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REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 38  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Maranacook Community High School  
February 24, 2016, 6:30 p.m.  
Minutes of Meeting

Members Present: Chair Terri Watson, Michele Pino, Gary Carr, Shawn Roderick, Betty Morrell, Bonnie Simcock, Stefan Pakulski, Jim Marr, Stephen Hayes (arrived 7:18 p.m.)  
Members Excused: Michael Apolito, Trish Jackson, Pia Holmes, Melissa O'Neal  
Administrators: Superintendent Donna Wolfrom, Principals Jeff Boston, Janet Delmar, Cathy Jacobs, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Nancy Harriman, Adult and Community Education Director Steve Vose, Director of Special Education Ryan Meserve, Finance Manager Brigitte Williams, Technology Director Diane MacGregor, Director of Facilities and Transportation Paul Criss, Food Service Director Jeff Bridges, Health Center Director Rebecca Reynolds

1. Call to order: Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM
2. Recognitions: Maine State Championship in Public Forum Debate- Coach Amy Trunnell presented Seniors John Parent and Jacob Ide, Captains of Maranacook's Speech and Debate Team, who won the State Wide Championship title in Public Forum. The High School had 26 Speech and Debate members this year. Bob Ingalls won Judge of Year. The Awesome Bears Society will be creating a banner to represent past and current winners. Angus King addressed the Students at the State Meet from Washington, D.C.
3. Consent Agenda: (5 min.)
  - a. Approval of Minutes of February 3, 2016  
**MOTION** by G. Carr second by J, Marr to accept the minutes of February 3, 2016 as presented.  
**Motion Carried:** 8 in favor, 0 opposed.
  - b. Acceptance of teacher resignations, Robin Wescott, HS Science  
**MOTION** by G. Carr, second by S. Roderick to accept the teacher resignation.  
**Motion Carried:** 8 in favor, 0 opposed.
4. Citizens' Comments: None
5. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda by Board and/or Superintendent: None
6. Action/Discussion/Information Items: None
7. Budget Workshop:
  - a. Updates since last workshop  
Gary Carr presented information from research he had done regarding the special education school nurse included in the budget for 2016-2017. The information was given to Donna Wolfrom.

Donna Wolfrom mentioned that she spoke with Representative Hickman in reference to school funding for 2016-2017. She strongly encouraged everyone to reach out to their legislators to discuss the concern.

Diane MacGregor researched the Chrome Book for the elementary school teacher replacements. The findings reveal it is not a recommendation. Information is in the packet.

b. Co and Extra Curricular: Al MacGregor presented the 2016-2017 budget giving an overview of this year's activities and student participation at the Middle School and High School, along with information on which activities require a student activity payment. Participation has increased at the Middle School this fall, 178 athletes which represents 1/3 of the students. 36 student enrolled in middle school in winter sports. Reminder that many 6 graders are not allowed to play certain sports. High school had a total of 261 fall and winter students enrolled sports. The budget shows a \$17,000 increase. Part of this increase is due to the research done in a middle school survey and resulting in three new activities (robotics, archery, and volleyball). There is also additional cost in the transportation accounts due to the increase of enrolled students.

c. Operations and Maintenance: Paul Criss reviewed the summary of maintenance projects for 2016-2017. Some of the major projects for next year are a major roof project at Readfield Elementary School, a large roof project at Manchester Elementary School, sidewalk repairs at Mt. Vernon Elementary School, dugout and tennis court repairs at Maranacook High School, among other things.

All items will be contracted out and they will use the bid process as required by policies.

A request is being made to increase a part time person to full time to help with small district wide repairs and substituting.

d. Transportation: Paul Criss reviewed the transportation budget stating the district applied with the State of Maine for two buses, but we were only approved for one.

e. Miscellaneous cost Centers/ Accounts (Adult Ed Education, Food Services, Health, Professional Development/ Curriculum/Assessment, Other Regular Education Services, Systems Administration, Debt Service)

Adult Ed: Steve Vose reviewed the Adult Ed Program, staffing, and the proposed budget. Adult Ed is separate from the RSU 38 Budget and will be a separate Warrant. 80% retention with the program for students. \$13,000 decrease due to the trend of lower enrollment.

Food Service: Jeff Bridges reviewed the Food Service, both the Local Support included in the General Fund budget and also the Operating Budget. Operating Budget is up due to negotiated salary and benefits and repair costs.

Health Center: Rebecca Reynolds reviewed the Health Center services and funding request to set aside the additional funds raised in 2015-2016 into a reserve account to be used in the future if the State of Maine Grant is no longer available. A student addressed the board on the benefits of the Health Center.

District Professional Development/Curriculum/Assessment: Nancy Harriman reviewed these three budgets pointing out increases for teacher evaluation software, foreign language assessment, and additional days for summer curriculum work.

Other Regular Education Services: Donna Wolfrom reviewed how the additional day for a Board Certified Behavior Analyst that was new to the 2015-2016 budget has been used and that it is in the budget for 2016-2017.

System Administration: Donna Wolfrom reviewed the System Administration Budget (School Board, Superintendent's Office and Business Office). This budget contains three computers to replace six year old computers of staff.

Debt Service: Donna Wolfrom reviewed the debt service and lease purchase obligations for 2016-2017.

**MOTION** by M. Pino second by B. Simcock to put into a Health Center Reserve \$24,000 that was budgeted in 2015-2016 for future use.

**Motion Carried:** 9 in favor, 0 opposed

8. **MOTION** by B. Simcock second by G. Carr to enter executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(D).

**Motion Carried:** 9 in favor, 0 opposed

Came out of executive session at 8:40 p.m. No action taken.

9. Adjournment: **MOTION** and second to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna H. Wolfrom, Superintendent/Secretary  
K. Thompson/B. Williams, Records