

MEDFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

High School Library - 7:30 p.m.

Monday, June 5, 2017

PRESENT: Maryanne Sullivan, Chairperson
Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke, Vice Chairperson
Timothy Bonfatti, Recording Secretary
Christopher Morrison, Finance Secretary
Jessica Reilly, School Committee Member
Francine Kelly, Secretary

Jeffrey Marsden, Superintendent

Executive Session: Yes, for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations with AFL-CIO Council#9, Local #3901; Custodian/Maintenance Group, Cafeteria Group, and Secretarial Group.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Ms. Sullivan.

Public Input: Mr. Jerry Potts addressed the School Committee and audience congratulating Superintendent Marsden and the School Committee for an amazing year. Mr. Potts wanted to raise a few issues for future discussion; commending Mr. Morrison for his remarks about the need to address and defend public education. He addressed the contentious issue of the market value correction to the teachers contract with his concern and hope that the Medfield teachers be paid appropriately. Mr. Potts noted there seems to be a perception when someone asks for information or clarification on some of these issues, it is perceived as an attack on the School Committee when, from his view, it is for clarification and understanding of information. Mr. Potts feels the more public and transparent information that is published about public education, the more it will enable the community a better understanding to help and support the the School Committee on some of these important topics for our schools. Mr. Potts commented that it his hope that when future dialogue of changes and public funding votes for education (such as the Charter School vote of last November) that may impact public education in the town of Medfield the School Committee, as a whole, will voice their opinion. Bonnie Marsette addressed the School Committee about asking for more information on the K-5 Science Program. Superintendent Marsden reviewed the details of the science study program saying that the Foss Program will be used moving forward with one kit from the Foss Program for the 2017-2018 school year, two kits used for 2018-2019, with the full program being used in 2 years.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Reilly asked to amend the minutes of May 15, 2017 requesting some changes in her concerns regarding the Elementary World Language Study Group discussion. Ms. Sullivan asked for a motion to approve the May 15, 2017 minutes with the amended changes; first by Ms. Reilly, second by Ms. O'Shea Brooke. **The vote was unanimous.**

New Business:

- Recognition of Retirees - Superintendent Marsden presented retirement plaques to Mary Shiff and Kathy Walunas. Superintendent Marsden recognizing Mary Shiff, Art Teacher for Medfield High School, commending her for all the great artwork over the years and her dedication to the students. Superintendent Marsden thanked Kathy Walunas for being a “staple” at Dale Street School and will be missed by everyone. Ms. Sullivan thanked the retirees noting how grateful the School Committee is for their years of service and dedication. Superintendent Marsden recognized Ms. Randie Groden, School Librarian, who was not in attendance but also retiring.
- 2017-2018 Athletic Fee Discussion/Vote (II) (SP 1)- Mr. Eric Scott, Athletic Director, and Michael LaFrancesca presented the athletic fee structure for review and recommendations. Mr. Scott highlighted the many accomplishments of the student athletes and championships noting how many of our students play sports. Mr. LaFrancesca reviewed the current fee structure and proposed fee structure noting that they are looking at a different model for the upcoming 2 years with a new tier structure on all sports. Mr. LaFrancesca reviewed the proposed tier structure noting the increases in rental fees for outside facilities such as ice rinks, gymnastics, golf, and pool rentals that have facilitated some of the growing costs in the athletic program. Mr. La Francesca reviewed the recommendations for the new tier structure. There was a brief conversation concerning gate fees, rental facility costs, utilization of space at Hospital Hill, and family caps for multiple children playing sports.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to approve the new Athletic Fee Structure; first by Mr. Morrison,

second by Ms. Reilly. **The vote was unanimous.**

- 2017-2018 School Choice Vote (II) - Superintendent Marsden informed the School Committee as he discusses every year, the Medfield School District is required to vote on School Choice as directed by the DESE. Superintendent Marsden recommended to the School Committee that the Medfield School District no participate in this program; first by Mr. Morrison, second by Mr. Bonfatti. **The vote was unanimous.**
- Request for 2017-2018 Calendar Change for Professional Development (IV) (SP 1) - Superintendent Marsden reviewed the changes needed for the 2017-2018 school calendar. Superintendent Marsden as the School Committee to consider flipping of March 29, 2018 and April 10, 2018 Professional Development Days, having March 29 become an early release day and April 10 would become a full day of Professional Development with digital Learning Day being on April 10. There was a brief discussion on the changes including MCAS days and reposting the calendar updates. Ms. Sullivan asked for a motion to approve; first by Mr. Morrison, second by Ms. Reilly. **The vote was unanimous.**
- AFL-CIO Secretarial Group Contract Vote (II) (SP 5) - Superintendent Marsden reviewed the proposed new contract for the secretaries saying it was a good group of people to work with. There was a short discussion on the types of increases, staffing, and summer hours. Ms. Sullivan made a motion to approve; first by Mr. Morrison, second by Ms. O’Shea Brooke. **The vote was unanimous.**

Old Business:

- Donations (III) (SP 3) - Superintendent Marsden reviewed the following donations asking the School Committee for a vote to approve; first by Mr. Morrison, second by Ms. O'Shea Brooke. **The vote was unanimous to approve the donations as follows:**
 - From Graduating Class of 2017 – HS Banners (\$1,589.89) and building maintenance power equipment (2,750.00).
 - \$ 377.64 from the Memorial PTO to purchase dry erase brush on kits.
 - \$ 600.00 from the Memorial PTO to purchase the book Kids Deserve It for each faculty member at Memorial School.
 - \$3,744.70 from the Memorial PTO to purchase 25 game sets and 22 sets of ten books.
 - \$ 210.00 to Wheelock School from A+ School Rewards Bonus Bucks Stop and Shop program.
 - \$ 153.00 to Blake Middle School from Ahold USA/A+ Reward Program
 - \$ 213.00 to Wheelock Gift Account from Wheelock PTO to purchase walkie talkies for the walking club.
 - \$ 197.81 to Wheelock Gift Account from Wheelock PTO to purchase new playground equipment/items.

Superintendent's Report to the Committee

- Medfield 2021 Status (Goals 2-5) (IV) (SP 1) - Superintendent Marsden reviewed each goal pointing out some specifics Goal # 2 - Well Being; Superintendent Marsden reviewed the host speakers that addressed Student Stress (Dr. Michael Thompson), Executive functioning (Michael Delman), and Alcohol/drugs and the adolescent brains. (Dr. Ruth Pottee). In addition, Superintendent Marsden noted that all of the seniors participated in One Love Foundation Training on relationship violence which is something he would like to continue every year. Superintendent Marsden briefly spoke about the R.I.S.E. program noting its successful first year with this program and will be sharing this data with the School Committee in September. Superintendent Marsden briefly discussed the hiring of the Resource officer, Guidance Counselor at the elementary level and adjustment counselor at the secondary level. There was a brief discussion of the need to have more information and education available to the students and community on the dangers of drugs and alcohol abuse. Goal #3 - The Whole Child, Superintendent Marsden highlighted the changes in the structure of the Special Education Program and key positions that will be added. There was a brief discussion on how the additional staff will impact teachers, paperwork, and student learning with Superintendent Marsden pointing out that the program will be evaluated throughout the year to see how the additional staff has impacted the Special Education program and if more staff is needed moving forward. Goal #5 - Facilities and Equipment - Superintendent Marsden highlighted the role of the Director of Facilities, Gerry McCarty, briefly talking about the many areas he has been trouble shooting within the district. There was a brief discussion on timelines and paperwork.

- District Recognition (III) (SP5) - Superintendent Marsden congratulated all the 2017 graduates commending everyone who participated in making the graduation day and events of the week before so successful. Each School Committee member congratulated the 2017 graduates and spoke briefly of the tremendous success of the all night graduation party. Mr. Morrison noted secondary start times should be a topic of discussion for next year. Mr. Morrison suggested for the fall agenda; voting one of the School Committee members to be a Legislative Liaison, putting together a liability presentation for parents who may be hosting parties with minors involved, and asked for the dates of PIN nights from each school so that the School Committee members could attend and start educating the parents on the school budget and override concerns. Ms. Reilly congratulated the Wheelock Fine Arts Program saying it was a fantastic night with some wonderfully created work. Ms. O'Shea Brooke recognized the Pops Night as an epic event for the Medfield School District.

Adjournment:

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; first by Mr. Morrison, second by Ms. Reilly.
The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 28, 2017

Minutes approved by the School Committee: August 28, 2017

Respectfully Submitted:
Francine Kelly, Secretary

EXHIBITS AND DOCUMENTS:

- Agenda and Narrative for Monday, June 5, 2017
- Minutes for May 15, 2017
- Athletic Fee Structure Proposal for 2017-2018
- Donation letters
- Medfield 2021 six month update on goals 2 through 5

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=moIq9qasYdk&list=PLypOllJHc4M3mkgPYRqVtwMog4c-DMN>
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