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MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752

Call to Order

September 28, 2010

Ms. Dwyer called the Regular Meeting of the Marlborough School Committee to order at 7:33 p.m. at the District Education Center, 17 Washington Street, Marlborough, MA. Members present included Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Hennessy and Dr. Hediger. Ms. Robey and Chairman Stevens were absent.

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

Ms. Dwyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mrs. Hardy moved, seconded by Ms. Dwyer, to move Agenda Item 6B up on the agenda. The Motion carried 5-0-0.

6B: Visitors from Akiruno, Japan: Mrs. Klein introduced the Akiruno visitors. The principal of the junior high school said a few words. Mrs. Klein thanked the host families for opening up their homes and hearts to the students.

6A: Student Advisory Committee:

Laura Zaia discussed Dessert Theatre. It will be held on November 18, 19 and 20th.

Maggie Vaccaro discussed Breast Cancer Awareness. SADD is hosting a fundraiser to support fighting breast cancer. MHS Field Hockey is also supporting breast cancer.

Sarah Baldelli discussed Spirit Day, which will take place on October 1, 2010.

Rebecca Gadd, Student Representative, was introduced to the Committee.

3. Presentations:

A: ICLE: The findings from the International Center for Leadership in Education's (ICLE) assessment of the current state of the schools and programs in the Marlborough Public School District were reviewed. A three-phase approach was used by MPS and ICLE to obtain critical insight and understanding of district and school strengths, challenges and opportunities. This insight was used by the School Committee and district leadership to develop the blueprint for a strategic five year plan.

Mrs. Bodin-Hettinger moved, seconded by Ms. Dwyer, to suspend the rules to bring forward agenda item 6D. The Motion carried 5-0-0.

6D: Art Teacher of the Year: Dr. Pope said Kristie Oliver has been named the Massachusetts Art Educator of the Year. Congratulations were extended to Ms. Oliver.

B: Mass Math & Science Initiative: Mr. Morton Orlov said the goals of the Mass Math and Science Initiative are to increase participation in mathematics, science and English AP courses; increase performance on AP exams and increase college success. Mr. Orlov recognized the AP Teachers he has been working with in Marlborough, and he said Marlborough High was number 9 in the State.

Mrs. Roy discussed how the High School identifies AP students. She said 446 tests were taken by more than 220 students. Dr. Pope thanked Morton Orlov for his hard work.

4. Committee Discussions/Directives:

A. Governance: Ms. Dwyer asked this be put on the agenda after reading The Essential School Board Book written by Nancy Walser which was given to us during our summer retreat with Dr. Pope. Ms. Dwyer is hoping we schedule a governance working session sooner rather than later to continue our work moving forward as an effective school board.

B. Advertising and Distribution of Materials by Non-School Groups Using Employees/Students on School Grounds: Dr. Pope said he has been working with the School Committee on the Backpack Mail Policy. He said we want to go completely green, but there's a reality that you have to send some things home. There will be a simple form for approval for non-school groups which will be available on the website starting next week. It will be the responsibility of the group to provide the copies for distribution. Dr. Pope said deadlines will be established for organizations to submit their information by.

5. Communications: None

6. Superintendent's Report:

Becky Gadd was welcomed to the Committee. Dr. Pope said a student's perspective is always welcome.

C. Updates:

Parent and Community Forum: Dr. Pope said 70-80 parents were in attendance. The community was very open in singing the district's unsung praises and making very clear recommendations on areas of improvement. Another Parent and Community Forum will be held in November.

Teacher Focus Group: Dr. Pope said 40 teachers attended and they had a very open dialogue with extensive discussions around the direction the district needs to head in for greater success.

Workout Wednesday: Dr. Pope said there were 41 participants. He said an open and honest discussion took place on what we are doing well. The group will meet again tomorrow at the High School Track.

Coffee and Conversation: Dr. Pope said the goal is to reach out to the community. He will continue reaching out.

Busses: Dr. Pope said the situation is getting better as the school year progresses.

E. Materials Distribution: Chair waived item 6E because it was discussed in item 4B.

7. Acceptance of Minutes:

A. Minutes of 9/14/10 Meeting: Mrs. Hardy moved, seconded by Dr. Hediger, to approve the Minutes of September 14, 2010, as amended. The following changes were made:

First two paragraphs of item 3F will be replaced with the following:

F. Green Repair: The Massachusetts School building Authority has instituted a new program, The Green Repair Program. This program will allow for reimbursement for improvements that are limited to repair or replacement of roofs, windows or boilers.

Mr. Ghiloni discussed the importance of this grant for Marlborough Public Schools. The submission of the Statement of Interest does not guarantee acceptance, approval or funding for the projects. It also does not commit the city to file for the funding if approved. The Statement of Interest will be filed for the replacement of roof,

windows and HVAC at the High School and the replacement of windows at Francis J. Kane School. The reimbursement is approximately 50% of the project cost. The deadline for submission is one week from Thursday.

Item 7B

Replace Understanding with Agreement and replace MEA with Massachusetts Educators Association (MEA) in title.

Item 7C, replace with the following:

Dr. Hediger moved, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, to authorize the Statement of Interest forms, dated September 22, 2010, be submitted for the replacement of the roof, windows and HVAC at the High School located at 431 Bolton Street and replacement of windows at Francis J. Kane School, 520 Farm Road. Submission of these Statement of Interest forms do not guarantee the approval of an application, awarding of a grant or funding or commits the City of Marlborough to filing an application with MSBA. The motion carried 6-0-0

Insert MEA Increase Memo as an appendix to the document.

The Motion carried 5-0-0.

8. Public Participation: None

9. Action Items/Reports:

A. JSA Fall Conference: The convention will take place November 20-21, 2010 in Boston. Mrs. Hardy moved, seconded by Dr. Hediger, to approve the trip. The Motion carried 5-0-0:

B. Acceptance of Donations/Grants:

Cathy Bisol, 20" TV/DVD/VHS to the ARR classroom at Richer School, valued at \$50.00: Mrs. Hennessy moved, seconded by Mrs. Hardy, to accept with gratitude. The Motion carried 5-0-0

10. Reports of School Committee Sub-Committees: None

11. Members' Forum: Mrs. Hennessy said there will be a replay of the Parent and Community Forum tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. .

Mrs. Hennessy said a Retirement Celebration for Mary Carlson was held on September 24, 2010. It was a wonderful event, and Mr. Jolicoeur did a wonderful job as Master of Ceremonies.

Dr. Hediger stated that the draft NEASC findings have been received and he emphasized the importance of incorporating those findings into our strategic plan.

Ms. Dwyer commented that work towards a strategic plan is still moving forward and will be completed.

Dr. Pope said he can guarantee the Committee will have a very solid strategic plan for this district not long after completing his entry plan.

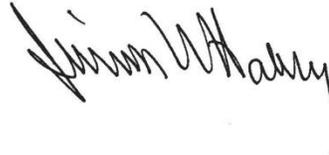
Mrs. Hardy publicly thanked Dr. Pope for his outreach last week.

Mrs. Hardy thanked Ms. Dwyer for bringing forward the governance discussion.

Mrs. Hardy said a Pancake Breakfast will be held this Sunday, at the Masonic Hall, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., to support the Akiruno Student Exchange Program.

12. Executive Session: Ms. Dwyer said the Committee will be adjourning to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. Ms. Dwyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Hardy to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:05 p.m. The roll call vote was unanimous to enter into Executive Session. The Committee will return to Regular Session to adjourn only.

13. Adjournment: Ms. Dwyer moved, seconded by Dr. Hediger, to adjourn at 10:19 pm. The motion carried 5-0-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Hardy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Hardy, Secretary
Marlborough School Committee

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