

DRAFT MINUTES
MARLBORO SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM

In Attendance:

Board:

Douglas Korb (Chair)

Celena Romo

Dan MacArthur (Vice-chair)

David Holzapfel

Lissa Harris (Clerk)

Administration:

Wayne Kermenski (Principal)

Faculty & Staff:

Rachel Boyden

Erika Morse

Emily Walsh

Kate Tarlow-Morgan

Jesslyn Mullett

Angela Mousseau

Members of the Public:

Francie Marbury

Peter Barus (Recorder)

(Message log appended as part of this public meeting by videoconference)

Call to Order

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

The Chair reminded attendees of the modifications for videoconferencing during the emergency.

Changes to the agenda

Members of the Public

Members of the Faculty

Ms. Boyden discussed Consortium plans; it was noted that Mr. Kermenski and Ms. Mullett had discussed five students each inviting two adults, possibly meeting in person outside with 5-10 staff at the town park in the evening; that eighth graders were working on writings to share; that this was a tradition to hold onto; possibly combining Consortium with giving diplomas in a bag with other special stuff; a drive-through, a car parade; it was noted that parents had been told Consortium would be the ninth of June; faculty attendance would be limited because of the emergency protocols. Mr. Holzapfel will attend.

There was discussion of safety protocols for the event; of how to share a microphone safely; that diplomas must be bagged; that the Governor is expected to increase the limit for gatherings from 10 to 25 in early June; about the number of attendees expected; that others must stay in cars; about a parade the next day, probably on South Road; that portfolios will not be possible; that Ms. Boyden had been coaching from a distance, five portfolios; that only one eighth grader has access adequate for a videoconference; about possible backup space in Outback or College auditorium; about inside/outside rules (Mr. Kermenski will check); about video recording. It was noted that there was wifi at the elementary soccer field adequate for live-streaming video. Ms. Mullett noted that seventh grade was working on a video project and location, working out details.

A question about negotiations was referred to Mr. Anton.

School Updates

Mr. Kermenski discussed report cards, finalizing details, looking different; the main focus on a quick transition from closing out the year to planning for what the world brings in three months, next school year; and noted no guidance from the state so far, expected Thursday or Friday; CDC guidelines would be followed, to start planning for a future that could change by the end of August; everyone wanting to move, wanting guidance; the possible added complexity of only 12 passengers allowed on a 72-passenger bus;

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that the Leadership Team will meet next week; and discussed looking forward to the parade, just to see the kids again; to end the school year with positive energy; and that there will be more to report next week.

There was discussion about cafeteria and playground, obtaining numbers on cafeteria plans, the challenge of getting contractors out to give an estimate; of reconstituting the Building Subcommittee to look at needs if there are pandemic related limitations on what can be done in September, working with Ms. Chaine and Mr. Walsh; anticipating which academics may not be possible, noting that MES is growing, unusual for the region.

Mr. MacArthur concurred that the Building Committee would be needed; and noted that Secretary French had been on the radio discussing the need for guidelines, and the expected ability to reopen in September.

Board Retreat (Set Date / Outline)

The Board discussed an outline and topic, an outlining committee, date and location; it was suggested to wait for state guidelines, and that a few members meet to discuss specifics on what the retreat might look like. A Committee was suggested, consisting of two Board members, two Faculty, the Principal. There was consensus.

COVID-19 Updates

No new information.

Tuition Policy

Mr. Korb reported that Mr. Anton had sent a message that the Board will have to start thinking about this; especially voting WCSU Board Representatives; that tuition students were not part of the plan, so the MES budget would have to pay for them; that this will be the discussion at the next SU Board meeting.

There was discussion; that the Superintendent was not in favor of tuition for any school; that nothing would happen until the SU Board meets.

Final Questions (Public)

The Board welcomed Ms. Marbury, who invited ideas about ways to support the Community Center and graduation. Mr. Korb explained the plans discussed earlier for Consortium. A banner was suggested; photos discussed. Mr. Kermenksi will be in touch with Ms. Marbury on further details.

Approve Minutes (5/21)

Ms. Romo moved to approve the minutes for May 21, 2020. Second by Mr. MacArthur.

By roll call vote: Ms. Harris: Aye; Mr. Holzapfel: Aye; Mr. MacArthur: Aye; Ms. Romo: Aye; Mr. Korb: Aye.

All in Favor, the Motion Passed.

Executive Session – Contracts

Ms. Romo Moved to enter Executive Session at 6:40 PM.

The following kindness of Ms. Harris

Back into public session at 7:44, Dan motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:44pm

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Respectfully submitted, Peter Barus, Recorder, 2020

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Appendix

Chat log:

18:12:11 From Lissa Harris : Welcome to those who just joined! Questions can be posted in the chat or asked by using the raise hand feature. Anything posted in the chat will be part of public record and the meeting is being recorded per state requirement.

18:13:23 From Emily Walsh : Will it be filmed?

18:16:20 From jesslyn : We are making a video for the 8th graders

18:23:00 From Rachel Boyden : I have to leave, thank-you all

18:24:26 From Kate Tarlow Morgan : This is the big piece that i am trying to visualize for PE and Rhythms and how to manage cafeteria in movement space and then how to schedule smaller groups of children in that Gym Space. I have some ideas that I have shared with Wayne.

18:25:57 From jesslyn : THanks

18:26:24 From Peter Barus : financials are attached to last minutes, now posted on SU site

18:27:11 From Kate Tarlow Morgan : Thank you...i look forward to attending last week. And to the retreat.

18:32:57 From Kate Tarlow Morgan : oops I meant attending next week to talk about what the future looks like. And I very much want to be a part of thinking together at the Retreat.

18:34:30 From Kate Tarlow Morgan : i have to attend another meeting. Thank you.

18:38:11 From jesslyn : Working on baby photos

18:38:23 From jesslyn : We can get some, Francie

18:39:13 From jesslyn : See y'all

18:39:25 From jesslyn : Thanks again for posting all the minutes. It's great to have that access.

18:39:27 From jesslyn : Take care.

18:39:41 From Angela's iPhone : Great meeting. Adios!