilly also read a statement to the School Committee about the New Elementary School Project. Ms. Meghan Glenn, Mr. Timothy Knight and Ms. Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke also shared their thoughts on the New Elementary School Project. The committee recognized the need to reflect and have a deeper conversation and to include public input on this topic. The Committee was in agreement to have this as an agenda item at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Jessica Reilly, seconded by Mr. Timothy Knight to withdraw the Dale Street Project from the MSBA.

The motion passed unanimously.

Authorize School Committee Chair/Superintendent to sign MSBA withdrawal form (Vote pending outcome of first New Business agenda item) – presented Ms. Jessica Reilly

A motion was made by Ms. Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke, seconded by Ms. Meghan Glenn to allow the School Committee Chairwoman and the Superintendent to sign the MSBA Withdrawal Letter when it is received.

The motion passed unanimously.

December 2021 School Committee Meeting Schedule - Policy Reading Workshop Dates – presented by Ms. Jessica Reilly.

Ms. Jessica Reilly explained that it will be necessary to schedule two additional meetings in December to continue the business of the School Committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke, seconded by Ms. Meghan Glenn to schedule a School Committee Meeting on Wednesday December 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

The School Committee discussed the need to establish a process for the MASC Policy Review. It was decided that the 1st reading of policies would happen in a workshop format and then the 2nd readings would happen on a regular meeting agenda. In order to receive public input on the policies being reviewed the School Committee will release a Google form to the public to share their input on the policies that were presented for a 1st reading at the workshop.

A motion was made by Ms. Meghan Glenn, seconded by Ms. Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke to schedule a School Committee Policy Workshop on Friday December 10, 2021 at 10:00 am for the purpose of the 1st reading of policies.

The motion passed unanimously.

Other items since posting on November 16, 2021 - None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

DESE Mask Waiver (Pending DESE Approval) – presented by Dr. Jeffrey Marsden

Dr. Marsden informed the Committee that the DESE Mask Waiver has been submitted to DESE for Medfield High School and the district is awaiting their approval which Dr. Marsden expects to have it by December 1st.

Ms. Jessica Reilly clarified by stating that the waiver allows the district to pursue a plan and it does not mean that the high school will be lifting the mask mandate once the waiver is received.

Dr. Marsden explained that he will be sending an email out to all families tomorrow to update them on the positive case count in the district. Dr. Marsden informed the Committee that there is an uptick in case counts at the elementary level. DESE reported that there were over 3800 cases reported throughout the Commonwealth this week. He also reported that approximately 400 students have been vaccinated at the two vaccine clinics held in the district and the goal is to host an additional clinic.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (anticipated schedule)

- Dale Elementary School Facilities & Planning (December)
- MHS Student Advisors - Class Updates and Discussion of Student Awareness of Health & Wellness Resources (December)
- Blake Middle School Standards Based Reporting Update (December)
- Superintendent's Evaluation (December)
- School Budget Hearing (January 27, 2022)
- Health Advisory Update (January/February)
- Policy Manual Updates (Ongoing)

Mr. Timothy Knight requested to add an SEL Update with Dave Worthley as a future agenda item.

Next Meeting – December 1, 2021

A motion was made by Ms. Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke, seconded by Mr. Timothy Knight to adjourn the meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

EXHIBITS AND DOCUMENTS

- 11/18/2021 Meeting Narrative
- DRAFT 10/25/2021 Meeting Minutes
- DRAFT 11/1/2021 Meeting Minutes
- School Committee Meeting Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89AEdLxIJl8>

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Moores
Secretary

Minutes Approved by School Committee: December 9, 2021