



EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 – 5:00 pm
Edgartown School Cafeteria

AGENDA

Please note: Some business will consist of a discussion and possible vote to take action

- I. Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2023**
- II. PTA Report**
- III. Finance Report**
 - A. Expenditure Report and Fund Balance
 - B. IWYC Donation
- IV. Superintendent's Report**
 - A. General Update
 - B. Special Education Update (Hope MacLeod)
 - C. ELL Report (Leah Palmer)
 - D. Superintendent's Evaluation
- V. Principal's Report**
 - A. MCAS Data
 - B. 8th Grade Trip – Discussion of Location and Possible Vote
 - C. Enrollment
 - D. Upcoming Events
 - E. Personnel
 1. New Hires
 2. Leave of Absence
 3. Retirements
 4. Request for Approval of School Choice Funds for Nursing Services
 5. Request for Approval of School Choice Funds for Special Education Invoices
- VI. DESE Approved Policies – 3rd reading**
 - A. Physical Restraint Policies and Procedures pursuant to 603 CMR 46.00
 - B. Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Student Conduct and Discipline
 - C. MVPS Proposed Bullying Policy
- VII. Public Comment**
- VIII. Schedule Next Meeting(s)**
- IV. Adjournment**



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Minutes

Present: Chair, Louis Paciello and members Laura Seguin and Kelly Scott
Others: Supt. Dr. Richie Smith, Principal Dr. Shelley Einbinder, Hope MacLeod Student Services Director, Leahy Palmer ELL Director, Mary Ellen Guyther 8th Grade advisor and 5-8 Math Specialist, Gina deBettencourt 8th Grade Advisor and Food Services Director, Darren Belisle Technology Administrator,

The meeting was called to order by Louis Paciello at 5:08

I. Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2023

Louis Paciello made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 7, 2023, and Kelly Scott seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

II. PTA Report - was not given

III. Finance Report

A. Expenditure Report and Fund Balance - the committee reviewed the reports that were provided and will ask questions if needed at another meeting

B. IWYC Donation - \$400 was donated for 6th grade students to attend the Nature's Classroom

Louis Paciello made a motion to accept the donation from IWYC and Kelly Scott seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. General Update - AISC is Nov 2, the MVRHS Committee mtg is Nov 7

B. Special Education Update - Hope MacLeod distributed handouts regarding participation in the shared services programs; the responses to a recent parent survey; and state data in regards to participation rates.

C. ELL Report Leah Palmer - presented information about the programs she directs.

She is also sharing a video about the benefits of being multilingual with Dr. Einbinder who can share it with the school committee.

Edgartown scored the highest of all island schools on the English Language Proficiency Progress scores on the MCAS report a 4 out of 4.

D. Superintendent's Evaluation -Dr. Smith summarized the process for accelerating the review and rating process.

Kelly Scott made a motion to submit the review and Laura Seguin seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

V. Principal's Report

A. MCAS Data - Dr. Einbinder presented information on what the faculty is doing to address the MCAS scores. She thanked Mary Ellen Guyther, 5-8 Math specialist, and Melanie Brown 6-8 Literacy specialist, for all the work they have done leading the staff in examining the test results.

B. 8th Grade Trip – Discussion of Location and Possible Vote
MaryEllen Guyther and Gina Debettencourt presented information about the 8th grade trip and the recommendation for a New York City and Philadelphia trip.

Kelly Scott made a motion to approve the plan for the 8th grade trip to go to New York and Philadelphia for the foreseeable future and Laura Seguin seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

C. Enrollment - 380 students

A question was asked about the School Choice numbers and how many students are going out of the district.

D. Upcoming Events

The United Nations Day was a big success.

There will be a Pumpkin Run on October 31 and the Book Fair will be in the school until November 2.

E. Personnel

1. New Hires 1 new ESP was hired, Kim Hathaway

The Industrial Arts Teacher part time position was filled by Bob Yapp and David Faber who will split the position and provide I.A./S.T.E.M. lessons.

2. Leave of Absence - 1 ESP interpreter is asking for a temporary Leave of Absence in order to full an ELD teaching position.

Louis Paciello made a motion to approve the short term Leave of Absence for Marcia Borges from October 2 until the ELL teacher Nicole Miranda returns and Kelly Scott seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

3. Retirements - Jennifer Fournier, current grade 1 teacher, and Michelle Pikor, current Physical Education teacher, will retire at the end of the school year.

Louis Paciello made a motion to approve the retirements of Jennifer Fournier and Michelle Pikor and Kelly Scott seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

4. Request for Approval of School Choice Funds for Nursing Services and Special Education Invoices

\$2,660.97 was requested to pay for nursing services that were provided last year on the ski trip.

\$1,266.92 for special education services provided last year but the invoices were not received until this fiscal year.

Louis Paciello made a motion to approve the use of school choice funds for these expenses and Kelly Scott seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

VI. DESE Approved Policies – 3rd reading

A. Physical Restraint Policies and Procedures pursuant to 603 CMR 46.00

B. Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Student Conduct and Discipline

C. MVPS Proposed Bullying Policy

Louis Paciello made a motion to approve the third reading of the three policies and Kelly Scott seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

VII. Public Comment

Gina Debettencourt thanked everyone who helped with Children's Day. Everyone was so grateful and happy and many people worked hard on the day.

VIII. Schedule Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 8 at 5:00 pm. in the library.

IV. Adjournment: adjourned at 7:30