

**Minutes of the
Monson School Committee
Regular Business Meeting
Quarry Hill Community School – School Committee Meeting Room
October 11, 2017**

Present: Chair Joshua Farber; Vice Chair Joel Keller; Secretary Jeff Lord; Committee Member Patricia Oney

Also Present: Superintendent Cheryl Clarke; Director of Business & Facilities Don Smith; Director of Student Services Suzanne Morneau; Director of Curriculum Katherine Watts; Principal Mary Cieplik (GVMS); Interim Principal Paige Bernat (QHCS); Dean of Students Scott Johnson (GVMS); Interim Dean of Students Katie Czarniecki and Recording Secretary Karen Methé

Absent: Committee Member Ms. Heroux

Note: This meeting was video-recorded.

Mr. Farber called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Marley Nissenbaum and Ben Pagliaro read the Mission and Vision Statements.

Announcements:

Mrs. Clarke welcomed returning high school student representatives Marley Nissenbaum and Ben Pagliaro and Emily Roberts from the middle school, back for another year of service to the School Committee.

Mrs. Clarke introduced Katie Czarniecki, warmly welcomed her, and spoke of her many roles in the district over the past years, as the newly appointed Interim Dean of Students for Quarry Hill Community School. Ms. Czarniecki came to the podium and shared her enthusiasm in being a part of the Quarry Hill administrative team and thanked Mrs. Clarke for the opportunity to serve the district in this capacity.

Recognition:

Mrs. Cieplik and Mr. Johnson shared information on a new pilot initiative which allows students to participate in Guidance Studio, an alternative to recess which data was shown to indicate didn't work for all students. Staffed by Mrs. Novak, art teacher, and Mrs. Rosazza, guidance counselor, students experience an open art session. Mrs. Cieplik explained that this was a great opportunity for students to discuss concerns or problems they may have with caring, experienced staff members. Mr. Johnson distributed samples of art work and writing journals created by students during this time.

Minutes:

- **Motion by Mr. Lord to approve the September 27, 2017 minutes of the Regular Business Meeting as submitted. (Second by Mr. Keller)**
- **No discussion**
- **Motion carries 4-0**

Student Representative Reports:

GVMS-Emily Roberts

Student Council elections were held last Friday. Monthly meetings will be scheduled now that the elections have been completed.

In conjunction with the ongoing Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) initiative, students have earned power tickets which qualifies them for various weekly raffles.

The Guidance Studio, an alternative open art session instead of lunch/recess, option is now being offered to grade 7 and 8 students.

An Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate (A.L.I.C.E.) drill will be conducted next Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

Robotics and music technology programs have been extremely successful.

Progress reports were distributed last Thursday. Parent signed copies are due by October 12, 2017.

Mrs. Clarke provided a brief explanation of the upcoming A.L.I.C.E. program and drill for students.

MHS-Marley Nissenbaum and Ben Pagliaro

An assembly was held last Friday to recognize clubs and sports teams. The main focus was on the diversity club S.T.A.N.D.'s hygiene fundraiser currently in process. Students donate various products and the Student Advisory Program (SAP) with the most hygiene products donated will receive a free breakfast.

The National Honor Society (NHS) has recently sponsored PJ's for Puerto Rico and Hats for Harvey fundraisers. A \$1 donation was required for each individual fundraiser.

PACT and PSAT practice tests were administered to sophomores and juniors respectively.

The girls' soccer team is still undefeated.

The boys' soccer team won their last game.

Freshmen are selling pies as a fundraiser for their class.

A Halloween Dance sponsored by the Student Council is scheduled for October 29, 2017.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Clarke provided a hiring update noting that currently open is a half-time guidance position at Granite Valley and a special education teacher, to replace Ms. Czarniecki, at Quarry Hill.

A very successful Google training, with over 30 participants was held. The core team of staff members will share their knowledge with other staff as well. Mrs. Clarke thanked Mr. Schubach for his help in coordinating the training.

Mrs. Clarke reported that she and Ms. Morneau attended the October 6, 2017 Superintendent's Roundtable meeting. Glenn Koocher of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) was the featured speaker.

Business and Facilities Report:

Mr. Smith stated that work continues on the quotes for the capital issues, preparing for the November town meeting.

Outdoor concrete and welding work is being done.
The business office is getting ready for the end of year report and completing the forecasted salaries for the next variance report.

Subcommittee & Liaison Reports:

Policy/Diversity:

Noting that the minor changes to the existing policies were sent to Committee members for review, Mr. Farber asked for any comments or concerns.

- **Motion by Mr. Farber to adopt the changed Policy IJND. (Second by Ms. Oney)**
- **No discussion**
- **Motion carries 4-0**

- **Motion by Mr. Farber to adopt Policy IJNDC as changed and presented to the Committee. (Second by Ms. Oney)**
- **No discussion**
- **Motion carries 4-0**

- **Motion by Mr. Farber to move Policy IJNDD to a third read. (Second by Ms. Oney)**
- **Brief discussion**
- **Motion carries 4-0**

Finance Subcommittee:

No report

Facilities and Long-Term Planning:

No report

Human Resources and Negotiations:

The subcommittee has not yet met, though a meeting has to be scheduled before November 15, 2017.

Curriculum:

No report

Old Business:

Visioning-Ms. Heroux and Mr. Lord are coordinating schedules to arrange a meeting with Town Administrator Mr. Brassard.

New Business:

Staff members of the Turnaround Plan for Quarry Hill were present to give the Committee an overview of the plan. An informational handout was provided to review as part of the presentation. Teachers Mrs. Moroney (Kindergarten), Mr. Cust (Grade 1), Mrs. Royce (Grade 2) Mrs. Begnoche (Grade 3), Interim Dean of Students (QH) Ms. Czarniecki, Interim Principal

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(QH) Ms. Bernat and Director of Curriculum Katherine Watts introduced themselves. An in-depth PowerPoint presentation of the four Turnaround Practices was shared. A concise question and answer period followed.

Mrs. Watts spoke about a \$56K Level 2 Literacy grant that was awarded to the district.

Mr. Farber offered an overview of the Superintendent's Goals Working Meeting held prior to tonight's Regular Business Meeting. He outlined the four goals that were proposed in moving forward to the final draft. He noted that Mrs. Clarke's goals were strongly aligned to the district's Strategic Plan.

Public session:

Mr. Farber opened Public Session at 8:19 p.m.

No one came forward to address the Committee.

Mr. Farber closed Public Session at 8:19 p.m.

Review of Action Items:

Schedule a Working Meeting for October 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Send revised Policies IJND and IJNDC to MASC for posting to online Policy Manual.

Send revised Superintendent goals to Committee members.

The Human Resources/Negotiations subcommittee has to schedule a meeting in the next month.

- **Motion by Mr. Keller to adjourn Open Session. (Second by Ms. Oney)**
- **No discussion**
- **Roll Call Vote**
 - Mr. Farber** Yes
 - Mr. Keller** Yes
 - Ms. Oney** Yes
 - Mr. Lord** Yes
- **Motion carries 4-0**

Open session closed at 8:24 p.m.

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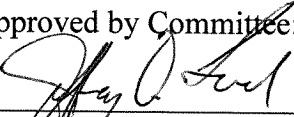
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Distributed at Meeting:

N/A

Approved by Committee:



Mr. Lord, Secretary