

**Monomoy Regional School Committee  
Meeting Minutes: November 12, 2014  
Monomoy Regional High School**

**Members Present:** Terry Russell, Chairperson; Steve Davol, Vice Chair; Ed Jaworski; Brian Widegren; Sharon Stout (arrived at 7:11); and Nancy Scott. **Members absent:** Amanda Alten. **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 7:04pm.

**B. Approval of Minutes –October 22, 2014**

**Motion:** Nancy Scott moved to approve the minutes of October 22, 2014, seconded by Steve Davol.  
**Vote: Unanimous.**

**C. Public Comment** – None.

**D. Recognitions** – The Superintendent thanked the members of the Chatham and Harwich police departments that participated in the parent information session on the new ALICE safety training. The Superintendent recognized the high school students who were awarded the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, the students with perfect scores on the MCAS exams and students who achieved a score of 4 the AP exams.

**E. Student Representative Report** – MRHS junior Laine Kotoski reported on recent events at the high school. A talent show was held recently to raise money for STAND; and Volleyball for a Cause raised money for pancreatic cancer. The field hockey team make it to the first round of State tournament play; students from Mr. Houston’s class volunteered at Island Pond Cemetery for Veterans Day. Members of the senior class have been meeting with Mr. Burkhead to discuss senior privileges. The technology issues with the Chrome Books distributed to students are being worked out.

**F. Reports and Discussions**

1. Mission Statement – the committee discussed the proposed mission statement created with input from the administrative team. The committee discussed expanding the definition of “character.” Ed Jaworski and Sharon Stout volunteered to continue reviewing the mission statement.

2. 2014-2015 School Committee Goals – The committee discussed the first draft of the goals for the 2014-2015 school year. The action steps are for the Superintendent and administrators to implement.

3. School Committee Vacancy Procedure – Under the terms of the regional agreement a member who does not reside in the town they represent must resign from the committee. Because of Glenn Bryant’s move to Harwich, a vacancy now exists for Chatham representation. Anyone who is interested in serving on the school committee should submit a letter of interest to the Chatham Board of Selectmen by November 19, 2014. The board of selectmen and school committee will interview candidates and appoint a new member.

4. Monthly Financial Report – Business Manager Katie Isernio provided an update of the monthly financial status. Transfers between accounts will be necessary in the coming months due to the addition of staff at the high school.

5. Katie Isernio presented the initial draft of the FY16 budget which is a level service budget. The district has increased and enhanced programs and courses offered to students for the 2014-2015 school year. The Superintendent does not wish to cut these services or programs for FY16.

6. The committee reviewed the staffing and class size summary for the 2014-2015 school year and discussed the district's philosophy on class sizes.

**G. Subcommittee Reports** – The Middle School Repurposing Committee met recently to discuss possibilities for the former Harwich Middle School, which includes elderly housing and other educational institutions. The repurposing committee is aware of the parking needs for the elementary school. They also discussed the possibility of demolishing the building and turning it into recreational space. A meeting for the general public will be scheduled in December.

**H. Superintendent's Report** – Principal Brian Daniels and Assistant Principal Sean Fleming will be meeting with parents of the middle school to discuss the recess situation. They recently completed a survey of middle schools on the Cape which reveal that 80% of the districts do not have recess for middle school students.

### **I. Action Items**

1. Vote to Approve Payment of Prior Year Invoices – Business Manager Katie Isernio presented two outstanding invoices from the prior year. She requested the committee approve payment of the invoices from FY15 year funds.

**Motion:** Nancy Scott moved that the committee approve payment of Education Week's invoice in the amount of \$1,245, and the Justice Resource Institute invoice in the amount of \$2,835.63, seconded by Ed Jaworski. **Vote: 5 Ayes, 1 No. Motion Carried.**

**J. ADJOURNMENT - Motion** made by Nancy Scott to adjourn at 9:18 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 Ed Jaworski. **Voting Aye on a Roll Call Vote: Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Susko  
Recording Secretary

### **Documents Used at Meeting and Available For Review**

FY16 Draft Budget Presentation November 12, 2014

MRSC 2014-2015 Goals

Monthly Financial Report October 31, 2014

Class Size Summary 2014-2015 Academic Year

John and Abigail Adams Scholars