

**Accepted and Approved
School Committee Meeting 4/12/11**

MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752

Call to Order

March 22, 2011

Chairman Stevens called the Regular Meeting of the Marlborough School Committee to order at 7:30 p.m. at the District Education Center, 17 Washington Street, Marlborough, MA. Members present included Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger, Ms. Dwyer, Mrs. Hardy, Dr. Hediger, Mrs. Hennessy and Ms. Robey.

Assistant Superintendent Delaney, Superintendent Pope, Clerk Judd, Mr. St. George, MEA Representative, and Rebecca Gadd, Student Representative, were also in attendance. Assistant Superintendent Jolicoeur was absent.

Chairman Stevens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Presentation: None

4. Committee Discussion/Directives: None

5. Communications: None

6. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Pope introduced Mr. Adam Olivieri who has joined the team in the transition since Jim Jolicoeur is leaving. He said more forecasting and more projections will be done than in the past.

School Calendar: Dr. Pope hasn't had a chance to sit with Mr. St. George yet to finalize the draft calendar. It will be on the next agenda.

A. October 1 SIMS Summary Report: Superintendent Pope said this outlines the enrollment statistics district summary for Marlborough. This information can also be found on the DESE website.

Ms. Dwyer requested that additional enrollment data for Advanced Math & Science Academy, Hudson High School, and Assabet Valley Technical High School be provided to the School Committee at a later time. The Committee would like to discuss the disconnect between the census data and the school enrollment data. The Committee needs to track where these students are going.

Ms. Robey said a history used to be included in the October 1 report to be able to compare data from one year to the next. The Committee requested a little bit of history and the numbers of the other schools.

B. FY11 Budget Update: The financial status as of February 28, 2011 is a balance of \$3,482,876 or approximately 7.2% of our budget remaining for the remainder of the school year. All approved expenditures are incorporated into the financial reports. We are currently compiling projections through year-end.

C. FY12 Budget Survey Results: A copy was provided to the Committee members, see attachment #1. The results will be put on the website. Dr. Pope reviewed the data. There were 295 respondents (130 parents; 161 staff). Dr. Pope mentioned the instructional core; it's where teaching and learning takes place. Comments are still being compiled. The areas that the respondents focused on were professional development and supporting teachers in the classroom.

D. FY12 Budget Priorities:

Dr. Pope reviewed the attachment #2, Budget Survey and Priorities. In keeping with the PELP Coherence Framework, goals are tied to the instructional core. Goal 1 – Student Achievement. Goal 2 – Operational Effectiveness and Efficiency. Goal 3 – Family Involvement and Community Engagement. Goal 4 – Culture. All budget priorities will be directly aligned with the four district goals.

7. Acceptance of Minutes:

A. Minutes of March 8, 2011 School Committee Meeting: Mrs. Hardy moved, seconded by Chairman Stevens, to accept and place on file the Minutes of March 8, 2011. Mrs. Hardy made the following changes: page 1: move attendance of Assistant Superintendent Jolicoeur, Clerk Judd, Mr. St. George and Rebecca Gadd down to the start of the Regular Meeting. They did not attend the Executive Session. Page 3, 9A: add after Reconfiguration Plan, “which would result in the district housing students in three K-4 buildings, a 5-8 building and 9-12 high school.” Page 3, 9B: add goals - (1) Student Achievement: All students in the Marlborough Public Schools will learn at high levels of expectation, and the achievement gap will be eliminated; (2) Operational Effectiveness and Efficiency: All operations in the Marlborough Public Schools will be efficient and effective; (3) Family Involvement and Community Engagement: Marlborough Public Schools will foster partnerships with the community and improve communication and engagement to support our students and **school** system; (4) Culture: Marlborough Public Schools will foster a culture that supports high expectations.

The Motion carried 7-0-0.

8. Public Participation: None

9. Action Items/Reports:

A. Real World Design National Challenge (RWDC), Washington, DC: Dr. Hediger moved, seconded by Chairman Stevens, to approve as read. The Motion carried 7-0-0.

B. Junior States of America Convention, Stamford, Ct: Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger moved, seconded by Chairman Stevens, to approve. The Motion carried 7-0-0.

10. Reports of School Committee Sub-Committees: None

11. Members’ Forum:

Ms. Dwyer said the Policy Manual is finally complete. She said another session on governance is needed after the budget process is done. MASC needs to deal with the technical aspects of the Policy Manual since they were responsible for converting it to an online document. It needs to be decided who is going to update the manual. The Superintendent will explore the options for getting it done after the budget process is complete.

Mrs. Hardy asked about policy development? Dr. Pope sees policy development as an ongoing process.

Mrs. Hennessy extended congratulations to those involved in God Spell. She heard it was fabulous.

Mrs. Hennessy commented on Dr. Pope’s photo at the faculty/student basketball game.

Mrs. Hennessy said she heard great things about the March 16th Professional Development Day.

Dr. Pope thanked everyone in the district for coming to the fieldhouse. He thanked everyone in the community for having an open mind.

Dr. Hediger requested that the book title, 21st Century Learning by Bernie Trilling and Charles Fadel be posted on the website.

Ms. Robey said the Report on Task Force on Teacher Evaluations was received today from the DESE. She said the document was approved, and there was no statement within the document as to who voted no or who voted yes.

She said there was an article in the Globe about the business community's outrage that there wasn't a percentage about MCAS. Ms. Robey said the next step is that they will come out as regulations and come out for a 90 day public comment period before they are adopted.

Dr. Pope said there may be a MPS Chat Show with the Cafeteria Workers to show what a wonderful job they do.

Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger commented on the upcoming increased math requirement from 3 years to 4 years, effective in 2016.

12. Executive Session: None

13. Adjournment: Dr. Hediger moved, seconded by Chairman Stevens, to adjourn. The Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. by a unanimous vote of the Committee.

Jennifer Hardy, Secretary
Marlborough School Committee

JH/caj

Attachment #1 - Budget Survey Results

Attachment #2 - Budget Survey and Priorities