

**Minutes of the
Monson School Committee
Regular Business Meeting
Quarry Hill Community School – School Committee Meeting Room
September 26, 2018**

Present: Chair Jeffrey Lord; Vice Chair Patricia Oney; Secretary Michelle Heroux and Committee Members Joel Keller and Emily Graves-Harrison

Also Present: Superintendent Cheryl Clarke; Director of Business & Facilities Donald Smith; Curriculum Director Katherine Watts (7:47 p.m.) and Recording Secretary Karen Methe

Note: This meeting was video-recorded.

Mr. Lord called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Mr. Keller read the Mission and Vision Statements.

Announcements:

This is the last week to sign up for the MADE afterschool programs.

The Special Olympics will be held at Granite Valley Middle School on October 5, 2018. Many of the local area school districts will participate.

On October 20, 2018 the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) will be holding their Annual Fall Fair on the grounds of Quarry Hill Community School (QHCS).

A reminder was given to School Committee members about the October 13, 2018 Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) Charting the Course event to be held at Granite Valley Middle School (GVMS) in the library.

Minutes:

- **Motion by Ms. Oney to accept the September 12, 2018 Regular Business Meeting minutes as presented. (Second by Ms. Heroux)**
- **No discussion**
- **Motion carries 4-0) (Mr. Keller abstained from the vote.)**

Subcommittee and Liaison Reports:

Human Resources/Negotiations:

This subcommittee continues to meet and is making progress with negotiations.

Facilities and Long-Term Planning

A meeting has been scheduled for October 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Curriculum:

A meeting needs to be scheduled soon.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Clarke reported very successful Open Houses. The PTSA had their first meeting of the year and it was well attended. Upcoming events include the Annual Fall Fair and Trunk or Treat. Staff participated in numerous informative Professional Development sessions on the September 18, 2018 Early Release Day. The next Early Release Day is October 16, 2018 and all schools will be conducting Parent – Teacher Conferences. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) have concluded their visit. Mrs. Clarke told the Committee that the preliminary feedback received was extremely positive. Special Olympics will be held on October 5, 2018 with neighboring districts participating. Several student, parent and staff volunteers will be attending to help with the event. Representative Ashe and Senator Gobi along with Sheriff Cocchi are also planning to attend. The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) preliminary test results are in. Mrs. Clarke noted very positive results but data is not available for public presentation until 12:01 a.m. tomorrow.

Business and Facilities Report:

Mr. Smith will present the first forecast at the next Finance Subcommittee meeting. The Facilities and Long-Term Planning Subcommittee is planning to meet on October 3, 2018 after meeting with the town.

Old Business:

Mrs. Clarke discussed in detail the Blizzard Bag information she distributed which also included samples from other districts. She is asking Committee members to review the information. Mrs. Clarke stated that she would like to create a survey with Administrators for distribution to parents and staff. Discussion followed with Mrs. Clarke and members of the Committee expressing their concerns and views on the potential Blizzard Bags initiative.

- **Motion by Ms. Oney for Mrs. Clarke to prepare and conduct, for implementation, a survey on Blizzard Bags. (Second by Ms. Heroux)**
- **Further discussion followed**
- **Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Keller	No
Ms. Graves-Harrison	Yes
Ms. Heroux	Yes
Ms. Oney	Yes
Mr. Lord	No
- **Motion carries 3-0**

Mr. Lord encouraged Committee members to attend the November 7- 9, 2018 Annual MASC Conference held in Hyannis. He asked members to review the conference information they received and discussion will continue at the October 10, 2018 Regular Business Meeting.

Public session:

Mr. Lord opened Public Session at 8:00 p.m.

No one came forward to address the Committee.
Mr. Lord closed Public Session at 8:00 p.m.

Review of Action Items:

Mrs. Clarke will develop a Blizzard Bag Survey with the input of the Administrative Leadership Team to present to the Committee.

Continue the MASC Conference discussion.

Schedule Subcommittee meetings.

The following Regular Business Meetings were scheduled:

October 10 & 24, 2018 -

November 14 & 28, 2018

(Mr. Keller notified the Committee that he is not available on November 28, 2018).

December 12, 2018

January 9 & 23, 2019

- **Motion by Ms. Oney to adjourn to Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §21a, Purpose #3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and litigation, not to return to Open Session. (Second by Ms. Graves-Harrison)**
- **No discussion**
- **Roll Call Vote**

Mr. Lord	Yes
Ms. Oney	Yes
Ms. Heroux	Yes
Ms. Graves-Harrison	Yes
Mr. Keller	Yes
- **Motion carries 5-0**

Open session closed at 8:03 p.m.

Executive Session began at 8:10 p.m.

Documentation for this meeting:

Agenda-Regular Business Meeting

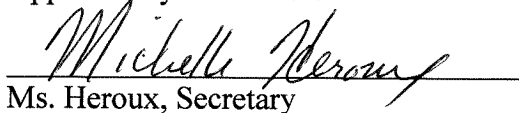
September 12, 2018-Regular Business Meeting Draft Minutes

Distributed at Meeting:

Blizzard Bags Informational Packets

MHS Extra-Curricular Activity Book 2018-2019

Approved by Committee:


Ms. Heroux, Secretary