

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #38 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Maranacook Community High School Student Center
March 23, 2016
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Chair Terri Watson, Vice Chair Melissa O’Neal, Gary Carr, Stephen Hayes, Trish Jackson, Jim Marr, Betty Morrell, Shawn Roderick (arrived 6:38)

Member Absent: Pia Holmes, Michele Pino, Bonnie Simcock, 2 vacant positions (1 Mt. Vernon, 1 Wayne)

Administrators: Superintendent Donna Wolfrom, Principals Jeff Boston, Dwayne Conway, Janet Delmar, and 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 Brigette Williams, Technology Director Diane MacGregor

1. Call to order: Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Recognition: Luca DeAngelis, Nordic Ski State Champion
The Board recognized Luca DeAngelis for his accomplishment of being named 2016 Nordic Ski State Champion as well as Coach DeAngelis.
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2016
 - b. Approval of overnight trip, Middle School Royal River Team, Chewonki Foundation, Wiscasset, ME, April 26-29, 2016
 - c. Approval of out-of-state travel, High School Alternative Education, Pinkham Notch, NH, May 11-13, 2016

MOTION by G.Carr second by B.Morrell to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.
Motion Carried: 7 in favor, 0 opposed
4. Citizens Comments: none
5. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda:

S. Hayes thanked staff for putting the list of staff and students instrumental in organizing the School Spirit Challenge together for the Board.

S.Hayes **MOTION** resolves the Board recognizes and thanks the listed staff and students for making the School Spirits Challenge a tremendous success, second by B.Morrell.

Request was made to also list the businesses that contributed and to find a separate way of recognizing them.

Motion Carried: 8 in favor, 0 opposed.
6. Action/Discussion/Informational Items: none
7. Budget Workshop:

Chair Terri Watson noted the board has copies of two letters she received from citizens regarding the participation fees at the Middle and High Schools. The budget currently lists a projected revenue of \$45,000 from the participation fees. The Board held a discussion about the history of how

the participation fees were instituted; how teams can either fundraise or have the families of the team members pay the fees. The process for applying for forgiveness of the fees was also discussed. At this time the Maranacook Education Foundation (MEF) has been giving the district money to handle the requests for assistance. They are approved by the Superintendent. No requests have been denied. Money has also been donated by the Awesome Bear Society (ABS) to help with the fees. There have been more requests this year for forgiveness of the fees, but this may be due to more people knowing that assistance is available.

T. Jackson stated her interest in equity for all students and charging a participation fee is not equitable for all; as a public institution we should not be charging students to participate in activities.

The board discussed the elimination of the late bus several years ago, which also creates a hardship for some students in participating in after school activities.

Chair Watson asked if there were other budget items the board would like to discuss.

No information has been received on health insurance rates.

School lunch prices will increase ten cents at each of the schools for FY17, which will bring us to the equity price that the federal government reimburses. The breakfast cost will remain the same.

Superintendent Wolfrom reported on a request about the levels of lead. Schools are required to test every 5 years; all our readings are below the rate required by law. The only school that uses a public water supply is Manchester. We will have the water at Manchester Elementary tested.

MaineCare lawsuit – B. Williams reported she is working on this with the auditors; they are hopeful it will be taken care of before the end of this fiscal year.

MOTION by S.Hayes, second by S.Roderick to eliminate the March 30th meeting (originally advertised as “if needed”). **Motion Carried:** unanimous

8. Adjournment: **MOTION** and second to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

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