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**MARLBOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Elmer Thienes-Mary Hall Elementary School - Library
Thursday, March 28, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call by Chairperson

Kerri Barella, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

BOE Members Present: Kerri Barella, Susan Stolfi, Angela Colantonio, Linda Earley, Chip Morris, and Amy Kuhrt

Administration Present: Dr. Holly Hageman, Superintendent
 Dan White, Principal
 Kim Kelley, Assistant Principal

2. Pledge of Allegiance

K. Barella asked the Board to move the Introduction of New MES Building Administrators to celebrations so as to not keep the new administrators and their families too late into the evening.

S. Stolfi made a motion to move the first bulleted topic under agenda item 7.4, Introduction of New MES Building Administrators to the Celebrations section, second by L. Earley. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

3. Celebrations

- **Board Appreciation** – Dr. Hageman thanked the Board for serving as volunteers on the BOE. She stated that their investment, time, thoughtfulness representing the community as well as their help in advising her is very much appreciated. K. Barella stated that she was grateful to work with each member of the Board and appreciates how well they all work together.
- **Library Grant** – D. White reported that MES is the recipient of a Marlborough Greater Together Community Fund grant award in the amount of \$7674 for PreK-2 age appropriate furniture for the MES library.
- **Introduction of New MES Building Administrators** – Dr. Hageman introduced the two new administrators, Paula Graef and Kristen Trahan. Dr. Hageman referred to the press release that was sent to the Rivereast that highlighted their background and accomplishments. Dr. Hageman also thanked Dan White and Kim Kelley for being wonderful hosts and starting the transition process..

4. Public Comments- None

5. Additions to the Agenda - None

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6. Consent Agenda

C. Morris had a question regarding policy 5112 Ages of Attendance and wanted to remove this policy from Consent Agenda before approving 6.4 as part of the motion.

A.Colantonio made a motion that the Board approve Consent Agenda items 6.1 – 6.4, removing Policy # 5112, Ages of Attendance for further discussion, seconded by L. Earley. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board decided to discuss policy 5112 - Ages of Attendance under agenda item # 8, Unfinished Business.

- 6.1 Minutes of 02/22/23 regular business meeting, 3/12/24 special meeting, and 3/19/24 Communications Committee meeting;
- 6.2 Personnel Actions – none;
- 6.3 Reports – receive and file the following document: monthly enrollment report;
- 6.4 Approval of Policy Revisions:
(REFERENCE: February 22, 2024 Agenda, Encl. 9.2: P# 5112 Ages of Attendance; 9110 Number of Members, Terms of Office, Oath of Office; 9325.1 Quorum)

7. Oral Reports

7.1 Advisory Groups

- PTO: D. White reported that the PTO stocked the staff lounge with food, snacks, and light beverages during Parent conferences which was greatly appreciated. Family Movie night was well attended and the Fun Run Fundraiser is in the works for 4/25; Staff Appreciation Week is coming up 5/6-5/10 and the Spring Book Fair from 5/28-5/31, and the Yard Goats Game on 6/14.
- SAC: D. White stated there will be a SAC meeting in May.
- Operations, Wellness & Safety: D. White informed the Board the next meeting will be held on Monday, April 1st.
- Board of Finance Liaison: L. Earley summarized the information that was discussed at the last couple BOF meetings which included the recently finalized 8.92 % Mill Rate increase and reviewed the joint communication of the BOF, BOS, and BOE to be submitted to the Rivereast ahead of the budget hearings.
- AHM: Chip Morris stated that AHM is moving forward with their clinical expansion. There will be a kid -vs- police officer basketball game on April 19th at RHAM. On April 20th there will be an Earth Day town wide clean-up in Hebron. April 27th is National Take-Back Day at RHAM. May 18th is AHM's Spring Concert Fundraiser and AHM is finalizing Project Graduation events for June 14th.
K. Barella added that AHM is looking for new Family Resource Advisory Committee members.

7.2 Subcommittees

- Policy: K. Barella informed the Board there were 3 policies discussed at a meeting earlier in the evening: P#: 4111.3/4211.3 -Minority Recruitment Plan, P#: 5141.213 -Opioid Overdose Prevention (Emergency Administration of Naloxone), and P#: 9325 Citizen Participation at Board of Education Meetings. The three policies will be brought forward as first reads at the April BOE

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meeting.

- **Personnel:** Upcoming Bargaining Unit Negotiations - Dr. Hageman updated the Board that there are two upcoming bargaining unit negotiations. Strategies to be discussed in executive session.
- **Communications:** Budget Communications - The joint communications document will be discussed under New Business.

7.3 Chairperson

- **Ballot Question Development:** K. Barella informed the Board that the BOF decided to send the Budget to referendum as is. The Town decided not to have questions on the ballot, but as an option, if the budget is voted down, they will send out a Flash Vote survey to gather feedback. The Board discussed concerns about using Flash Vote and requested that the Chair seek a meeting with the Chairs of the BOF and BOS along with the Town Manager and Superintendent on this issue.

7.4 Superintendent and Administrative Team

- **Mid-Year SCIP Update:** K. Kelly presented an update on mid-year goals and action steps related to the MES Strategic Continuous Improvement Plan.

8. Unfinished Business

Discussion of Policy # 5112 - Ages of Attendance: C. Morris questioned the specific ages mentioned in the policy paragraph: “The parent or person having control of a child five years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is six years of age. The parent or person having control of a child six years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is seven years of age.”

Dr. Hageman stated that this policy language is statutory and that parents rarely if ever hold off sending their child to school until age 7.

C. Morris made a motion to approve Policy # 5112 - Ages of Attendance, seconded by A. Kuhrt. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

9. New Business

9.1 Review March Financial Report – Submitted

9.2 Review of Board of Education submission for a joint Boards (BOF, BOS, BOE) communication regarding the FY25 budget: Dr. Hageman presented to the Board the joint communication that will be submitted to the Rivereast the following week.

A.Kuhrt made a motion that the Board of Education approve the BOE’s segment as well as the overall joint communication of the Boards, seconded by S. Stolfi. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

10. Public Comments - None

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11. Communications

11.1 Staff Vacancy Summary – Submitted

12. Future Meetings & Topics

- BOF meeting Wednesday, April 4, 2024, 7:00 pm
- Annual Town Budget Public Hearing, Monday, April 15, 2024, 7:00pm, MES Cafeteria
- Tentative policy subcommittee meeting, Thursday, April 25, 2024, 5:30 pm
- Next regular business meeting, Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6:00 pm
- 2nd Annual Town Budget Public Hearing, Monday, May 6, 2024, 7:00pm. MES Cafeteria
- Town Budget Referendum, Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 6:00am-8:00pm, MES Community Room

13. Executive Session

13.1 Personnel Matter/Contractual Terms

L. Earley made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matter/Contractual Terms and to also invite Superintendent Hageman to the session, seconded by A. Colantonio. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

BOE Members Present: Kerri Barella, Susan Stolfi, Angela Colantonio, Linda Earley, Chip Morris, and Amy Kuhrt

Administration Present: Dr. Holly Hageman, Superintendent

Entered Executive Session: 7:25 PM

Exited Executive Session: 7:40 PM

14. Adjournment

K. Barella made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm., seconded by A. Colantonio Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carmela Monte