

**MEDFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 8, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Jessica Reilly - Chair  
Leo Brehm - Vice Chair  
Timothy Knight - Recording Secretary  
Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke - Member at Large  
Michelle Kirkby - Member at Large

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Jeffrey Marsden - Superintendent of Schools  
Michael LaFrancesca - Director of Finance and Operation  
Andrea Moores, Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and asked for Roll Call to begin the meeting:

- Leo Brehm - present
- Timothy Knight - present
- Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke - present
- Michelle Kirkby - present
- Jessica Reilly -present

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Knight, seconded by Ms. Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke to approve and retain the Executive Session minutes from 4/14/2022, 5/2/2022, and 5/19/2022.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Knight, seconded by Ms. Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from 5/19/2022.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2022 Retiree Recognition - presented by Dr. Jeffrey Marsden**

Dr. Marsden acknowledged the following 2022 Retirees in attendance and presented them each with a plaque acknowledging their contributions and years of service to the Medfield Public Schools:

- Luanne Galt - 23 years of service, High School Math Teacher
- Nancy Giammarco -13 years of service, Special Education Elementary Team Leader
- Seth Hellerstein - 23 years of service, Middle School English Teacher
- Carol O'Connor-Fischer - 20 years of service, Kindergarten Teacher Assistant
- Laura Singer – 32 years of service, Memorial School, Reading Specialist
- Thomas Quayle – 24 years of service, District Maintenance

The following employees were also recognized by Dr. Marsden but were not in attendance:

- Maria Hutsick - 15 years of service, Athletic Trainer
- Ross Irwin - 30 years of service, High School Math Teacher
- Heidi Oppel - 24 years of service, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher Assistant

**Luisa Brooke/Deeya Yadapadithaya Senior Project (Tabled until 6/16/2022)**

**End of Year Updates MCPE - presented by MCPE CO-Presidents Liz Brothers & Liz Whichter**

The MCPE raises money through a series of community-based events and activities, and then gives that money back to the schools through grants requested by teachers, staff and administrators. MCPE has funded a wide range of programs and initiatives such as public speakers, curriculum tools, digital innovations, and facility enhancements, among others. The goal for this year was to return to normal programming as much as possible after a year of holding mostly virtual events. MCPE's purpose is to fundraise and to fund grants that bring unique, innovative, and enriching ideas to our schools. Ms. Brothers and Ms. Whichter shared the following MCPE fundraising initiatives from the 2021-2022 school year:

- MCPE Photobooth at Medfield Day
- Annual Fundraiser Event - Fall-Fest 2021 German-American Club in Walpole
- Virtual Wreath Making Class
- 15th Annual Spelling Bee - March 2022
- Blue Ribbon Campaign

This year, thanks to the efforts of the MCPE members, community, and our corporate sponsor MCPE raised \$60,000 and awarded over \$40,000 in grants across the district. This year's grants enhanced the education of students in Pre-K through 12 classrooms as follows:

- A science field trip to study local ecology for the Blake middle school students
- A visiting Science and Engineering team taught our Dale Street students
- Phase 2 of M.A.T.H.S. training at the Blake Middle School
- New supplies for the Third Grade Day at Rocky Woods
- Sensory Path for the Wheelock hallways
- A hip hop assembly at Dale that infused diversity and arts
- Every classroom at Wheelock has plenty of sensory tools to promote regulation, improve focus, and increase participation
- Bathrooms at Blake were updated with sanitary dispensers that promote positive body image and hygiene
- New water bottle filling dispenser at the Blake Middle School

Ms. Brothers and Ms. Whichter, on behalf of the entire MCPE board, thanked the teachers, administrators, staff, corporate sponsors, and the community for allowing the MCPE to continue their mission to raise money and grant money in support of the schools.. They shared their excitement for the year ahead and asked the Committee to save the date for next year's Fall Ball which has been scheduled for November 5, 2022.

The Committee thanked the MCPE members for their creativity and hard work during the pandemic, and their investment in helping the community return to its loved traditions like the Spelling Bee and Fall Ball which have benefits beyond the significant funds they raise for our schools.

## **Medfield State Hospital Redevelopment Committee Presentation**

The following people were in attendance on behalf of the Medfield State Hospital Redevelopment Committee (MSHRC)

- Todd Trehubenko Chair, MSHRC and Johnny Martinez, MSHRC Committee Member
- James Keefe and Amanda Alberda from Trinity Financial
- Mark Fougere from Fougere Planning and Development

Todd Trehubenko gave a brief overview of how the MSHRC was developed and explained the timeline to this point in time. He explained that this Committee was appointed by the Selectmen and charged with discovering if the Town's Medfield State Hospital Master Plan was viable in today's real estate market and how to implement and execute that plan. After initial non-binding outreach and research on developers the MSHRC issued a formal RFP in April of 2021 with a deadline for submission of August 2, 2021 to receive bids. The MSHRC received two proposals and chose Trinity Financial because it was the most responsive proposal received. Trinity is also known for their expertise in historic preservation.

Trinity Financial made a presentation to the School Committee on their proposal which is scheduled to be voted on at a Special Town Meeting on June 21, 2022:

- Redevelopment Goals
- Proposal Program - Updated May 2022
- Site Plan
- Due Diligence Update
- Project Schedule
- Fiscal Impact: Schools
  - School Department
  - Enrollment Trends
  - School Children Estimation
  - Grade Distribution
  - Cost Methodology
  - Transportation Cost
  - Special Education Cost
  - Teacher Aid Cost

Marc Fougere from Fougere Planning and Development presented his Fiscal Impact Report to the Committee. The report looks at what type of revenue can come out of the project and what the impact would be to various town departments concentrating on the police, fire and school departments.

The Committee shared feedback to the MSHRC, Trinity Financial and Fougere Planning and Development. In general the Committee discussed the less easily estimated impacts on the district and student enrollment, and shared concerns about the impact of the Trinity project along with other projects currently in development. These concerns include:

- The potential increase of student enrollment on current space crisis in the schools at the elementary level.
- The impact on the District's revenue and future ability to offer full time kindergarten to all, and potential universal Pre-K mandates. transportation - need for additional school buses and expansion of current geographic reach.
- How variations on the opening of the units could affect services .

- Concerns about having a Special Town Meeting in June with a reduced quorum which seems fast tracked especially since the peer review was only just received.
- Increase of three bedroom units which could greatly increase student enrollment in the schools
- How does the district fold a larger population into our schools in a fiscally responsible way while maintaining the level of quality that is an expectation within the community
- Dr. Marsden questioned some of the numbers used in the Master Reuse Plan from 2017. It wasn't clear where the numbers were pulled from. The data used to develop the original school impact estimates in the Master Reuse Plan were not cited within the document so it is difficult to compare those assumptions to 2022 circumstances as well as to project those figures accurately into the future. Overall concern for the taxpayers - potential for future overrides.

Tax revenue from the project goes to the Town without a guarantee of earmarking a share to the school budget. The Committee asked if Trinity and the Development Committee have considered any other community aid, including Local impact agreements in addition to the 1 million dollar grant to the Belleforge/CAM project. Mr. Keefe reported that the grant to the Belleforge/CAM project was a calculated unsolicited business decision made to make sure that a property that could potentially become a liability to the project if not completed had the funding needed to make necessary repairs and become a viable institution. The proposal also mitigates the Town's liability for mitigation of the hazardous materials within the buildings which would be an issue whether Trinity was to pursue the project or not, and would also prepare the site by making investments in infrastructure that are beyond the town's ability to provide.

The Committee thanked Mr. Trebanko, Ms. Alberda and Mr. Keefe for their candor and good humor throughout an important and intense discussion.

**Ms. Jessica Reilly opened the meeting to public comment on the Medfield State Hospital Redevelopment Committee Presentation.**

Nathan Bazinet, 30 Oriole Road, shared his feedback with the Committee. He shared that it is difficult to be excited about this project due to the fact that many of the proponents of this project were the opponents of the new elementary school project coupled with the fact that the special town meeting is being held on the last day of school with a reduced quorum.

**End of Year Updates K-8 PTO - presented by K-8 PTO President Nicole Drummond (Agenda Out of Order)**

K-8 PTO President Nicole Drummond presented her end of year update with the Committee. She explained the PTO had reassessed some of their initiatives and made adjustments to better serve and meet the needs of families in the schools. Ms. Drummond informed the Committee that the PTO has doubled the money that has been raised in any prior K-8 year of fundraising.

Ms. Drummond highlighted the following K-8 PTO fundraising initiatives and events from the 2021-2022 school year:

- The Winter Carnival has been replaced with the following two fundraising events:
  - K-3 online auction - \$17,000 raised
  - K-5 fun run called the Rainbow Run - raised \$90,000
  - Additional \$32,000 raised through K-8 dues, textile bins and spiritwear

- Every Story Matters Book Drive at the Memorial School
- \$10,000 donation to the new Memorial Playground from the Memorial PTO Classes of 2033 and 2034
- Holiday Shop at Wheelock- raised \$5,000
- Ice Cream Social at Wheelock - over 900 attendees
- Variety Show at Wheelock
- Food Drive at Dale Street for the Medfield Food Cupboard
- Funded countless grants for the elementary schools
- Safe Learning Grant to support gender diverse students - Blake Middle School
- Feminine Products at Blake Middle School
- Teacher Appreciation Events at Memorial, Wheelock, Dale and Blake

Ms. Drummond thanked all of the volunteers who contributed to make all these events possible. She also acknowledged Nessie McCabe, Kelly Scobbo, and Jodi Bills for their efforts to make all of this year's events successful and possible.

The Committee thanked Ms. Drummond and the members of the K-8 PTO for their enormous efforts to provide financial support as well as social opportunities for our students, staff and families.

**MHS Student Activity Awards for 2022 Graduates - Vote - presented by Dr. Jeffrey Marsden**

Dr. Marsden asked the Committee to approve the following MHS Student Activity Awards for 2022 Graduates

- 1 David E. Medeiros Theater Society Memorial Award @ \$ 1000.00
- 1 MHS Theatre Society Award of Distinction @ \$ 1000.00
- 3 MHS Theatre Society Awards @ 500.00 each for a total of \$1500.00
- 2 Student Council Awards @ \$250.00 each
- 2 Unsung Leader Awards @ \$250.00 each
- 14 NHS Awards @ \$200.00 each for a total of \$ 2800.00
- 6 NHS Awards @ \$350.00 each for a total of \$ 2100.00

A motion was made by Mr. Leo Brehm, seconded by Ms. Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke to approve MHS Student Activity Awards for 2022 Graduates as presented by Dr. Marsden.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**Donations (Agenda Out of Order) - Vote - presented by Dr. Jeffrey Marsden**

Dr. Marsden asked the Committee to approve \$2000.00 to the MHS Gift Account from the Senior Project Go Fund Me for the Aunt Flow dispensers.

A motion was made by Mr. Leo Brehm, seconded by Ms. Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke to approve the donation as presented by Dr. Marsden.

**The motion passed unanimously**

**MHS Student Activity Sub Account - Vote - presented by Dr. Jeffrey Marsden**

Dr. Marsden asked the Committee to approve a MHS Student Activity Sub-Account for the DECA program to open and maintain a school store.

A motion was made by Ms. Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke, seconded by Ms. Michelle Kirkby to approve a MHS Student Activity Sub-Account for the DECA program to open and maintain a school store.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**Other items since posting on June 6, 2022 - None**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**FY23 Budget Update - presented by Dr. Jeffrey Marsden**

There were no updates at this time.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

There were no informational items at this time.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (anticipated schedule)**

- MASC School Committee Roles Responsibilities
- End of Year Updates SEPAC/MM/ HS PTO
- Agenda/Meeting Planning - Mr. Timothy Knight

**Next Meeting – June 16, 2022**

A motion was by Mr. Leo Brehm, seconded by Ms. Michelle Kirkby to adjourn the meeting.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

#### **EXHIBITS AND DOCUMENTS**

- 6/8/2022 Meeting Narrative
- DRAFT 5/19/2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Medfield Public Schools - June 2022 Retirees
- Student Activity Senior Awards 2022
- MHS Student Activity SubAccount
- Donations 6/8/2022
- 6/8/2022 Trinity MSH Presentation School Committee
- Fougere Planning & Development Report
- Memorandum on Fiscal Impact Analysis from Karl F. Seidman Consulting Services
- NESDEC Letter
- School Committee Response MSHRC 9/3/21
- School Committee Meeting Video: [School Committee \(06-08-2022\)](#)

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Moores  
Secretary

**Minutes Approved by School Committee: June 16, 2022**