

**Minutes of the
Monson School Committee
Regular Business Meeting
Quarry Hill Community School – School Committee Meeting Room
June 27, 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 Don Smith; Director of Counseling Robert Bardwell and Recording Secretary Karen Methe

Note: This meeting was video-recorded.

Mr. Lord called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mr. Keller read the Mission and Vision Statements.

Announcements:

Mrs. Clarke and Ms. Morneau will staff a booth at the town's upcoming July 4th Annual Summerfest event. Donations will be accepted for the Special Olympics Day being hosted by the district in the fall. Summer reading lists, supply lists and other necessary information will be available and a raffle will be held for a free after-school program session.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Clarke reported that the last week of school was very successful.

The grade 4 end of year celebration was excellent and well attended by family members.

Grade 8 held their annual Send-Off Ceremony that began with a breakfast for students followed by a schoolwide assembly.

Several grade level end of the year activities were held, including an Immigration Fair and a staff versus grade 4 students kick-ball game.

Mrs. Clarke noted that the middle and high schools are fully staffed for next year. The elementary school is in the process of interviewing for Special Education positions.

District and School Assistance Center (DSAC) personnel continue working with the Instructional Leadership Team to revise the Year 2 Turnaround Plan. Mrs. Clarke added that she has been meeting on a regular basis with Regional Director Donna Harlan.

The after-school MADE Program will be coordinated by Brie Johnston. MADE+PLUS will be changing its name to MPS-Extend, both programs will be at Granite Valley Middle School for the upcoming year. In the near future, an on-line payment option will be available.

Mrs. Clarke happily announced that the district will host Special Olympics on October 5, 2018, mentioning that several other districts have already signed on to participate. Ms. Morneau and Mrs. Hess will be fund-raising at the upcoming fireworks display to help defer the \$5,000 cost of hosting. Mrs. Clarke noted that the district will now have two unified sports teams, basketball in the fall and track and field in the spring. The teams will consist of special and general education students and have begun forming. As a result of both the above initiatives Monson Public Schools has been designated a Champion School by Special Olympics. Mrs. Clarke stated that if anyone would like to donate or has any questions to please contact Ms. Morneau at 267-4150, extension 1446.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) will conduct an on-site visit at the high school from September 23-26, 2018. Mrs. Clarke asked Committee members to reserve Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. to speak with the twelve member team that will also meet with staff, students, administrators, parents, etc. during that time-frame. A welcome reception has been planned which will include students speaking and music from the school band.

Business and Facilities Report:

Mr. Smith advised the Committee that the current -\$64,676 variance will be covered by School Choice funds. A final variance report will be available in the next two weeks after the reconciliation of all individual line items.

A contract for natural gas was signed last week. The current rate is \$1.57 which will decrease to \$1.46 at a 7% savings, a potential savings of \$8,000-\$10,000 dollars.

Summer cleaning projects are underway. Mr. Smith reviewed the status of the capital funding projects.

Preliminary work has started on preparing the school buildings for the town inspections.

Old Business:

Mr. Lord reminded Committee members that their individual evaluations for the Superintendent are due to Mrs. Methe by July 2, 2018.

New Business:

- **Motion by Ms. Oney to ratify the agreement between the Monson School Committee and the Monson Teachers Association, Inc. MTA - Unit A for the years 2018-2021. (Second by Ms. Heroux)**
- **Mr. Keller asked that the changes made to the prior contract be summarized. Mrs. Clarke reviewed them for the Committee.**
- **Discussion followed**
- **Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Graves-Harrison	Yes
Ms. Heroux	Yes
Ms. Oney	Yes
Mr. Lord	Yes
Mr. Keller	No
- **Motion carries 4-1**

Ms. Graves-Harrison asked that notification of all School Committee meetings be shared in other formats. Lengthy conversation followed with in-depth discussion about alternate ways to get School Committee meeting information out to the public other than the numerous ways it is currently conveyed. Mrs. Clarke will ensure that all Regular and Subcommittee meetings are posted on the schools website prior to the 48 hours required for posting at the Town Clerk's Office.

Public session:

Mr. Lord opened Public Session at 7:37 p.m.

No one came forward to address the Committee.

Mr. Lord closed Public Session at 7:37 p.m.

Review of Action Items:

Post all Regular Business and Subcommittee meetings on school website.

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The Superintendent's individual evaluation is due to Mrs. Methe on July 2, 2018.
All Subcommittee Chairs were asked to schedule their future meetings.

The following meeting dates were set:

July 9, 2018	6:30 p.m.	Unit E Negotiations Ground Rules
	7:00 p.m.	Unit D Negotiations
	8:00 p.m.	Unit B Negotiations
July 10, 2018	6:30 p.m.	Unit E Negotiations
	7:30 p.m.	Unit C Negotiations
Tentative Dates:		
August 13, 2018	6:30 p.m.	Follow-up if necessary
	7:30 p.m.	Follow-up if necessary

A meeting to begin the Transportation Negotiations needs to be scheduled. Mrs. Methe will contact all participants for availability.

Check upcoming dates for MASC's Charting the Course for Ms. Graves-Harrison.

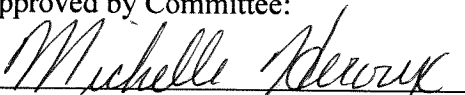
- **Motion by Mr. Keller to adjourn Open Session. (Second by Ms. Oney)**
- **No discussion**
- **Motion carries 5-0**

Open session closed at 7:38 p.m.

Documentation for this meeting:
Agenda-Regular Business Meeting

Distributed at Meeting:
Agreement between the Monson School Committee and the Monson Teachers' Association, Inc. – M.T.A. Unit A 2018-2021

Approved by Committee:


Ms. Heroux, Secretary