

Marlboro School Board Meeting 7/26/12 APPROVED

Attending: Jen Carr, Gussie Bartlett, Will Brooke-deBock, Francie Marbary, Principal , Steven John --- Superintendent, Gail Chaine, Administrative Assistant\Bookkeeper

The meeting was called to order by Jen Carr at 10:19 pm.

Jen made a motion that the School Board will sign the Tax Anticipation note line of credit from People's United Bank for \$200,000 which will come due on November 30th, 2012. Will seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Gail updated the School Board on the procedure required to accept the FFA Grant received by MES.

- We received word on awarding of the grant on July 19
- We were on a waiting list and received word late that our proposal was accepted
- All terms of the grant have to be met by September 30th
- Time does not allow for the bid process. Gail Chaine got quote from 3 dealerships. All were costs were similar. Gail MacArthur, Bus Coordinator, is reviewing the options.

Jen made a motion to authorize spending of up to \$85,000 to purchase a new bus. Seconded by Gussie. Unanimously approved.

Jen made a motion to authorize the use FY 2012 surplus balance of \$23,000 towards the purchase of a new bus. Gussie seconded. Unanimously approved.

Jen made a motion to authorize the use of up to \$22,000 of the Transportation Reserve Fund for the purchase of a new bus. Will seconded. Unanimously approved.

Jen made a motion to authorize the Principal Francie to sign the official \$40,000 FFA bus grant documentation when it comes in. Will seconded. Unanimously approved.

The Board spoke with Gail about clarifying how benefits work with unpaid leave. At a future meeting, the Board will revisit the Benefits Procedures documentation.

Gail Chaine left the meeting at 12:15pm

Steven John came to the meeting at 12:15pm.

The Board signed a professional staff contract for next year.

Discussion of social climate. The Board supports the direction that the administration is taking in addressing this issue.

Discussion of a variety of issues that need to be addressed to extend school's ability to capture the depth and breadth academic achievement of its students.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Will Brooke-deBock

Upcoming Meetings:
August 28th, 2012 6PM, Upcoming Board 6pm

Pay Orders:	#01	7/13/12	\$33,815.08
	#02	7/27/12	\$76,379.49
	#26	6/15/12	\$35,746.53
	#27	6/29/12	\$55,713.13

Marlboro School Board
Principal's Report
Monday, June 4, 2012

Update on School Social Climate

In response to last month's board meeting and ongoing parent concerns about school social climate, we are moving ahead with a process that will result, by the fall of 2013, in a clear articulation of

- the Marlboro School philosophy and approach to social climate throughout the school
- each classroom's implementation
- improved ways of communicating with parents

This is an important topic that requires time to address. We will be working with two pairs of "outside eyes". Carol Berner, a Marlboro resident who has been invaluable in her work with us on Hogback and Outdoor Works, has a deep commitment to the school and strong organizational development/facilitation skills. Paula Denton, an Antioch professor recommended by Carol, has previous experience as a trainer with Responsive Classroom and strong facilitation skills. Paula is developing a proposal for possible work with us, to include meeting monthly throughout the next school year. Our approach is not to adopt a program but to look carefully at what we believe, what we're already doing, and what we need to improve, and to communicate all of this to the community.

As a first step, we will gather baseline data by sending out a survey to parents. We will also document the number of students brought to our Social Traffic Light at each staff meeting in the past months.

Student Learning

Students in 4th and 8th grades completed the NECAP Science assessment.

End of the year assessments in math and literacy are underway. The math assessment for 6th graders is showing good progress. David attributes much of this success to the focused interventions we have been able to regular team meetings which have put in place through strategic use of support and special education staff.

Hogback Day was a success due to good weather and activities. Thanks to Carol Berner and Patrick Johnson for their excellent planning and recruiting of facilitators. In debriefing this day, we recognize that more needs to be done to keep it engaging and fresh for older students.

The last day of school is a half day on Monday, June 18. Teachers will meet on Tuesday, June 19 to reflect on the year and plan for next year.

Staff are planning a variety of professional development activities over the summer. Two teachers will be taking a course in Co-teaching – an approach that maximizes the effectiveness of the classroom teacher and special educator planning and teaching together. Another teacher is taking a weeklong math class with Mahesh Sharma. Two teachers participated in a workshop with him last month and felt that he had a lot to offer in terms of the importance of focusing on number sense and having high expectations for deep understanding of number relationships. Another teacher is taking a course to improve her effectiveness in working with English Language Learners. I will once again be teaching Conflict Resolution and Human Resource Development in the Antioch principal preparation program.

Please take a minute to go to the school website and to each of the class's pages (on the left). The teachers' notes provide a great deal of information about the learning in each classroom.

Policy or Regulation Implementation

Building and Grounds

Ed McGrath has consulted with us in the bid process for reshingling the Outback and in considering what steps to take with the septic system. Based on his recommendation we will relocate the school garden and keep an eye on the leach field.

We have received excellent references for Stevens, the lowest bidder for the roof, and recommend that the board approve a contract with them for ~\$24,000.

The EEBCG work in the JH and office areas has been completed and Gail has filed the final reports. She sent out the report to the community members who helped with the initial grant application. Many thanks to Gail for her work overseeing this grant.

Finance/Accounting

We will review a year end accounting of Budget vs Actuals at our July meeting.

Enrollment/Staffing

Student enrollment as of 6/4/12 89

Staffing - no changes

Please join me in thanking Jen O'Donnell and Matt Chapman for outstanding service to our students this year. It's not easy to jump into a one year position. Both have done it with grace and skill – and given the same commitment and passion we would expect from a permanent teacher.

I would also like to recognize Erica Morse for her great contribution to All School Sing as she worked with Tim Hayes filled in for Ellen Martyn. Erica has shared her own passion for music as well as the importance of highlighting student talent and achievement.

Informational items

6/6 Kindergarten registration

6/5-6/12 8th grade Graduation Portfolios, after school

6/7 3rd/4th grade performance at the Town House, 7pm

6/11 Consortium at the Town House, 7pm

6/14 Graduation in the Outback, 7pm

Marlboro Realms of Learning
Communication
Problem Solving
Personal Development
Civic and Social Responsibility
Knowledge

Superintendent's Report for the Marlboro School Board

Monday, June 4, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

Note: I will be arriving from the Windham Board Meeting.

Student/Staff Learning

1. The Jazz Concert and Art Show at L&G last Friday was great. I enjoyed singing with the A Cappella singers. Elementary students attended a preview concert at noon.
2. All eight schools in the WCSU have been selected to participate in the 2013 National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP). All 4th and 8th graders will be tested on either reading for mathematics. The testing window for NAEP is January 28 to March 8, 2013.
3. See Francie's Principal's Report re: plans to address social climate.
4. The latest report from the DOE regarding WCSU Special Education is favorable. We used to be a "high" spending SU. My compliments to Abby Dillon and all staff working with our students with special needs.

% of K-12 IEP Spec. Ed. Count/K-12 Resident ADM	FY2011 K-12 Special Education Formula Cost/ Resident ADM	% over/under Statewide Avg. Spec. Ed. Cost per ADM	
14.9%	2,668.03	-2.31%	

Policy/Regulation

1. All mandatory policies are properly adopted and in effect by your Board, the oldest are D10 in 1979, E08 in 1996, F13 in 1986, G07 in 1991, G06 in 1979. I recommend reviewing your oldest policies, a few at each meeting as we move forward. (This is a repetition from my previous reports.)
2. The WCSU Board voted to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation on May 23. The Executive Committee was directed to follow-up with the Superintendent.

Finance/Accounting/Operations

1. Last Friday, Frank submitted the budget reports to the DOE for the WCSU school districts.
2. The WCSU Board approved the Auditor's Report for FY11.
3. The WCEA and WCSU Bargaining Teams continue with direct negotiations. I can brief you in executive session.
4. Contracts for the WCSU administrative staff were offered on Friday, May 25. I expect all my staff to continue next year.

Enrollment/Staffing

1. See Francie's report.

Calendar Dates

1. The Voluntary RED Study Committee will meet Wed., June 6, at 7:00 P.M. in L&G's Library.
2. The WCSU Board's Summer Retreat will be Wed., August 22 at 5:00 P.M. Location TBA.

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