

**MONTPELIER ROXBURY
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 2, 2020
MINUTES**

Minutes Approved: *approved 9/16/20*

Present

Board: Jim Murphy, Ryan Zajac, Gerri Huck, Mara Iverson, Jill Remick, Emma Bay-Hansen, Aniket Kulkarni, Bridget Asay

Administration: Libby Bonesteel

Students:

Absent: Eve Taylor, Hope Petraro, Andrew Stein

1. Board Meeting Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

- Public Comment

The board heard public comment as related to School Resource Officers from Julia Chafets, Amanda Garces, and Meredith Warner requesting transparency and seeking information as to how the community can engage. Mr. Murphy replied that the SRO topic will be on the September 16th agenda and that engaging in public comment or emailing board members is the best way for the community to engage.

The board also heard public comment as related to the bus and schedule at Main Street Middle School and Roxbury Village School from Kimberly Cruickshank and Melissa Rutter.

2. Consent Agenda

- Minutes of August 17, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting
- Minutes of August 19, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting
- Minutes of August 19, 2020 School Board Meeting
- Minutes of August 26, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting
- Warrants for:
 - FY'21 Warrants for Payroll and Accounts Payable for September 4, 2020
- New Hires
- Co-Curriculars

Mr. Zajac moved, seconded by Ms. Asay, to approve the consent agenda including the new hires and co-curricular contracts distributed after the original meeting materials were distributed. Motion carried unanimously at 6:49pm.

3. Board Discussion

- COVID-19 planning update (serves as Superintendent's Report)

- Libby Bonesteel: RVS Bus & PreK, bus monitors, #'s at MSMS, Calendar

Superintendent Bonesteel provided an update to the board on staffing vacancies, bussing and an associated proposed childcare solution for the morning at RVS should younger students need to arrive with older siblings traveling to Montpelier, the status of pre-K at RVS (tied to vacancies), and an update on enrollment including home school students and as it relates to capacity at MSMS. The board then engaged in discussion about RVS bussing and it was decided that both the Roxbury to Montpelier and Roxbury Village School busses will run, potentially eliminating the afternoon run later depending on ridership. Superintendent Bonesteel proceeded to update the board on the District Calendar, how it relates to the VTVLC calendar, and that we're waiting on a decision from the legislature regarding student days before publishing a calendar past December, 2020. Lastly Superintendent Bonesteel informed the board that free food for all kids under the age of 18 years old will continue through the end of December.

- Timeline and a Budget Discussion
 - Grant Geisler

Business Manager Grant Geisler talked the board through the [draft 4th quarter report](#), [FY'22 Budget Timeline](#), and [FY'22 Budget Discussion](#) documents. The board asked questions related to the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) and CARES funding (CRF or ESSER). The board responded that striving for a 3% increase in education spending sounded appropriate.

- Board Action:
 - 5/6 Virtual Teacher hire

Ms. Asay moved, seconded by Ms. Huck, to approve the hiring of a one year position 5/6 virtual teacher. Motion carried unanimously at 7:42pm.

4. **Policy Reading**

- Third Reading: C28 Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students

Mr. Zaajc provided an overview of the work put into this policy and the team behind it and how it has changed to be inclusive of all students regardless of gender. The board discussed defining 'sex defined at birth' and changing the language around a legal name change to both former and current. The Policy Committee will prepare the policy for a 4th reading.

5. **Policy Monitoring**

- F12: Title I, Part A Parental Involvement
- A01: Board Member Conflict of Interest

The Policy Monitoring Report for A01: Board Member Conflict of Interest was not ready at the time of this meeting and will be included on a later agenda.

Mr. Kulkarni moved, seconded by Ms. Asay, to approve the Policy Monitoring Report for policy F12: Title I, Part A Parental Involvement. Motion carried unanimously at 8:24pm.

6. Adjournment

Ms. Asay moved, seconded by Mr. Kulkarni, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 8:25pm.

Anna Bromley
Recorder