

**Minutes of the  
Monson School Committee  
Business Meeting  
Quarry Hill Community School – School Committee Meeting Room  
June 15, 2016**

**Present:** Chair Joel Keller; Vice Chair Joshua Farber; Secretary Peter Sauriol and Committee Members Jenny Curry and Patricia Oney

**Also Present:** Superintendent Cheryl Clarke, Director of Business & Facilities Don Smith; Principals Jennifer Beaudry (QHCS); Mary Cieplik (GVMS) and William Metzger (MHS), Robert Bardwell, Director of Guidance; Katherine Watts, Director of Curriculum; and Pam McDonald, (MTA President)

**Note:** This meeting was video-recorded.

Chair Keller called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Sauriol read the **Mission & Vision Statements**.

Mr. Keller introduced and welcomed newly elected School Committee member Patricia Oney. Ms. Oney thanked Mr. Keller and in sharing about herself mentioned she'd always been interested in School Committee business but waited until her daughter was a senior in the district to pursue a seat on the Committee.

Mr. Keller turned the meeting over to Superintendent Clarke.

Mrs. Clarke stated that the next order of business was to re-organize the Monson School Committee and determine the other positions of the Committee. She reviewed the ground rules for nominations. Following, she opened the floor for nomination for Chair of the School Committee.

- **Motion by Mr. Keller to nominate Mr. Sauriol as Chair of the Committee.  
(Second by Mr. Farber)**
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(Second by Ms. Curry)**
- **No further nominations**
- **Mrs. Clarke asked for a vote to accept the nomination of Mr. Sauriol as  
Chair of the Committee.  
Motion carries with the majority vote of 3.**

Mrs. Clarke congratulated Mr. Sauriol and turned the meeting over to him to continue with the selections and appointments.

Mr. Sauriol thanked the Committee. He entertained a motion to nominate a candidate for Vice Chair of the Committee.

- **Motion by Mr. Keller to nominate Mr. Farber as Vice Chair of the Committee. (Second by Ms. Curry)**
- **No further nominations**
- **Mr. Sauriol asked for a vote to accept the nomination of Mr. Farber as Vice Chair of the Committee.**
- **Motion carries 5-0**

Mr. Sauriol then opened the floor for nomination for Secretary of the Committee.

- **Motion by Mr. Farber to nominate Ms. Oney as Secretary of the Committee. (Second by Mr. Keller)**
- **Ms. Oney declined the nomination**
- **Discussion ensued**

Mr. Farber explained that it is practice of the Committee to nominate the newly elected member to the position of Secretary. He noted that the primary task of the Secretary is to sign the approved minutes before they become public and, only if the Recording Secretary cannot attend the meeting, take the minutes; however, the Committee has allowed compilation of the minutes, in the absence of the Recording Secretary, to be done via video-taping. In rare instances, the Secretary may have to conduct a meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair. After the explanation, Ms. Oney agreed to the nomination.

- **No further discussion**
- **Motion carries 5-0**

At this time all Subcommittee Liaison Positions to the School Committee were discussed.

Mr. Sauriol spoke of refining subcommittees to include liaisons. There was a lengthy discussion on how to align the subcommittee/liason positions. Mr. Sauriol read the Policy on subcommittees.

- **Motion by Mr. Farber to create the following subcommittees of the Monson School Committee for the 2016-2017 year: Finance, Facilities, Policy and Personnel, Curriculum and Diversity. (Second by Mr. Keller)**
- **Discussion ensued surrounding what the Diversity Subcommittee would look like.**
- **No further discussion**
- **Motion defeated 2-2 with Ms. Oney abstaining from the vote**
  
- **Motion by Mr. Keller to have Finance Subcommittee, Curriculum Subcommittee, Negotiations Subcommittee, Policy Subcommittee and Facility and Long-Term Planning Subcommittee. Mr. Farber noted that Long-Term Planning covers a lot of ground, Mr. Keller agreed and was**

amenable to taking out Facilities and just keeping Long-Term Planning, and would accept as a friendly amendment. (Second by Mr. Farber)

- Discussion continued with Mr. Farber noting he would like a friendly amendment for Policy/Diversity Subcommittee. Mr. Keller agreed to accept the amendment. Ms. Oney asked for clarification as to why the Communications Subcommittee was being omitted. Mrs. Clarke outlined numerous ways she has created for informing parents, staff and the community about what is happening in the schools. Mr. Keller mentioned *In the Loop*, a weekly district newsletter, Clarke's Corner, and Periscope as some tools for obtaining school information. Both Mr. Farber and Mr. Keller commented that the communication was exponentially better since Mrs. Clarke was appointed Superintendent.
- No further discussion
- Motion carries 5-0

Attached please find the updated DRAFT list of Subcommittees. Liaison information to be discussed at subcommittee meetings to determine the best fit. Mr. Sauriol noted that in his research, School Committee members are not encouraged to be a part of School Councils but that was open for discussion at the next meeting as well.

Mr. Sauriol asked that all subcommittees meet prior to the next Regular Business Meeting to review mandates to be discussed.

The next meeting will be scheduled for July 6, 2016. Working Meeting at 5:30 p.m. followed by Regular Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

- Motion by Mr. Keller to adjourn the Regular meeting to move into the Working Meeting. (Second by Mr. Farber)
- Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Oney	Yes
Ms. Curry	Yes
Mr. Sauriol	Yes
Mr. Farber	Yes
Mr. Keller	Yes

- Motion carries 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.  
The Working Meeting began at 8:02 p.m.

*Documentation for this meeting:*  
*Agenda*

Approved by Committee:

*Patricia Oney*  
Ms. Oney, Secretary