

**Minutes of the
Monson School Committee
Regular Business Meeting
Quarry Hill Community School – School Committee Meeting Room
June 8, 2016**

Present: Chair Joel Keller; Vice Chair Joshua Farber; Secretary Peter Sauriol;
Committee Member Jenny Curry

Also Present: Superintendent Cheryl Clarke; Director of Business & Facilities Don Smith;
Director of Guidance Robert Bardwell; Director of Curriculum Katherine Watts; Principals
Mary Cieplik (GVMS); William Metzger (MHS); and Recording Secretary Karen Methe

Note: This meeting was video-recorded.

Mr. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

Ms. Curry read the **Mission & Vision Statements**.

Announcements:

Mrs. Clarke gave the following reminders:

June 14, 2016 - Town Elections

June 15, 2016 – Underclassmen Awards at Monson High School

June 16, 2016 – Grade 8 Send-Off Ceremony at Granite Valley Middle School

June 17, 2016 – Last day of school for students, it is a half-day with dismissal times of
11:30 a.m. at Quarry Hill Community School, 10:45 a.m. at Granite Valley Middle School and
10:35 a.m. for Monson High.

Recognition:

Mrs. Clarke acknowledged and offered her congratulations to The Squirrels' Destination Imagination Team for placing 6th out of 56 schools competing in the middle school Fine Arts Challenge at the Global Tournament in Tennessee. Team members included, Allyson Linkenhoker, Allison Weber, Alana Ellis, Cassia Farber, Cordelia Hageman, Drew Wherry and Margaret Menard. Committee members also congratulated the team.

Mr. Metzger presented two Visual Arts projects created in the Ceramics program, by students Alyssa Demetrius and Jared LaValley, which he commented is a very popular class at the high school. Mr. Metzger noted that with the help of Mr. Bardwell and Mrs. Gianfriddo, art teacher, the school has entered into an Articulation Agreement with Holyoke Community College where students are eligible for college credits for the Photography course. There have been regionally and potentially nationally recognized award-winning students in the Visual Arts Program this year. Mrs. Gianfriddo's Art Club students are working on several new murals for the high school.

Mr. Metzger spoke about the successful year of athletics. He spoke of each team and their accomplishments. The Athletic Awards Program was held June 7, 2016. Mr. Metzger also

congratulated girls' soccer team coach Eric Degnan who was the recipient of the Mike Kane Award for sportsmanship, citizenship and contributions to Monson athletics and recognized as the MIAA 2016 Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year for any girls' soccer program, divisions 1-4 throughout the state. His name will be entered into the national discussion of Coach of the Year. Mr. Metzger acknowledged and congratulated Seniors Carly Zielinski and Nate Lobik named Outstanding Female and Male Athlete respectively.

- **Motion by Mr. Sauriol to approve the April 27, 2016 minutes of the Regular Business Meeting as submitted. (Second by Mr. Farber)**
- **No discussion**
- **Motion carries 4-0**

The Committee acknowledged email receipt of the May 18, 2016 minutes of the Regular Business Meeting for distribution only.

Student Representative Report(s):

None

Subcommittee & Liaison Reports:

Policy Subcommittee:

A meeting will be scheduled after the June 15, 2016 Committee Re-organization Meeting. Topics to include School Committee Member code of conduct and the concussion policy.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Clarke shared that the field days at both the elementary and middle school were very successful. Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the days.

Mrs. Clarke thanked Ms. Miller, Ms. Novak and Mr. Topham for a wonderful Music and Art Extravaganza which was held May 26, 2016 at Granite Valley Middle School.

Senior Week took place last week. Academic Awards were held. Approximately \$55K of scholarships were given out. Patrick Bruneau, student representative to the School Committee, was awarded a full scholarship to Norwich University for three years, he will enlist upon completion. Mrs. Clarke distributed certificates to both Patrick and Morgan Slate for their service to the School Committee. Bacceleaurate was a very successful Senior Week event held at Memorial Hall where Town Administrator Evan Brassard addressed the audience. Mrs. Clarke commented that graduation was a wonderful evening.

New this year was a Senior Walk. Graduating students dressed in cap & gown paraded the halls of Quarry Hill Community and Granite Valley Middle Schools to the cheers and well wishes of students and staff.

Mrs. Clarke outlined several upcoming field trips at the elementary and middle levels.

Mrs. Clarke attended the after-school MADE Program presentation of *The Three Little Pigs*.

Grade 1 students participated in a program entitled Act It, Tell It, Sing It, Move It, with teaching and performing artist Mary Jo Maichack.

The district website is in the process of being upgraded. Several key members, including many staff members, will participate in an upcoming training provided by Rediker Software.

Business & Facilities Report:

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Mr. Smith reported that the process of drawing down the budget for FY16 continues noting that the final report will be pending the final amount needed from School Choice funds. The FY17 budget has been changed from preliminary to final and will be posted on the website. The bid for a three year cleaning contract went out. There were five vendors that visited the school for a walk through. The bid opening will be Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Smith noted that the cost would be approximately \$600K.

Public session:

Mr. Keller opened Public Session at 7:32 p.m.
No one came forward to address the Committee
Mr. Keller closed Public Session at 7:32 p.m.

New Business:

Mrs. Clarke requested an increase in substitute school nurse pay. The current daily rate of pay, which has been in effect since 2002, is \$119. She is asking for an increase to \$140 daily. She provided detailed pay information from surrounding districts. There was a short discussion, prompted by Mr. Farber, as to the budget impact with this request.

- **Motion by Mr. Farber to approve the change of substitute nurse pay for the 2016-2017 school year to the proposed daily rate of \$140. (Second by Mr. Sauriol)**
- **No discussion**
- **Motion carries 4-0**

Mrs. Clarke thanked the Committee for their support.

Old Business:

A discussion was held regarding the finalization of the timeline for the Superintendent's Evaluation. Consensus of the Committee was as follows:

June 20, 2016 – All documentation from Mrs. Clarke to the Committee.

July 1, 2016 – Committee member evaluations to Mr. Sauriol for compilation.

July 5, 2016 – Absolute last day for information.

Mr. Keller noted that hopefully the Committee's evaluation of Mrs. Clarke's contract will be complete by the middle of July and would be available for public review at that time.

The following meetings were scheduled:

June 15, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. - Re-organization of School Committee, including subcommittees and liaisons.

June 15, 2016 – 7:30 p.m. – Working Meeting

Mr. Keller requested that Mrs. Methe reach out to potential new School Committee member, Patricia Oney, with the above dates.

Mr. Keller thanked the current Committee members for a successful year of collaboration. He also extended his thanks to Mr. Metzger, Mr. Bardwell, Mrs. Cieplik and Mrs. Clarke for coordinating an excellent, well-done and lively graduation which featured the middle and high school band.

Mr. Keller asked that the DRAFT Regular Business Meeting minutes be forwarded to Ms. Oney.

- **Motion by Mr. Farber to adjourn Open Session. (Second by Mr. Sauriol)**
- **Roll Call Vote:**

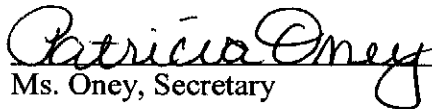
Ms. Curry	Yes
Mr. Sauriol	Yes
Mr. Farber	Yes
Mr. Keller	Yes
- **Motion carries 4-0**

Open session closed at 7:45 p.m.

Documentation for this meeting:
Agenda

Distributed at meeting:
None

Approved by Committee:


Ms. Oney, Secretary