

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #38 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Maranacook Community High School Student Center
November 2, 2016
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Chair Terri Watson, Wendy Brotherlin, Jon Caron, Gary Carr, Joan Farrar, Malcolm Hardy, Trish Jackson, Betty Morrell, Lucas Rumler

Members Absent: Vice Chair Melissa O’Neal, Kelly Crotteau, Jim Marr, Shawn Roderick

Student Reps: Andrea Harmon, Joseph Dupont

Administrators: Superintendent Donna Wolfrom, Principals Jeff Boston, Dwayne Conway, and Rick Hogan, Assistant Principal Kristen Levesque, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Nancy Harriman, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Finance Manager Brigette Williams, Technology Director Diane MacGregor, Adult and Community Education Director Steve Vose

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

Superintendent Wolfrom reported on the MEA Science data she received, noting that the Elementary and Middle Schools scores are all above the State average.

2. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2016
- b. Approval of overnight trip – Wayne Elementary School 4th and 5th Grades, University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center, May 15-16, 2016
- c. Acceptance of Middle School Teacher Resignation – Kimberly McKee

MOTION by Caron, second by Morrell to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried: unanimous

3. Student Representatives:

Middle School Student Representatives Joey Dupont and Andrea Harmon reported on the middle school mock election results, Make A Difference Week fundraising results, and the Moose Island Team’s recent field trip to the Challenger Learning Center and the Cole’s Transportation Museum.

4. Citizens’ Comments:

Chair Watson asked that members of the public present to comment on the Policy section on the agenda to offer their comments at this time. Comments are also accepted in writing by submitting them to the Superintendent’s Office prior to the November 21 Policy Committee meeting.

Michelle Woodford, commented on the draft Bullying Prevention policy. She asked the Board to consider rewording the second paragraph so that it addresses more than peer to peer mistreatment, adding wording to address staff and student forms of mistreatment. Other suggestions included language in terms of communication with parents; having the forms referred to in the policy be incorporated as part of the policy, so that everything is in one place; and asked when it is a personnel matter how will the district inform students’ parents whose children were witness to the bullying? She asked Board members to look at the policy as if it were their children.

Adam Woodford, added that he appreciates the communication from the middle and high school staffs. In regards to the Bullying Prevention policy, he asked that although there is a model policy from the state to consider, that the Board go above and beyond that. There is nothing in the policy to address if something happens in the classroom. Chair Watson noted the next policy committee meeting is tentatively

scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office. The Policy Committee will review the comments received this evening as well as other comments that are submitted.

5. Additions/Adjustments to agenda: none

6. Action/Discussion/Informational Items:

a. Report from attendees of the MSMA Fall Conference:

Joan Farrar served as the delegate as well as attended several clinics at the conference. Votes by the Delegate Authority followed the suggestions at the last meeting. An additional resolution was considered by the Delegate Authority that pertained to the continuation of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative. This resolution also passed. Betty Morrell and Trish Johnson reported on sessions they attended.

b. Policy First Readings: JICK, Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools; JICIA, Weapons, Violence and School Safety; IHBA, Individualized Education Programs (IEPs); IHBA, Referral and General Education Interventions; IHBAC, Child Find; JKF, Disciplinary Removal of Students With Disabilities

Superintendent Wolfrom reported the Policy Committee met on Monday, October 24 to review all the policies listed. The Committee also reviewed Policy BG, Policy Review, but did not make any revisions. Notation will be made that the policy was reviewed.

Policy JICK, Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools – in addition to the model policy from the Maine Department of Education, the committee reviewed the MSMA sample policy. Wording was added to address employees who violate the policy as well as a time frame for appealing the decision of the Superintendent or his/her designee. Reference to the negotiated agreements for the professional staff and support staff was also added.

The remainder of the policies listed for first reading were reviewed as the policy committee continues their review of older policies. The district's current policies were reviewed alongside the MSMA sample policies. The MSMA sample policies for JICIA, Weapons, Violence and School Safety; IHBA, Individualized Education Programs (IEPs); IHBA, Referral and General Education Interventions; IHBAC, Child Find; and JKF, Disciplinary Removal of Students With Disabilities were all recommended for First Readings as presented.

Additional comments regarding Policy JICK, Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools were submitted by the Board. They included suggestions to reword the introduction to the policy so that it goes beyond peer to peer, as the rest of the policy does. Page 3, IV. A. states "... employees who violate this policy may be subject ..." Why doesn't it state "will"? Typographical error was noted on page 6.

c. Appointment of First Probationary Contract Teacher, Middle School, Kelly Kenney

MOTION by Carr, second by Morrell to appoint Kelly Kenney to a first probationary teacher contract.

Motion Carried: unanimous

7. Informational Items:

Administrators responded to questions from Board members regarding their reports.

Chair Watson and Superintendent Wolfrom read statements in response to the Staff Association report that was included in the Board packet. Chair Watson referred the Board to an additional statement included in the Board folders from the High School Leadership Team. Leadership Team member and teacher, Connie Irland, spoke about the work that has been transpiring since the summer to address concerns at the high school level. Staff Association President and teacher, Jill Watson, responded to questions from the Board.

8. Adjournment: **MOTION** and second to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

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