

MONTPELIER ROXBURY
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING
Montpelier High School
Wednesday, February 15, 2023
6:30 pm

Approved: 03-08-2023

Present

Board: Jim Murphy, Mia Moore, Jill Remick, Rhett Williams, Seiji Ohashi, Lyn Turcotte,
Emma Bay-Hansen, Kristen Getler, Aniket Kulkarni

Administration: Libby Bonesteel

Students: Merrick Modun

Absent: Zach Henningsen (student representative)

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm
 - Public Comment

Public comment was heard from Tim Sinnott regarding academic standards at Union Elementary School, most specifically around literacy, and from Amanda Garces regarding Board and Superintendent engagement with families, assessments, literacy, special education, equity, a BIPOC Affinity Space position, contract negotiations, and safety.

2. **Consent Agenda**

- Minutes of:
 - 01-25-2023 Facilities & Energy Committee Meeting
 - 02-01-2023 Finance Committee Meeting
 - 02-01-2023 School Board Meeting
 - 02-03-2023 Policy Committee Meeting
 - 02-08-2023 Equity Committee Meeting
- Review of FY'23 Warrant for Payroll and Accounts Payable for February 3, 2023
- New hires
- Superintendent's Report
- Draft Agenda for 3/8/2023
- Policies for Adoption:
 - [A20: Board Meetings, Agenda Preparation & Distribution](#)
 - [A21: Public Participation at Board Meetings](#)
 - [A22: Notice of Non-Discrimination](#)
 - [A23: Community Engagement and Vision](#)
 - [A24: Board/Superintendent Relations](#)

Mia Moore moved, seconded by Rhett Williams, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the [01-25-2023 Facilities & Energy Committee Meeting](#), [2-01-2023 Finance Committee Meeting](#), [02-01-2023 School Board Meeting](#), [02-03-2023 Policy Committee Meeting](#), and [02-08-2023 Equity Committee Meeting](#), Review of the [FY'23 Warrant for Payroll and Accounts Payable for February 3, 2023](#), no new hires, the [Superintendent's Report](#), the [Draft Agenda for 3/8/2023](#), and the adoption of policies

[A20: Board Meetings, Agenda Preparation & Distribution](#), [A21: Public Participation at Board Meetings](#), [A22: Notice of Non-Discrimination](#), [A23: Community Engagement and Vision](#), and [A24: Board/Superintendent Relations](#). Motion carried unanimously at 6:45pm.

3. **Board Discussion**

- Winter Data Presentation
 - Mike Berry, Director of Curriculum & Technology, Peggy-Sue Van Nostrand, Director of Student Services, Jess Murray, Director of Social Emotional Learning & Wellness, & Nick Conner, Community Liaison

Mike Berry, Director of Curriculum & Technology, Peggy-Sue Van Nostrand, Director of Student Services, Nick Conner, Community Liaison, and Superintendent Libby Bonesteel [presented](#) to and engaged in discussion with the board as an expansion of and in response to questions received on the [Attendance, Behavior, and Chronic Absenteeism \(A.B.C.\) Data Report](#).

4. **Policy Monitoring**

- Potential Board Action
 - Approve Policy Monitoring for:
 - [D15: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Compliance](#)

Mia Moore moved, seconded by Rhett Williams, to approve the [policy monitoring report](#) for Policy D15: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Compliance. Motion carried unanimously at 8:49pm.

5. **Policy Reading**

- Second Reading
 - [D22: Library Materials](#)

6. **Executive Session**

- First Motion: “I move to find that premature general public knowledge regarding contract negotiations would clearly place the board at a substantial disadvantage if discussed in public.”

Mia Moore moved, seconded by Aniket Kulkarni, to find that premature general public knowledge regarding contract negotiations would clearly place the board at a substantial disadvantage if discussed in public. Motion carried unanimously at 8:53pm.

- Second Motion: “I move to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(A) of Vermont Statutes.”

Aniket Kulkarni moved, seconded by Mia Moore, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and personnel. Motion carried unanimously at 8:54pm.

Before entering into executive session the board thanked Aniket Kulkarni for their service.

7. Adjournment

On a motion duly made and seconded by board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:30pm.

Anna Bromley
Recorder