

**Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Minutes: October 22, 2014
Monomoy Regional High School**

Members Present: Terry Russell, Chairperson; Steve Davol, Vice Chair; Ed Jaworski; Brian Widegren; Sharon Stout; Amanda Alten and Nancy Scott. **Administrators present:** Scott Carpenter, Superintendent; Kathleen Isernio, Joan Goggin; Carla Blanchard; Brian Daniels, Sean Fleming; and Bill Burkhead.

A. Call to Order –Terry Russell, Chair, called the regular meeting of the school committee to order at 7:01pm.

B. Approval of Minutes –October 8, 2014

Motion: Steve Davol moved to approve the minutes of October 8, 2014, seconded by Ed Jaworski. **Vote: Unanimous.**

C. Public Comment – Dr. Matthew Masiello spoke regarding the middle school MCAS scores. Several Chatham parents spoke regarding their desire to reinstate formal recess for students at the middle school.

D. Recognitions

The Superintendent thanked the Orleans-Eastham Elks organization for their donation of dictionaries to all third grade students in the district. They are also conducting an essay contest on “*What the Pledge of Allegiance Means to Me.*” The Superintendent also recognized the teachers and administrators who provided technology training to staff on the October 10 professional development day.

E. Student Representative Report – MRHS junior Laine Kotoski reported homecoming week was successful. The Harlem Wizards game was well attended; over 600 tickets were sold. PSAT exams were held recently with a record number of sophomores and juniors taking the exam. Students attended an excellent presentation by Mark Manion on the dangers of drunk driving. Principal Burkhead has been keeping students up to date via his twitter account. The students are appreciative of the late bus runs. The Special Olympics/Best Buddies program was successful. It was a good opportunity for students to celebrate the special people in our community.

F. Reports and Discussions

1. School Safety & Security – The Superintendent and members of the Chatham and Harwich police departments will give a public safety presentation to parents at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at the Monomoy Regional High School. This month a joint team from Chatham and Harwich Police Departments will be training Monomoy’s staff on a different approach to handle a school’s most challenging crisis. Analysis of more recent crises in schools has prompted schools and public safety to improve and expand our responses following a new protocol called A.L.I.C.E. SRO Jon Mitchell provided the committee with information on the ALICE program. Staff and students will be trained in the new procedures. SROs will meet with teachers individually to evaluate their classrooms. Actual drills will occur when training is complete.

2. Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC) – Liz Argo from CVEC presented information on three proposed amendments to the original Power Purchase Agreement signed August 1, 2014 and presented a net metered sales proposal to purchase wind power from Future Generation Wind. The first amendment to the original agreement will increase the amount of projected net metered power available from 411,368 kWh to 462,386 kWh; and to amend Monomoy's requested reservation of 2,000,000 kWh to 462,386 kWh. The second amendment is to release the difference of 1,537,614 kWh back to CVEC. The third amendment concerns Future General Wind, LLC. They are placing four wind turbines on cranberry bogs in Plymouth and are offering a net metering sales opportunity to purchase wind power which could result in a 13.5% savings in electric costs.

3. FY16 Budget Overview – Business Manager Kathleen Isernio provided the committee with the FY14 audit report and an explanation of the Excess and Deficiency (E&D) Fund for regional school districts. The State has certified the district's E&D fund for FY14 at \$1,401,630. The audit report made some recommended procedural changes for student activity accounts and the listing of assets.

The budget subcommittee will meet with the Superintendent prior to the meeting with the Harwich Board of Selectmen on October 20, 2014. The purpose of the Harwich BOS meeting is to discuss preliminary guidelines for the FY16 budget.

4. Superintendent's Evaluation – The school committee members evaluated the Superintendent based on the goals established last year, evidence of completion and growth towards the goals. All members rated the Superintendent's performance as proficient. Several members rated him exemplary in connection with the management of the high school construction project and the merger of the four schools. The transition and merger was skillfully planned and exceeded expectations.

G. Subcommittee Reports - none

H. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent has scheduled an information night for parents on October 28, 2014, to explain the new A.L.I.C.E. school safety training. He has also scheduled "Coffee & Conversation" evenings with parents for November 14 at Chatham Elementary, December 8 at Harwich Elementary, January 21 at the high school and February 11 at the middle school.

The school committee and administrative team will meet on November 4, 2014 for a workshop/retreat to discuss the FY16 budget and school district goals.

I. Action Items

1. CVEC Solar Vote

Motion: Ed Jaworski moved that Monomoy Regional School Committee approve amendments to the Power Purchase Agreement with Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC) dated August 1, 2014 to reduce the 2,000,000 kWh originally purchased to 462,386 and to release the 1,537,614kWh back to CVEC; seconded by Brian Widegren. **VOTE: Unanimous.**

2. CVEC Wind Vote

Motion: Ed Jaworski moved that the Monomoy Regional School Committee approve the CVEC Wind Power Sales Agreement, under which Monomoy Regional School District would participate as a CVEC offtaker a percentage share of Net Metered Power to be generated by the project known as Future Generation Wind, LLC., located in Plymouth, Massachusetts; seconded by Steve Davol. **VOTE: Unanimous.**

J. ADJOURNMENT - Motion made by Brian Widegren to adjourn at 9:52 pm to Executive Session pursuant to MGL 30A, Section 21 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining units and non-union contracts, seconded by Nancy Scott. **Voting Aye on a Roll Call Vote: Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Susko
Recording Secretary

Documents Used at Meeting and Available For Review

MRSD Auditors' Report for Year Ended June 30, 2014
Excess & Deficiency Certification Report
CVEC Powerpoint Presentation