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MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752

Call to Order

October 26, 2010

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 and Ms. Robey. Mrs. Hennessy and Assistant Superintendent Jolicoeur were absent.

Assistant Superintendent Delaney, Superintendent Pope, Clerk Judd and Mr. St. Clair, MEA Representative, were also in attendance.

Chairman Stevens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Stevens stated that this meeting is being recorded by the local cable television station, Channel 10.

6. Public Participation: Buzz Hooker, 60 Cleveland Circle: asked how to get an item listed on a future agenda. He was told to contact the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant.

7. Action Items/Reports

A. Instrument Rental Program and Repair Services Award: Mr. Rosenthal said it has been a concern of the music teachers regarding the quality of the rented musical instruments over the years. Musical instruments are currently rented from various vendors with no set rental and repair service program in place. The Music Department wishes to contract a private vendor for the purpose of providing students a comprehensive instrumental rental program, including repair services and/or purchase of instruments, accessories and other related items.

Bev Sleeper was available to answer any questions. She said the term of the contract would be for one year.

Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger moved, seconded by Mrs. Hardy, to authorize the contract with Music and Arts Center for the 2010-2011 school year. The Motion carried 6-0-0.

B. MASC Resolutions, Tabled 10/12/10: A Motion was made by Mrs. Hardy and seconded by Ms. Dwyer to remove from the table. The Motion carried 7-0-0. Ms. Dwyer moved, seconded by Chairman Stevens, to authorize the Delegate and Alternate to support the resolutions as written. They were told to use their discretion as amendments were made. The Motion carried 6-0-0.

C. Acceptance of Donations

Target Take Charge of Education Program, \$224.95, Kane School to be used to support activities at the school. Mrs. Hardy moved, seconded by Chairman Stevens, to accept with gratitude. The Motion carried 6-0-0.

Raytheon through Math MovesU Math Hero Award: \$2,500 to Karen Suvalskas grade 7 math teacher: Mrs. Hardy moved, seconded by Chairman Stevens, to accept with gratitude. The Motion carried 6-0-0.

Walmart, \$100 gift cards to 10 teachers at Kane School to be used in the classroom: Mrs. Hardy moved, seconded by Chairman Stevens, to accept with gratitude. The Motion carried 6-0-0.

DESE Title IIA Teacher Quality Grant, \$74,967 out of \$192,223: Mrs. Hardy moved, seconded by Chairman Stevens, to accept. The Motion carried 6-0-0.

DESE Kindergarten Curriculum Development Grant, \$14,000: Mrs. Hardy moved, seconded by Chairman Stevens, to accept. The Motion carried 6-0-0.

Mass. Departments of Early Education and Care IDEA – Early Childhood SpEd ARRA Grant, \$30,658: Mrs. Hardy moved, seconded by Chairman Stevens, to accept. The Motion carried 6-0-0.

3. Communications: None.

4. Superintendent’s Report:

October 20, 2010 Professional Development Day: Dr. Pope said all teachers are doing a great job on professional development. He asked, why does an achievement gap exist, and how can we come up with solutions?

STEM Academy Exploration: Dr. Pope said Intel wants to work with Marlborough. He said, Marlborough has the will and expertise to do this, and he said there’s more to come.

Race to the Top: Last Friday was the deadline. The DESE recommends that 5-15% be spent. Dr. Pope said this is an opportunity to work on the curriculum alignment.

Quinsigamond Community College Partnership: Dr. Pope said Quinsigamond is considering bringing a campus to Marlborough, and the opportunity is here for a K-16 connection.

Anti-bullying: Mr. Pratt said the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education created a model policy that was updated for Marlborough. He targeted a few essential pieces of the plan. The plan is to include information on reporting, notice to parents and guardians, notice to law enforcement as necessary and counseling strategies and procedures for creating safety plans for victims. There will be a public comment period, and comments will be solicited. Mr. Pratt said the instructions for students and parents must be in place during the 2010-2011 School Year.

Dr. Pope said, this is a priority, and it will get done.

Mr. Pratt said the State is very clear that they want this policy to be a broad-based parental input policy.

Chairman Stevens suggested sending something to the Policy Sub-Committee. She said when Administration has something to give to the sub-committee then they can move forward.

Ms. Robey moved, seconded by Chairman Stevens, to suspend the rules to add an agenda item. The Motion carried 6-0-0.

Ms. Robey moved, seconded by Chairman Stevens, to refer to the Policy Sub-Committee the draft Marlborough Public Schools Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan. The Motion carried 6-0-0.

8. Reports of School Committee Sub-Committees:

Negotiations: Dr. Hediger said the sub-committee sat with five of the bargaining units. At this time, there is a signed memorandum of agreement with the custodians; the sub-committee has jointly moved toward mediation with the administrators; and the sub-committee has jointly moved toward mediation with the administrative assistants/secretaries.

5. Acceptance of Minutes:

A. Minutes of the 10/12/10 Meeting:

Mrs. Hardy moved, seconded by Chairman Stevens, to accept and place on file the Minutes of the October 12, 2010 Meeting. Mrs. Hardy made the following changes: Remove Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger from the members present. 3A. replace Ms. Lochberg with Mrs. Belisle. 3B insert Aligning Curriculum to Core Standards as one of the discussion points. 9C MASC Resolutions: seconded by Dr. Hediger. Spelling 9D replace Nagvi with Naqvi. The Motion carried 5-0-1 (Stevens) to accept the Minutes as amended.

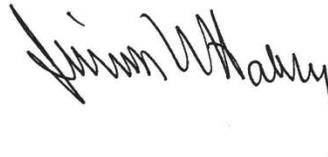
9. Members' Forum:

Mrs. Hardy attended the Public Launch of Satellite Site Exploration Meeting regarding Quinsigamond Community College. She said she learned that Quinsigamond has an agreement with Nichols College and WPI. For Nichols, students complete the first three years at Quinsigamond and the fourth year is done at Nichols to earn a Nichols Business Degree. For WPI, students complete the first two years at Quinsigamond and the second two years are done at WPI.

Ms. Dwyer discussed Rachel's Challenge, which helps to create respect and passion in schools. She encouraged any member of public to attend the community parent forum.

10. Executive Session: A Motion was made by Chairmen Stevens, seconded by Ms. Dwyer to enter into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. for Exemption 3. The roll call vote was unanimous to enter into Executive Session. The Committee will reconvene to Regular Session for the purpose of adjournment only.

11. Adjournment: Dr. Hediger moved, seconded by Ms. Dwyer, to adjourn at 9:46 p.m. The Motion carried 5-0-0



Jennifer Hardy, Secretary
Marlborough School Committee

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