APPROVED MINUTES MARLBORO SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM

(videoconference)

In Attendance:

Board: Administration:

Douglas Korb(Chair), Celena Romo, Lissa Harris (Clerk), David Wayne Kermenski (Principal)

Holzapfel

Faculty & Staff: Members of the Public: Emily Walsh, Angela Mousseau, Jesslyn Mullett Peter Barus (Recorder)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04PM.

Reminder on Zoom protocols

Attendees were reminded that the videoconference was being recorded; best practices read by Ms. Harris.

Changes to the agenda

Discuss posting location for minutes and recording links, before minutes approval. It was noted that requested notes from the VSBA meeting were not yet received.

Members of the Public Members of the Faculty

Mr. Korb invited comments and questions from faculty and staff members.

Q (Ms. Mullett): Regarding the timetable for the budget voted at Town Meeting, are staff hours for next year in effect now, or is it going to happen in the Fall as passed?

Mr. Korb explained that the expenditures, not the hours, had been passed, but nothing was changed with respect to staffing, and asked other members to comment; no changes were noted.

COVID-19

<u>Legislative Updates?</u>

Mr. Korb reported no new information from Emily Long, that Mr. MacArthur had been reporting from the Statehouse that funding is possible by late May/early June, but there had been nothing definite; and that the Legislature has said lead testing is likely, Act 173 would be extended one more year; that the SU has already agreed on allocation of funds; and that money may come for school construction.

Mr Kerrmenski discussed guidance on graduation for the five graduating students; that NewBrook and L&G want to go forward with summer programming; this would be the first time students return to school since the pandemic began; that everyone wants to make it happen in a way that's safe; thta he will speak with Mr. Medina as to whether using a large field and PA system would be ok; and discussed the possibility that the fairgrounds field, with five pods for the families, could make it a special event; that statewide, a variety of graduation plans are being considered, many online, others waiting to hold events in person, some willing to wait a year; noting that it is possible to wait for thanksgiving or December break; that guidance to date is that graduation should not happen in person yet; the ten-person limit on gatherings in still in place; that probably there will be a better view next meeting; that the Secretary of State is under pressure to come up with a plan, and NH has already done this.

Mr. Korb noted a plan to end the school year early to allow planning for next year. Mr. Kermenski confirmed a waiver for that last day to be June 12, rather than June 16, ending on a Friday, across the SU. **Discuss posting location for minutes and recording links**

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Having attended the webinar, Ms. Harris reported temporary changes to the Open Meeting Law:

- meeting in a physical location no required
- public access to online meetings allowed by phone as well as computer
- boards must post electronic access information (links, phone numbers)
- meetings are required to be recorded
- deadline for posting of minutes is extended no more than ten days if short of staff

Ms. Harris will post the draft minutes weekly to the public on Face Book and Front Porch Forum, and links to the SU website; and will post recordings on YouTube if the Board agrees. There was consensus in favor.

Joint Fiscal Office Updates?

(None)

Final Questions (Public)

Ms. Mullett noted a request from Ms. Garfinkle regarding contract submission. It was explained that the Board and faculty are legally prohibited from communicating about such issues; that everything must go through the attorneys and designated officials. Mr. Korb noted that Mr. Anton has said he can take questions.

Approve Minutes (5/6)

Ms. Romo moved to approve the minutes for May 6, 2020. Second by Mr. Holzapfel. By roll call vote, **All in Favor.**

Other Business

Mr. Kermenski reported that Mr. Walsh had followed up on the painting project, that it would cost about \$2,500.00 for supplies, and an additional \$10,000.00 for a certified painter; and that he is already securing the services of a certified painter.

It was noted that Ms. Garland will bring financials for review next meeting, closing out for end-of-year projections by Friday.

Mr. Korb will notify Ms. Garland that he will meet electronically next week with Mr. Holzapfel to sign Pay Orders.

Executive Session – Contracts (if needed)

(None)

Adjourn

Ms. Romo moved to Adjourn. Second by Mr. Holzapfel. All in Favor. The video conference meeting was Adjourned at 6:29PM.

Upcoming Meetings & Important Dates

- Marlboro School Board meeting Thursday May 21, 2020, 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Peter Barus, Recorder, May 15, 2020