



**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**BUSINESS MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES August 7, 2018**

<b>Meeting:</b>	School Committee
<b>Date:</b>	August 7, 2018
<b>Location:</b>	MERMHS Learning Commons
<b>Attendees:</b>	Pamela Beaudoin, Superintendent Avi Urbas, Director of Finance Shannon Erdmann, Chairperson Rachel Fitzgibbon, Co-Chairperson Ann Cameron Julie Riordan Sarah Wolf Ken Warnock Caroline Weld
<b>Absent:</b>	
<b>Guests:</b>	
<b>Recorded by:</b>	Mr. Urbas

**A. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

**B. Business Meeting**

**C. Executive Session**

1) **Public Comment**

2) **Reorganization**

3) **Chairman’s Report** – there was no report this evening.

#### **4) Consent Agenda**

- Acceptance of Warrants
- Minutes July 9, 2018

*Ms. Cameron moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Ms. Wolf seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Fitzgibbon abstaining.*

#### **5) Sub-Committee Reports – Subcommittee Organization FY19**

*Mr. Warnock moved to approve the 2018-2019 slate of School Committee Sub-Committees, Ms. Cameron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **6) Superintendent's Report – Summer Update**

Superintendent Beaudoin indicated the month of July had been a quiet month.

- On July 26<sup>th</sup> the Administrative Team engaged in a training focusing on Creative Problem Solving. Of the 8 team members 6 were identified as implementors, 1 was identified as a questioner/accelerator and 1 was identified as a developer. It is clear that each member of the Team brings a different talent to the group and the Team looks forward to bringing a fresh perspective to the new academic year.
- Superintendent Beaudoin indicated July was the summer month for the District custodians who worked through the heat and humidity to get buildings ready for the new school year. Superintendent Beaudoin acknowledged it was a more difficult job this year due to budget cuts. She acknowledged and thanked the custodians for their commitment to the District.
- Summer Literacy Program was a success. The District working with the Ipswich Y offered a Summer Literacy Program to Elementary students who were most likely to experience some skill loss over the summer. The program was free to students who were identified to benefit from the program. Transportation, snacks and lunches and an afternoon at Camp Dory was provided to the students. Dr. DeRoche spearheaded the program for the District. It is the first year working with the Y on the Summer Literacy Program and the District looks forward to further developing the program. Ms. Cameron stated the Y is doing really good work and is an excellent partner working with the District.

**7) New Business** – there was no new business for the Committee to discuss.

#### **8) Continued Business**

- 2018-2019 Calendar Amendments – Vote to approve

Working with Teachers – 3 additional half days are proposed for the 2018-2019 Calendar. The dates are September 19, 2018, October 31, 2018 and April 3, 2019. Superintendent Beaudoin indicated the proposed days are to balance out time that had been taken and allocated for new

training. Ms. Cameron asked for clarification regarding goals for the professional development days.

*Ms. Erdmann moved to amend the 2018-2019 calendar to include the proposed early release days: September 19 and October 31, 2018 and April 3, 2019. The early release days are being added on a trial basis for one year. Ms. Wolf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

- Appointment of MERSD Treasurer

*Ms. Riordan moved to appointment Mr. Charles Lane as MERSD Treasurer, Ms. Wolf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

## **9) Adjourn**

*Ms. Wolf moved to adjourn the School Committee Business meeting, Ms. Cameron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **MERSD Mission Statement**

Our Mission is to educate all students, to inspire passion, to instill a love of learning, an to encourage both local and global citizenship.