

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #38 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Maranacook Community High School – April 5, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Chair Terri Watson, Vice Chair Melissa O’Neal, Wendy Brotherlin, Jon Caron, Kelly Crotteau, Joan Farrar, Malcolm Hardy, Betty Morrell, Shawn Roderick, Trish Jackson, Adam Woodford

Members Excused: Gary Carr, Lucas Rumler

Student Reps: Andrea Harmon, Molly Searway

Administrators: Superintendent Donna Wolfrom, Principals Jeff Boston, Dwayne Conway, Janet Delmar, and Rick Hogan, Assistant Principal Kristen Levesque, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Technology Director Diane MacGregor, Finance Manager Brigette Williams, Adult Education Director Steve Vose

1. Call to order: Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Recognition: Maranacook Community High School Boys and Girls Nordic Team – Class B State Champions
Team members and coaches of the High School Boys and Girls Nordic Teams were recognized for their accomplishment of Class B State Champions. Other State Champions for individual races were recognized: Nathan Delmar, State Slalom Champion, Laura Parent State Classic Ski Champion, and Zach Holman State Classic Ski Champion.
3. Student Representatives Reports
Middle School Representative Andrea Harmon reported on recent fundraising events at the middle school.
High School Representative Molly Searway reported that students returned from the GAPP trip on Saturday and updated the board on recent fundraisers, including a Blood Drive on April 25. Upcoming events include the Prom on April 29; Physics projects begin on Thursday; spring sports are underway; AAPPL testing will take place the week following April vacation; and reported on upcoming field trips.
4. Citizens’ Comments: none
5. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda by Board and/or Superintendent: none
6. Action/Discussion/Informational Items:
 - a. Approval of Minutes of March 29, 2017
MOTION by Morrell, second by Hardy to approve the Minutes of March 29, 2017.
Motion Carried: 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Jackson)
 - b. Appointment of First Probationary Contract Teacher – Julie Eva, Math Interventionist
MOTION by Morrell, second by Hardy to appoint Julie Eva to a first probationary contract.
Motion Carried: unanimous
 - c. Acceptance of teacher resignation effective April 14, 2017 – Christy Owens, MVES
MOTION by Morrell, second by Hardy to accept the resignation of Christy Owens.
Motion Carried: unanimous
 - d. Acceptance of teacher resignation effective May 1, 2017 – Laura Reville, RES
MOTION by Morrell, second by Hardy to accept the resignation of Laura Reville.
Motion Carried: unanimous
 - e. Consideration of revisions to the Support System Handbook

Superintendent Wolfrom reported the Teacher Recertification Committee has submitted revisions to the Teacher Recertification Plan for RSU #38 (in packet). Leslie Boyce, Chairperson of the Teacher Recertification Committee is present to answer any questions.

MOTION by Morrell, second by Hardy to accept the changes to the certification handbook as presented. **Motion carried:** unanimous

f. Consideration of Out-of-State and Out-of-Country Travel, Spain, March 8-16, 2018

MOTION by Morrell, second by Roderick to approve the out-of-country travel to Spain, March 8-16, 2018.

Discussion followed. Trish Jackson spoke about her concerns about foreign travel trips and how she asked that staff look at alternatives so that the trips are reasonably acceptable to all students; she does not believe the cost of this trip is easily accessible for students.

Discussion ensued about the differences between travel trips and exchange trips (GAPP). Students Quinn Galletta and Molly Searway spoke about their experience in the previous travel trip to Spain and the lifelong skills they learned. They also addressed the concern that was raised about the planning of the trip during class time. Quinn commented that otherwise than sharing some of the photos after they returned from the trip, that planning for the trip is done outside of class time.

Teacher Kelly Frey addressed the concern about the cost of the trip. She appreciates the issue about money. The GAPP exchange trip is funded in part through the German government, there is an entire network that works to put an exchange like this together. The Spain travel trip does not have this backing. She wants this to be a safe trip and wants a travel company behind them. This will be Ms. Frey's 11th trip. In 2014 she was able to reduce the cost of the trip by \$1,000 by changing travel company.

MOTION to close debate by Caron, second by Roderick.

Motion Carried: 10 in favor, 1 opposed (Hardy).

Chair Watson called for a vote on the motion to approve the out-of-country trip to Spain.

Motion Carried: 10 in favor, 1 opposed (Jackson)

Adam Woodford asked if there were other districts that provided opportunities for exchange programs to Spain; he encouraged staff to look into providing the same opportunity as the GAPP program offers.

Mac Hardy asked if this discussion could be put on a future agenda earlier in the year. The debate is good and a discussion earlier in year would give the Board time to work through the process to come up with alternatives.

g. Consideration of 2017-2018 School Calendar

MOTION by Morrell, second by Hardy to approve the school calendar for 2017-2018 as presented. **Motion Carried:** unanimous

h. Request from John Harker, citizen of Mt. Vernon

Superintendent Wolfrom noted that the district's Wellness policy is in Board folders. She reported that the Wellness Policy was carefully crafted to follow state law, and was reviewed by the RSU 38 Wellness committee, made up of district teachers, including health and PE teachers, administrators, food services director Jeff Bridges, guidance counselors, and led by Health Center Director Becca Reynolds. The Wellness Policy states that the Board shall appoint a district-wide School Health Leadership Council led by one or more school administrators who have the authority and responsibility to develop, update, and review the policy. The SHLC serves as an advisory committee in regard to student wellness issues and is responsible for making recommendations related to the wellness policy, wellness goals, administrative or school regulations and practice, or raising awareness of student health issues. Superintendent Wolfrom's recommendation to the Board regarding Mr. Harker's

request is that the request be forwarded to the SHLC for consideration, since the addressing of this request and further recommendations based on this request is the function of the Council.

MOTION by Morrell, second by Hardy to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation as presented.

John Harker addressed the Board. He commented that what the Superintendent is recommending is ok, but he encouraged the Board to think about a bigger vision for school nutrition and school nutrition curriculum in the District. He distributed a list of supporters of LD 809, An Act to Address Student Hunger with a “Breakfast After the Bell” Program. Mr. Harker reviewed his ideas for a plan of action as outlined in his letter to the Board.

Discussion followed.

Motion Carried: unanimous.

i. Acceptance of donations

MOTION by Morrell, second by Hardy to accept the donations as outlined in the board packet.

Motion Carried: unanimous

j. Policy Second Readings: IHBB, Educational Program for the Gifted and Talented; ILA, Student Assessment/Local Assessment System

Superintendent Wolfrom reported that the Policy Committee met on March 22nd and reviewed Policies IHBB and ILA. No additional comments were submitted for review. The Policy Committee recommends adoption of both policies as presented.

MOTION by Morrell, second by Hardy to adopt Policy IHBB, Educational Program for the Gifted and Talented as presented. **Motion Carried:** unanimous

MOTION by Morrell, second by Hardy to adopt Policy ILA, Student Assessment as presented.

Motion Carried: unanimous

k. Policy First Readings: JEA, Compulsory Attendance; JECA (MSMA JFAA), Admission of Resident Students; JECB, Admission of Nonresident Students (MSMA JFAB); JIC, Student Discipline (MSMA JK); JLCEA, Automated External Defibrillator in School Setting (MSMA EBCF)

Superintendent Wolfrom reviewed the process that the Policy Committee took in reviewing the above policies. Each policy was reviewed along with the MSMA sample policies. In each instance the Committee agreed to recommend the MSMA sample policies for first reading. This includes Policy Code changes to match the National School Boards Association policy code system. Any comments and/or questions regarding these policies should be submitted to Donna Foster or Donna Wolfrom prior to the next meeting on April 24, 6:00 p.m. at the Superintendent’s Office.

l. Policy Removal, First Reading: JFAB, Tuition Students

The Policy Committee is recommending removal of Policy JFAB, Tuition Students. Tuition students are addressed in the above revised Policy JFAB, Admission of Nonresident Students. No action is required this evening.

7. Budget Workshop:

a. Updates

d. Citizens’ comments regarding budget

b. Deliberations, follow-up and decision making

e. Board discussion

c. Board questions

Superintendent Wolfrom reported that there is no new information to report regarding the health insurance rates or state subsidy; no changes have been made to the proposed budget. The Board reviewed 3 examples of a new warrant article to consider to add to the RSU #38 Warrant for the Annual Meeting should the district receive additional revenue from the state. These options were also discussed at two previous meetings. She asked the board to take action on a warrant article. There is a letter from the Readfield Select Board urging the School Board to adopt the warrant article that authorizes reduction in local tax assessments in the event of an increase in state funding for public schools.

MOTION by O'Neal, second by Hardy to adopt the article that authorizes reduction in local tax assessments in the event of an increase in state funding for public schools.

Motion Carried: unanimous.

Chair Watson asked if there were further questions about the proposed budget.

Adam Woodford asked about a plan regarding the maintenance jobs - is there a timeline when the Board can expect that? Superintendent Wolfrom responded that Mr. Morse is working on a 5-year plan, but that will not be completed before the Board votes on the budget next week.

When we start the bond process we will need to hire an architect who will assist in this plan.

Mr. Woodford asked for an overall plan for the maintenance equipment; not only for this budget year, but for the next several years. He asked for a specific time for the plan.

Superintendent Wolfrom responded that what is included in the budget is what Mr. Morse believes we need next year.

Chair Watson added the Board will be adopting a budget to take to Annual Meeting next week.

Chair Watson asked if there were any citizen comments regarding the budget.

8. Informational Items: (in board packet)

Reminder that the Proficiency Based Education Night is scheduled for April 13, 6:00 p.m. at the High School. The evening includes a discussion about the Habits of Work and how Maranacook will use it for proficiency based education. Lasagna dinner is also offered!

9. Adjournment: **MOTION** and second to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna H. Wolfrom, Superintendent/Secretary
D. Foster, Recorder