

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 38
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Maranacook Community High School Student Center
December 2, 2015
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Chair Terri Watson, Michael Apolito (arrived 6:35), Gary Carr, Pia Holmes, Jim Marr, Betty Morrell, Stefan Pakulski, Michele Pino, Shawn Roderick, Bonnie Simcock
Members Excused: Stephen Hayes, Trish Jackson, Vice Chair Melissa O'Neal
Administrators: Superintendent Donna Wolfrom, Principals Jeff Boston, Dwayne Conway, Janet Delmar, and Cathy Jacobs, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Nancy Harriman, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Finance Manager Brigette Williams, Adult Education Director Steve Vose
Student Reps: Robert McKee, Dana Reynolds, Molly Searway

1. Call to order: Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Presentation on Assessment Data

Nancy Harriman presented on the state (Smarter Balanced) and district (NWEA) testing results. She also reported on the new test the district is piloting, IReady, which was administered to grades 2 and 5 this fall. This test is adaptive and seems to be better aligned with the way we teach.

Discussion ensued regarding the discontinued state assessment test, Smarter Balanced. Since the state has discontinued the contract there is no true way to measure student progress with these test results. The state is in the process of negotiating a new contract with Measured Progress.

Superintendent Wolfrom added that although the state assessment is usually used to measure student progress, with the NWEA teachers can track individual student progress, and the common assessments will be the most useful. Teachers are also tracking which students are meeting each standard.

Discussion ensued as to the best way to show that our students are making progress? Every time a new test is administered you have new baseline data; the frustration the board is feeling is the same frustration that administrators across the state are feeling. Request was made for some kind of objective data. Superintendent Wolfrom responded that the best we have right now is the NWEA. Within each school teachers are also tracking students individually. The students are making progress; they are catching up with the new way of demonstrating their knowledge and the middle school has made huge gains.

The district Interventionists will be presenting at the next meeting.

3. Consent Agenda – Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2015

MOTION by Carr, second by Pakulski to approve the minutes of November 18, 2015 as presented. **Motion Carried:** unanimous

4. Student Representatives Reports

High School representative Molly Searway reported on recently completed activities at the high school, and that the winter sports are beginning this week.

Middle School representatives Robert McKee and Dana Reynolds report on the middle school activities and team projects. The new trimester has started.

5. Citizens' Comments: none
6. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda by Board and/or Superintendent: none
7. Action/Discussion/Informational Items:
 - a. Policy Second Readings: ACAA, Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students; ACAB, Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees; IE, Grade Placement; JLF, Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

MOTION by Pino, second by Holmes to approve Policy ACAA, Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students, as recommended by the Policy Committee. **Motion Carried:** unanimous

MOTION by Morrell, second by Simcock to approve Policy ACAB, Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees, as recommended by the Policy Committee. **Motion Carried:** unanimous

MOTION by Carr, second by Roderick to approve Policy IE, Grade Placement, as recommended by the Policy Committee. **Motion Carried:** unanimous

MOTION by Carr, second by Apolito to approve Policy JLF, Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect, as recommended by the Policy Committee. **Motion Carried:** unanimous
 - b. Policy First Reading: Removal of obsolete policy GBGA, Staff Members with HIV/AIDS

Superintendent Wolfrom reported this policy should have been removed several years ago; it is in violation of confidentiality laws. Any questions and comments should be sent to the Policy Committee.
 - c. Policy First Reading: IMDC, Observance of Religious Holidays; JJIBA, Hiring and Evaluation of Coaches (current policy GCFC)

Superintendent Wolfrom reported that these two policies are being reviewed by the Policy Committee as part of their review of older policies. District policies were reviewed along with the MSMA sample policies and changes were made as presented. Any questions, comments or suggestions should be sent to the Policy Committee for review before the next meeting on December 14.
8. Informational Items

Reports and committee minutes are included in the board packet under this section. Question was raised regarding the allotted time for parent/teacher conferences at the middle school. Superintendent Wolfrom will discuss this with Cathy Jacobs to see what can be done.
9. Executive Session to discuss pending legal matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E)

MOTION by Simcock, second by Marr to enter executive session to discuss pending legal matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E). **Motion Carried:** unanimous

The Board entered executive session at 7:33 and went back to public session at 8:15.
10. Adjournment: MOTION and second to adjourn the meeting at 8:15.

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