

**MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752**

**Call to Order**

**August 28, 2012**

1. Chairman Vigeant called the Regular Meeting of the Marlborough School Committee to order at 7:30pm at the District Education Center, 17 Washington St., Marlborough, MA. Members present included, Dr. Hediger, Mrs. Hardy, Ms. Matthews, Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger, Ms. Dwyer & Mrs. Hennessy

Interim Superintendent Dlott, MEA Representative Molly Callahan, and Clerk Irish were also in attendance.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Was led by Chairman Vigeant.

**3. Presentation:**

**A. China Presentation**

Mrs. Greulich introduced both Bill Rigney and Pat Kiley both teachers had made trips to China over the Summer Months garnering valuable professional experience.

Mr. Kiley noted that his trip idea started in spring 2011 while participating with 2 teams of students in a Boston summit in which students were role playing as trade delegations from other countries in this case Africa and Albania. In turn Mr. Kiley participated over the summer 2012 as an Adult summit participant in China. He was amazed at how well-spoken the Chinese Students were. Their grasp of the English Language was impressive.

Mrs. Hardy was thrilled to hear of his experience and Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger asked if he saw the potential for student exchanges between countries in the future? Mr. Kiley noted that the rigors of schooling in China are different than here and the pressures to achieve are at a different level, he was unsure if student exchange would be possible.

Mr. Rigney spoke that his travel plans also started in spring 2011 when he was approached by representatives from Korea; he spent 3 days in Korea and then 13 days in China on a 4 city tour. He spent his time speaking with delegations from High Schools and Middle Schools about our Stem Academy Program he was very well received in all schools.

Dr. Hediger asked for their sense about ancient China's movement into the western world.

Mr. Rigney noted that most people in China are very western even without direct access. The construction in China is booming it is evident everywhere you look.

4. **Committee Discussion/Directives:** None

5. **Communications:** None

**6. Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Dlott opened his report with his noted appreciation of the appointment of Interim Superintendent Position. He is looking forward to getting to know the community and moving the Strategic Plan "Believe 2016" and the District forward. The schools are ready to go and everyone is excited. The open door days brought a lot of people through the buildings and there are exciting things happening. He will be bringing issues to the full committee as necessary. Any bus route issue or comments should be directed to Mr. Dan Riley he is handling transportation.

**7. Acceptance of Minutes:**

**A. Minutes of July 19, 2012 School Committee Meeting**

Motion made by Ms. Dwyer, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to table the minutes of the July 19, 2012 School Committee Meeting, motion passed 6-0-1.

**B. Minutes of July 26, 2012 School Committee Meeting**

Motion made by Ms. Dwyer, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to accept the minutes of the July 26, 2012 School Committee Meeting as amended, motion passed 6-0-1.

8. **Public Participation:** None

**9. Action Items/Reports**

**A. Interim Business Manager Recommendation**

Dr. Dlott noted that the Hiring of a Business Manager comes under the preview of the School Committee;

he is pleased to bring forward Ms. Susan Bottan as his candidate for the position.

Ms Bottan brings years of experience with her not only in the financial/budgeting arena but as well as enrollment, food services, transportation and special education. She also holds a M.S. degree in Early Childhood Education. She will be a great addition to the District.

Motion made by Mrs. Hennessy seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve the hiring of Ms. Susan Bottan as Interim Business Manager for the district, motion passed 6-0-1.

**B. Appointment to Assabet Valley Collaborative board of Directors**

Motion made by Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to appoint Dr. Dlott as Marlborough's representative to the Assabet Valley Collaborative Board of Directors, motion passed 6-0-1.

**C. Administrative Compensation**

Dr. Dlott noted that Mrs. Greulich requested that any compensation offered to her while in the role of Acting Interim Superintendent be split 50/50 with Ms. Gabby Abrams. Recommendation to the committee is a total of \$4600.00 to be divided equally between Mrs. Greulich and Ms Abrams for a total of \$2300.00 each.

Motion made by Ms. Dwyer seconded by Chairman Vigeant to approve the amount of \$2300.00 to each individual, motion passed 6-0-1.

**D. Acceptance of Donations and Gifts**

Intel has donated \$20,000.00 to the STEM Early College High School.

Motion made by Dr. Hediger, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to accept with gratitude. Motion passed 6-01.

IBM has donated \$3,000.00 to the MPS Music Program.

Motion made by Mrs. Hardy, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to accept with gratitude. Motion passed 6-01.

AFCEA Educational Foundation has donated \$2,000.00 to Whitcomb School teacher Laura Kirshenbaum.

Motion made by Mrs. Hardy, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to accept with gratitude. Motion passed 6-01.

Intel Volunteer Grant Program has donated \$425.00 to the Whitcomb School for materials to support instruction.

Motion made by Mrs. Hardy, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to accept with gratitude. Motion passed 6-01.

**10. Reports of School Committee Sub-Committees: None**

**11. Members Forum**

Ms. Dwyer welcomed Molly Callahan to the table as the new MEA Representative to the School Committee. Ms. Dwyer also wanted to make note of a graduate from Marlborough High School and Boston College has been accepted to Ohio furthering his education in the Math arena.

Mrs. Hennessy thanked Dr. Dlott for all his hard work behind the scenes for opening day success.

Dr. Hediger commented on Monday's ceremony in honor of years of service to the district, he has had several requests to create a pdf searchable schedule in the same format at the City Council agenda. He also reminded all of Roberts Rules of Order and reminded all that attention needs to be paid to the rules as they are written. Finally everyone needs to be aware of the Primary elections that are taking place on Thursday Sept. 6, 2012, classes are in session that day there will be movement within the building that house our polling locations. The full election will be in November and school is not scheduled to be in session that day.

**12. Adjournment:** Motion made by Ms. Dwyer, seconded by Chairman Vigeant to adjourn at 8:50pm.the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Dwyer  
Marlborough School Committee

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