

**APPROVED MINUTES
MARLBORO SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 6:30 PM**

Action Summary:

- Voted to approve the Minutes and Pay Orders
- Voted to approve the expenditure of up to an additional \$250.00 for the purchase of the speed signs.

Present:

Board: Douglas Korb(Chair), Celena Romo (Vice Chair), David Holzapfel (Clerk), Dan MacArthur, Lauren Poster

Administration: Bill Anton (Superintendent), Wayne Kermenski (Principal)

Members of the Public: Carol Ann Johnson, Peter Barus (Recorder)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33PM.

Changes to the agenda

Move Tuition Policy discussion to last item.

Members of the Public

Review and Approve Minutes/Pay Orders

Minutes from March 22, 2018

Mr. MacArthur moved to approve the Minutes from March 22, 2018 as drafted. Second by Ms. Poster. **All in Favor.**

Pay Orders

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Pay Order #20 dated 3/30/18 in the amount of	281,975.85
Pay Order #21 dated 4/13/18 in the amount of	\$136,791.84
Pay Order #22 dated 4/27/18 in the amount of	\$61,194.70

Mr. Holzapfel moved to approve the Pay Orders. Second by Mr. MacArthur. **All in Favor.**

Mr. Kermenski addressed a financial question in response to Ms. Johnson. There was discussion of Special Education financing.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Anton highlighted part of S. 257, about Pre-K funding changes, explaining that nothing had changed as of this meeting; the Legislature was considering four ways to pay for Pre-K, eliminating ADM, sending funds directly to the Pre-K provider through AHS. There was discussion; depending on a school's Pre-K offering, more funds may be available. He noted that the Senate deliberations on the disintegration of VEHI and the Healthcare proposal were being hotly debated. There was discussion of the Governor's recent funding proposal; Brad James' testimony on staff ratios.

Mr. Korb noted that Marlboro's share of the Study Committee overage went down based on ADM. There was discussion.

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Mr. Anton noted that hiring for Secretary of Education closes Monday; that a new Secretary is unlikely before July 1; that the Acting Secretary is in office until replaced; that three finalists' names will probably be published in May.

There was discussion of Small Schools Grants (further discussions below); Mr. Korb asked about the Governor's remarks on hiring a Secretary of Education with "business experience" that had raised some questions from several educational groups, notably a Vermont Superintendents Association trustees' editorial; VSBA and others expressing concerns.

Principal's Report (see Appendix)

Mr. Kermenski reported that he had met Friday with teachers regarding the Procedures Handbook, and they would like to discuss the eight pages with the Board; they are available on the website under "Staff". After discussion the Board suggested 3:30 PM. May 14, 2018 for that purpose.

Mr. Kermenski asked the Board's approval to provide contracts with a clause indicating "pending changes to procedures". Mr. Anton will obtain the correct language. Mr. Kermenski explained that this will allow new teachers to have contracts in a timely way. The board will sign these documents when they are available.

Mr. Kermenski discussed the rest of his Report, including the Chicken Project; an artist-in-residence who is a parent will be providing an arts-integration component in which students from different classroom will contribute to the project-based learning experience; some will make drawings, write a paper, create an e-book, study life cycles, build the coop, hatch the eggs; three of five classrooms will be integrated into this project; the chicken coop will be on a trailer, portable for summer. Ms. Poster noted that Bob Engle left \$5,000.00 to the Marlboro School Association for Science.

Mr. Kermenski discussed new hires; he had brought the resume for Amanda Georgeson, who has been offered the Pre-K/Interventionist position full-time. He noted that salaries are not going over budget. He discussed School Safety Infrastructure grants, a maximum of \$25,000.00.

Mr. Anton explained that the RFP goes out June 1, and there is one month to apply; he will prepare the schools to be ready to start this process on that date.

Mr. Kermenski noted that the remaining Act 46 charges are \$1,851.00 (Study Committee overage plus about \$100.00); there was discussion. Mr. Anton recommended placing this as a line item in the next budget.

Other Business

Mr. Korb discussed scheduling the Board Retreat for the end of June, holding July meeting, starting up again in August; there was discussion.

The Board Retreat was scheduled for June 21, 3:00 PM. to 8:00 PM., four hours with a dinner break at 5:00 PM. Ms. Poster offered to host the meeting at her home.

Mr. Kermenski proposed to discuss certain financial matters with Gail Chaine, concerning wood heat expenses and funds owed to Sandri; there was discussion; Mr. MacArthur will follow up with Mr. Kermenski.

Mr. Kermenski discussed a wood heat loan, annual line of credit, other upcoming expenses; there was discussion of the best ways to address these expenses, noting that Ms. Chaine is researching this question.

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Mr. Mac reported that he had discussed Small Schools grants with a representative of the Board of Education regarding their deliberations about Geographical Isolation and four criteria now being considered; Marlboro would have to meet all criteria and other metrics. The four under consideration were:

- Excellence in Outcomes
- Socioeconomic equity
- High student/teacher ratio (not yet determined)
- Demonstrated participation in merger talks

There was discussion of a possible rule requiring that if the distance from the school to the nearest one with capacity for every student is under thirty minutes, there must be a merger to qualify for the Small Schools grant. Mr. MacArthur is asking to submit testimony; SSG hinges on participation in a merger; he will work with Mr. Anton to draft a letter asking for time before the BoE; the new criteria have not been finalized, and Geographical Isolation is still relevant. Mr. MacArthur suggested that three minutes might be granted for this testimony, possibly at a meeting on May 18; there will be two BoE meetings by July 1. He proposed that members provide what they believe most important to discuss in a three-minute session before the BoE.

There was discussion.

Mr. Anton noted that the student: staff ratio currently satisfies requirements.

Mr. MacArthur will prepare the letter.

Ms. Romo discussed the speed sign project, asking to amend the amount agreed by \$150.00 noting that there had been a correction to a misunderstanding about the prices, and that including a \$100.00 discount, Marlboro is to pay \$590.00.

Mr. Korb moved to approve the expenditure of up to an additional \$250.00 for the purchase of the speed signs. Second by Mr. MacArthur. **All in Favor.**

Ms. Romo noted that the select board is signing the documents for the Agency of Transportation, applying for a waiver to post the signs; after approval the purchase will be made; the signs will be installed by the end of the school year.

Read Mail

Executive Session

Mr. Korb moved that the Board enter into executive session to consider a document exempt from the Vermont Public Records Act, specifically an April 25, 2018 attorney-client privileged letter with attachment, from the District's legal counsel. Second by Ms. Poster. **All in Favor.**

The Board entered executive Session at 7:38 PM.

(the following kindness of Mr. Holzapfel)

8:36 Came out of executive session. No action taken

Adjourn

Mr. MacArthur moved to Adjourn. Second by Mr. Korb. **All in Favor.**

The meeting Adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Upcoming Meetings & Important Dates

- Building Subcommittee meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 6:30 PM.
- Marlboro School Board meeting: Thursday, May 31, 2018, 6:30 PM.
- Building Subcommittee meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 6:30 PM.
- Marlboro School Board Retreat: Thursday, June 21, 2018, 3:00 PM.

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- Building Subcommittee meeting: Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 6:30 PM.
- Building Subcommittee meeting: Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 6:30 PM.
- Marlboro School Board meeting: Thursday, August 23, 2018, 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Barus, Recorder, April 27, 2018

Appendix I

Marlboro Elementary School
School Board Meeting
Principal's Report, Wayne Kermenski
April 26, 2018

Teacher Contracts: The teachers plan to present the board with a letter regarding their procedures, but we will need a plan for contracts.

Preschool Update: We missed a few requirements, but are easy to resolve. We should get our license in a few weeks.

Tuition Policy Update: Review updated policy with Lauren.

Classroom Highlights this month: Chicken Project

What a great project that includes:

- Jamie Schilling, a Marlboro School parent and our artist in residence, is helping the class add an arts component to their informational chicken booklet. This project is based off of an EL Education Models of Excellence titled: [Slithering Snakes](#).
- Primary students will conduct field research at Bonvue Farm in Halifax, VT this spring.
- Primary students are learning about life cycles, and structure and function of organisms.
- Junior High is constructing the coop.
- Kindergarten will be hatching eggs.
- Thank you to the Marlboro School Association for making this project happen.

New Hires:

PK/Interventionist Position: I have offered the preschool/Interventionist position to Amanda Georgeson. She recently moved to Wardsboro from Breckenridge CO where she was a preschool teacher for 7 years. She has extensive training and experience working with special education and diverse students such as english language learners. Along with her positive, upbeat personality, the interview committee believes she is an excellent fit for our new program.

To be filled:

5/6 Teacher - Classroom Observations are occurring this week.

Art Teacher - Interviews will begin this weekend.

PE teacher - Posted until May 8th

PK/K Assistant - Posted until May 8th

Nurse - Posted until filled

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School Safety Infrastructure Grants: I will bring the memo from the state.

Act 46 Charges: I will bring the bill to the meeting.

Enrollment: 76