

A regular meeting of the Marathon City School Board was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, in the High School Cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Brian Gumtz. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were board members DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz, and administrative staff Rick Parks, David Beranek and Sarah Budny.

Written notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the news media on Thursday, April 9, 2020.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Seubert to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

DeBroux read the Marathon School District Vision Statement.

Motion by Klumpyan 2nd by Knoeck to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- March 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- March 16, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
- March 25, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
- Approval of bills
- March receipts
- Condition of the budget
- Activity fund balances
- Construction bills
- MCCDEB Special Education Meeting Highlights
- Resignation of Kristen Ikert
- Resignation of Rhonda Siikarla

Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

The 2020-21 staffing considerations were reviewed. Discussion was held to increase the vocal music position and add an Instructional Coach. Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by DeBroux to increase the vocal music position and table the Instructional Coach until a decision is made regarding the Expeditionary Learning contract. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Budny shared the summer school plan. Three-week courses will be offered in June and July with students grouped together and split between three teachers. Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by DeBroux to approve the summer school schedule with possible adjustments made pending the school opening date. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Seubert, 2nd by DeBroux to approve a painting bid of \$18,260 to complete the MAES/MVA gym. This price may be lower if a double coat is not needed. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Parks reviewed the 2020-21 Health Insurance bids received from WEA and Security Health for the District being part of the Marathon County Special Education Consortium. Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Seubert to approve the plan through Security Health Plan, with a 3.4% increase

for next year and capped at a 9.15% increase for the 2nd year. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

A discussion was held in regard to paying the academic co-curricular contracts for the 2019-2020 school year with a few of the activities unable to be completed. Mr. Parks explained most advisor's activities have been completed and those who were not able to finish have been working and preparing up to the time of the school closing. Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Knoeck to pay out all academic co-curricular contracts at full pay. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, and Seubert. No – Gumtz. Motion carried 4-1.

Mr. Parks reported there will no premium increase in the dental insurance through Delta Dental for the upcoming year.

Mr. Parks has been speaking with Fischer Transportation regarding the current bus contract and school not being in session. The contract does not address this situation. After negotiating with the company, full payment will be made for the March regular routes, 85% for the April regular routes, and the May/June bill will be the difference upon comparing what the company received through the CARES Act. Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Knoeck to pay Fischer Transportation the amounts as presented. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, and Seubert. Gumtz abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Parks shared options for teacher compensation for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Klumpyan to increase the teacher pay with an overall package of 2.6%. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Election results were reported, with Lia Klumpyan and Jodi DeBroux being re-elected to the school board. Ted Knoeck administered the Oath of Office to Lia Klumpyan and Jodi DeBroux.

The board reviewed the updated the 2019-20 Township Talking Points handout. The handout will be mailed to each municipality.

Mr. Beranek and Mrs. Budny discussed planning options for yearbook distribution, awards ceremonies, graduation and Prom. Final decisions on how to hold the events will be made once the "Safer at Home" order is lifted.

The Charter School Board will be meeting in two weeks. They will also be discussing how to hold graduation and 8th Grade Exit Presentations. Additionally, they will be discussing the Expeditionary Learning contracts.

Mr. Parks met with Craig Frieders from Scherrer Construction to go over the final punch list. A few items still need to be completed, and a discussion with PRA regarding their bill is scheduled to take place this week. After completion the district will be in positive standing.

Mr. Parks gave an update on the Long Range Planning process. Mr. Schroeder has begun gathering information and will be requesting more information to develop a plan. He would like to schedule 2 weekends in September or October to complete the plan.

Mr. Beranek and Mrs. Budny gave updates on the current remote learning. All teachers have been doing a great job with their plans and reaching out to both parents and students. Counselors in both buildings have also been contacting the students. MAES is seeing 88% of the students engaged, with 90-95% of MVA students engaged in learning.

The board had the first reading of Board Policy 825 District Logos and directed Mr. Parks to move forward on trademarking both logos.

A survey was sent to MVA parents regarding the Washington DC trip. They were asked if the trip should be canceled, with their \$73 deposit not refunded, or reschedule the trip for next year with current 5th and 8th graders invited to attend. The results showed 75% would like the trip rescheduled. The board gave permission to plan to re-schedule for next year, with those wishing to cancel be allowed to cancel their child's registration.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by DeBroux to approve the 2020-21 teacher contracts as presented. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Knoeck to approve student summer maintenance workers, with a start time pending the "Safer at Home" order. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Parks updated the board on the March Legislative Meeting held in Medford.

Mrs. Budny informed the board a video of all staff is currently being put together to send out to all students. A Teacher Parade is being planned for April 23rd.

Mr. Parks thanked MAC for their donation of a timer and volleyball equipment. Teacher Appreciation Week is planned. He is also working with Marathon Cheese Corp to develop the parking lot on the north side of MAES/MVA to be shared for a period of time. A special meeting may be needed at the end of the month to discuss upcoming events. He also thanked the community for their support of the food bags available 24 hours a day at the High School for school families. Along with the food bags, orange juice was donated, milk was donated by the FFA, Kreager Insurance, and Keith Kreager for district families.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Klumpyan to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.



Jodi DeBroux, Clerk