

MEETING OF THE  
MONTPELIER ROXBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 3, 2019  
MINUTES

Minutes Approved: *May 1, 2019*

Present

Board: Bridget Asay, Michele Braun, Lisa Frost, Tina Muncy, Jim Murphy, Andrew Stein, Ryan Zajac  
Administration: Superintendent Libby Bonesteel, Business Manager Grant Geisler  
Public: Linda Beaupre, Steve Hingtgen, Karlynn Koenemann, Mara Iverson, Nancy Reid, Elaine Toohey, and others  
Absent: Becky Bowen, Emma Harter, Hope Petraro

\*NOTE: Mr. Hingtgen was not sworn in prior to tonight's meeting and attended the meeting as an observer.

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 6:52 p.m. The learning focus portion of the agenda will not take place due to the students' inability to attend tonight's meeting.
  - Public Comment - The Board heard from two parents/community members advocating for deepened and more inclusive health education/sex education.
2. **Consent Agenda**
  - Minutes of March 20, 2019 Meeting
  - Warrants for Payroll and Accounts Payable for April 12, 2019
  - Resignations
    - Adrienne Fortune
    - Susan Abrams
    - Andrea Myotte
  - 2019-2020 School Calendar
  - Policy Monitoring Report
    - Substitute Teachers
  - Superintendent's Report
  - Declaration of Posting Locations for Board Meeting Agendas/Warnings
  - FY20 Teacher Contract List
  - Fund Balance Adjustment

Ms. Muncy moved, seconded by Ms. Asay, to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the March 20, 2019 regular meeting, Warrant FY19 - 21A dated April 12, 2019 in the amount of \$724,383.40, three resignations, the 2019-2020 school calendar, the policy monitoring report, the

superintendent's report, the declaration of posting locations for board meeting agendas/warnings, the FY20 teacher contract list, and the requested fund balance adjustment. Mr. Stein requested to remove the superintendent's report from the consent agenda. Following discussion, Ms. Muncy moved, seconded by Mr. Stein, to amend her motion to approve the consent agenda absent the superintendent's report and with the notation that the approved list of posting locations for agendas/warnings is different than the list included in the original board packet. The motion to amend carried unanimously. The motion as amended carried unanimously.

With regard to the superintendent's report, Mr. Stein requested an outline of where the district is sharing resources with U-32. Mr. Stein moved, seconded by Ms. Muncy, to approve the superintendent's report. Motion carried unanimously.

### 3. **Board Business**

- **Vote to Amend Typographical Error in Merger Agreement**

Mr. Murphy explained that the articles of merger between Roxbury and Montpelier reference a statute that does not exist. He went on to explain that the error is typographical in nature, but a correction to the articles is needed. Following discussion, Ms. Asay moved, seconded by Mr. Zajac, that the Articles of Agreement were approved by the electorate of the Montpelier Roxbury Public Schools in Spring, 2017. In March, 2019 we were informed of a typographical error in Article 11. The original approved article specified that in the new district "the vote on the annual budget and public questions shall be conducted by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 VSA Chapter 5513(b)." There is no Chapter 5513(b). The intent of that wording was to simply read "pursuant to 17 VSA Chapter 55." That typo is hereby corrected by vote of the Montpelier Roxbury School District Board. Article 11 is modified to read: The Unified District Board of School Directors shall propose annual budgets in accordance with 16 VSA Chapter 11. The vote on the annual budget and public questions shall be conducted by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 VSA Chapter 55. Motion carried unanimously. The correction will be sent to the District Clerk, Tammy Legacy.

- **After School Discussion**

A handout was provided (copy attached). Mr. Zajac requested that the next draft include a summary on expenses.

### 4. **Learning Focus**

- **Students: Hope Petraro and Emma Harter**

Passed over.

- **Students: Bobby Cody, Winslow Monde, Isaac Heide, Finn Cook, Lulu Jennings, Jack Lever**
  - **Discussing School Start Times Research for Adolescent Students**

Passed over.

### 5. **Principal Introduction**

- **Renee Devore**

Ms. Devore and board members were introduced to each other via Google hangout. There was discussion about the plan for transition into the job.

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6. **Adjournment** On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.



Heather Michaud  
Recorder

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**Purpose:**

Our district recognizes the importance of offering high quality enrichment activities to adolescents as well as the importance of this age to have multiple, caring, engaging adults in their lives. Feeling attached to a person(s), hobby/activity, or group greatly reduces the pull of drugs, alcohol, and other unhealthy life choices. In addition, physical activity and activities that force one to grow a skill and try out new things have tremendously positive effects on growing brains and healthy bodies.

The enrichment opportunities that have been available at MSMS have been quite successful for a number of our students. However, the number of students who have been able to take advantage of this service has been limited. In addition, there is a stated need in the community for a licensed child care at the middle school level, particularly for fifth and sixth graders, so that they have a safe, engaging place to go after school hours.

**Goal:**

MSMS' goal is to begin a licensed, engaging child care option for fifth and sixth graders. We will contract out this service in combination with that at UES. In addition, MRPS will build extended enrichment opportunities for seventh and eighth graders throughout the school year and work to extend opportunities to the high school student population. This may help create a bridge between the two buildings.

MHS is in a state of development. If you do not play a sport, instrument, or enjoy drama, there are very few opportunities offered. We need to increase our capacity here.

At UES we would like to engage with the licensed child care provider to offer more club-like activities within the licensed child care. Once this is in place, we can determine need for other opportunities. In addition we will be looking to provide full day care for our pre-school students in the near future.

RVS falls under the Bridges program, but will need a licensed after school child care program in the next three years. We would expect that the child care provider at UES to extend their programming to RVS.

**What is in place after school at MSMS as of April 2019:**

- Club activities run through Community Connections
  - paid for through revenue from UES, district and parent contributions
  - Services ~25 students/day; 7% of MSMS student population
  - Activities this early spring include film club, lacrosse, cooking, woodshop, photography, wilderness inquiry, skiing, open art
- School Sponsored Sports
  - Boys: soccer, cross country, basketball, baseball, ultimate frisbee, lacrosse
  - Girls: soccer, field hockey, cross country, basketball, ultimate frisbee

- Discussion around softball, track and field, and Nordic skiing is currently happening
- There is no licensed child care option
- Jazz band

**What is in place after school at UES as of April 2019:**

- Licensed child care run by Community Connections for ~65 students
  - Services ~12% of student population
- School run Kindness Club w/ teacher/parent volunteers

**What is in place after school at MHS as of April 2019:**

- WILD (camping and leadership development), mountain biking
  - Paid for through district funds
- THRIVE (fitness course)
  - Paid for through the MAC grant
- Co-curriculars
  - Drama club, student council, chess club, project grad, scholars bowl, yearbook
- School Sponsored Sports
  - Boys: soccer, cross country, football (at U32), basketball, Nordic skiing, ice hockey (at U32), baseball, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, tennis, track and field
  - Girls: soccer, field hockey, volleyball, basketball, Nordic skiing, gymnastics, ice hockey (U32), softball ( U32), ultimate frisbee, tennis, track and field

**Initial Plan for Extended Day Enrichment:**

Using the \$37,000 currently budgeted, MRPS hire a 0.5 FTE District employee as extended day enrichment coordinator.

Responsibilities include:

- Registration and fee collection
  - Develop registration process to ensure fair and equitable access
- Parent Communication
- Club development
- Survey students
- Recruit of club advisors
- Collaborate with district administration to grow future programming opportunities
- Collaborate with school administration, guidance, and social worker to ensure students who need more enrichment opportunities have no barriers to access

Institute a sliding fee scale as well as offer scholarships to students

Begin in fall 2019 with 3-5 club options for 7th and 8th grade students. Continue the programming currently in place at MHS (THRIVE, WILD, mountain biking).

- Intention is to grow opportunities in grades 7-12.
- Analyze opportunities offered at UES through licensed child care; offer more enrichment clubs as deemed necessary/desired by community