

DRAFT MINUTES
MARLBORO SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
(Emergency meeting) Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Present

Board:

Douglas Korb (Chair)
Dan MacArthur (Vice-chair)
Celena Romo (Clerk)
Jeremy Kirk

Administration:

Wayne Kermenski (Principal)

Faculty & Staff:

Gail Greenleaf

Members of the Public:

Peter Barus (Recorder)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Executive Session

Ms. Romo moved to enter executive session. Second by Mr. MacArthur. All in favor.

The board entered executive session at 6:03 p.m., and returned to regular session at 6:20 p.m.

Mr. MacArthur moved, under §11.14 Sabbatical Leave of the general agreement, to **direct the superintendent to approve a sabbatical year for Gail Greenleaf** for FY 2021-22, with access to all of the funds available in the budget as agreed by Ms. Greenleaf and Mr. Kermenski. Second by Mr. Kirk. All in favor.

Mr. Kermenski discussed funding and several projects in need of funds; that there would be no yurt, no math specialist, no library; and had spent three hours on a building plan in which:

- the kindergarten room would be support of study block, 4th grade math there, and library after school;
- upstairs will be Ms. Mullett (7-8);
- Ms. Greco will stay in the large classroom, with 5-8 library books;
- k in the old library room.

Mr. Kermenski noted that this was the third year moving classrooms around; that the wall in the Outback will remain, for an intensive-needs room; the library office will be SLP classroom; the OB has flexibility to have teachers use the space for whatever they need; basketball practice in winter; lots of other uses; the plan is doable.

There was discussion of staffing; interim PE alternatives, incorporating kickball, etc., in regular classes, more hike days (field research), making sure the little kids get out of second grade knowing how to kick a ball.

Mr. Kermenski noted that the school would be over budget by about \$100,000 in salaries, that the nurse and counselor, another employee, had increased salaries, and two paraeducators budgeted but five now anticipated, using people already in the system as much as possible; that there was a \$285,000 surplus; MES had cut special education costs almost in half so far (without loss of services).

Mr. MacArthur noted that board had agreed to spend as the principal recommended. There was discussion: that a statement should be made to the public that it is not possible to ascertain in advance whether spending will exceed the budget at this time, with unusually many variables involved; and of the allocation of funds in general; about various needs, playground & sports equipment; and about schedules for meetings.

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Mr. MacArthur moved to enter executive session, citing Vermont statute “toward negotiating or securing real estate purchase or lease options.” Second by Mr. Kirk. All in favor.

The board entered executive session at 6:57 p.m., and returned to regular session at 7:33 p.m.

The following kindness of Mr. Kirk:

“Motion: that the Marlboro School District authorize the attorney for the school district to commence the action discussed in executive session.”

Seconded by Jeremy

Motion passes.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn 7:34

Second: by Jeremy

Respectfully submitted, Peter Barus, Recorder, June 24, 2021