

Medway School Committee
Minutes
Medway, MA
November 1, 2018

The School Committee of the Medway Public Schools held a meeting on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the presentation room at Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway, MA. School Committee members in attendance included Ms. Borgatti, Ms. Dietrich, Mr. Segarra, Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Nassiff. Also in attendance were Superintendent Armand Pires and Assistant Superintendent Gabrielle Abrams. The meeting was video-taped.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Borgatti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noting all the members were present.

B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Warrants were signed by committee members

C. REPORT OF STUDENTS

Kyle Baker reported on student activities including the Senior Boat Cruise on October 20 and the senior parade on October 26. The Football team was featured on Boston 25 as the game of the week and came away with the win. Also at the high school was a literary character pumpkin decorating contest.

The 533 club hosted "Socktober" which collected many pairs of socks to donate.

The middle school visited Tri County Regional High School.

The Memorial school hosted a financial management program, Miss Money and the Coins.

The McGovern school had a presentation on Halloween safety presented by the Fire Department.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

E. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Summer Program Update - EYS

Kat Bernklow, Director of Student Services presented to the school committee the Extended School Year program update. Ms. Bernklow gave a brief overview of the program saying that the EYS program provides students with support during the summer so that they don't regress too much that they cannot recoup the skills learned during the school year. Ms. Bernklow reported that 64 students were served this year, which represents 68% of those students recommended for summer services. Staffing included 8 Special Education teachers, 2 related service providers, 1 BCBA consult, 1 ABA therapist, 8 paraprofessionals and 1 nurse. Ms. Bernklow reviewed the parent feedback in areas of communication and

site coordination. There were also challenges which included transportation, site coordination and child care coverage. Ms. Bernklow gave the committee a view of what she hopes to implement for next year's program, which she is hoping to partner with Camp Sunshine for full day programs. The committee thanked Ms. Bernklow.

b. MCAS Presentation

Gabrielle Abrams, Assistant Superintendent presented an update on the Spring 2018 MCAS. Ms. Abrams' presentation was a high level look on student's achievements for the first year of the new formula. Ms. Abrams noted that the 2018 accountability information should not be compared to prior year's results as there are different indicators. Ms. Abrams went on to explain the accountability section is quite complex as there are many data points to take into account. Ms. Abrams and the committee discussed the results and the opportunities for writing support. The committee thanked Ms. Abrams.

F. ACTION ITEMS

a. For Consideration: Acceptance of grant funds of the following grants received as of November 1, 2018, for the 2018-2019 school year:

Title IIA	\$37,167	Project HERE:	\$1,600
IDEAS	\$590,161	NE Dairy:	\$500
Title IA	\$61,764	CHNA-6:	\$3,000
Title IV Part A	\$3,797		

RECOMMENDED MOTION

It was moved by Ms. Dietrich, seconded by Mr. Segarra that the school committee accept the above grants, as recommended by the Superintendent.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Fuel Efficient Policy (#83)

This item was tabled for additional information.

b. Office Hours- School Committee

Ms. Borgatti reported the School Committee will hold office hours on November 19, before the Fall Town Meeting at 6:30 in the Medway High School Library and again on November 29, in the Medway High School Guidance area.

c. School Committee Liaisons By-Law Committee (1 member)

Ms. Sullivan volunteered to serve as liaison to the By-Law Committee.

d. Superintendent's Goals 2018-2019

Dr. Pires stated that he has received feedback from School

Committee members relating to the number of goals he prepares, so based on that feedback he will submit his goals for the next school committee meeting.

- e. Capital Improvements
The committee discussed upcoming projects. Mr. Kane will have a capital plan for the committee after the first of the year.
- f. NCSL's Student Centered Learning Commission
- g. Other- *This time is being reserved for topics that the chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.*

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. Public Comments
- b. Liaison Reports

I. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

- a. Chairperson Update
Ms. Borgatti's update included the upcoming school committee office hours and the Policy Subcommittee's meeting with MASC for policy services.
- b. Superintendent Update
Dr. Pires' update included a recent meeting with the Recreation Department to look at programming. Mrs. Berset, secretary at the McGovern School retired after 30 years with the district. He wished Mrs. Berset well. Dr. Pires and Assistant Superintendent Ms. Abrams have been conducting listening tours at the schools to provide the opportunity for faculty and staff to ask questions about the budget process and the strategic plan. Also, Rob Pearl, Athletic Director, will be retiring after 14 years with the district. The search for his replacement has begun. The process will provide the community with the opportunity to meet the candidates in a community forum scheduled for late November.
- c. Assistant Superintendent Update
Ms. Abram's update included the RBT "Coaching for Sustainable School Improvement" Course that was hosted by Medway this past Tuesday. This series is in support of the newly reorganized Curriculum and Instructional Leaders. Ms. Abrams and other educators will be travelling to Nashville thanks to a successful grant application. They will visit two high schools that operate as high-quality career academies. Ms. Abrams also noted the M is for Medway project in which each school agreed to participate in the Cultural Council's initiative. These M's will be included in a collection of 24 spread all over Medway during the upcoming year.
- d. Committee Members' Update
Ms. Nassiff reported that the MSPTO is looking for new members. They are also hosting a Pop up Shop on November 28 at 6:00 p.m. , at the Medway Middle School Library.

J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting, October 18, 2018

It was moved by Ms. Dietrich, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2018 regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0-1 as Mr. Segarra abstained.

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Superintendent's Award of Academic Excellence
- NESDEC Student Award of Excellence
- FY-19 Budget Realignment Meeting with Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee and FY18 year end
- Approval of Superintendent's Goals 2018-2019
- Office Hours for School Committee
- Approval of Superintendent Contract
- FY20 Budget Priorities Discussion

L. NEXT MEETINGS

- **Office Hours, Monday, November 5, 2018, 10:00 a.m.**, Medway Public Library, Cole Room, 26 High Street, Medway
- **Budget Subcommittee Meeting, November 7, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**, in the Superintendent's Conference Room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway
- **Budget Reconfiguration Meeting, November 15, 2018, 6:15 p.m.**, in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway
- **Regular Meeting, Thursday, November 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**, in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway
- **Office Hours, Monday, November 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**, Medway High School Library, 88 Summer Street, Medway.
- **Fall Town Meeting, Monday, November 19, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**, Medway High School, 88 Summer Street, Medway
- **Office Hours, Thursday, November 29, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**, Medway High School, Guidance Suite, 88 Summer Street, Medway
- **Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 6, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**, in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway
- **Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m., (tentative if needed)** in the presentation room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway

M. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 8:48 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Segarra and seconded by Ms. Sullivan to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Quinn

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Secretary to the School Committee

Approved: November 15, 2018