

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 38
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Maranacook Community High School
October 7, 2015
Minutes of Meeting

Members Present: Chair Terri Watson, Michael Apolito, Gary Carr, Stephen Hayes, Pia Holmes, Trish Jackson, Stefan Pakulski, Shawn Roderick, Bonnie Simcock
Members Excused: Vice Chair Melissa O’Neal, Jim Marr, Michele Pino, (1 vacant position)
Administrators Present: Superintendent Donna Wolfrom, Principals Jeff Boston, Janet Delmar and Cathy Jacobs, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Nancy Harriman, Director of Special Education Ryan Meserve, Finance Manager Brigette Williams
Student Reps: Derek Kelley, Molly Searway, Robert McKee, Dana Reynolds

1. Call to order: Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2015
Chair Watson noted a correction to the minutes of September 16, 2015, on page 3, item 7a, paragraph 3, last sentence to read, “In the Smarter Balance assessments 40% of Maine students scored at proficient and above and 75% of RSU 38 Grade 3 students scored at proficient and above.”
MOTION by Simcock, second by Holmes to accepted the Minutes of September 16, 2015 as revised.
Motion Carried: unanimous.
Request was made to consider the remainder of the consent agenda items separately.
 - b. Approval of out-of-state travel, New York City (part of approved GAPP exchange trip), October 8-12, 2015
MOTION by Hayes, second by Simcock to approve Item b, as presented. Discussion regarding how the cost is being handled. Costs are covered by fundraising. **Motion Carried:** unanimous.
 - c. Approval of out-of-state travel, Boston, MA (college tours), November 5, 2015
MOTION by Hayes, second by Apolito approve Item c, as presented. **Motion Carried:** unanimous.
 - d. Acceptance of Teacher Resignation – Tracy Hollingsworth, HS Math Intervention
MOTION by Carr, second by Simcock to accept Item d, as presented. **Motion Carried:** unanimous.
 - e. Acceptance of Teacher Resignation – Anthony Lufkin, Elementary Art (PT)
MOTION by Carr, second by Apolito to accept Item e, as presented. **Motion Carried:** unanimous.
3. Student Representatives Reports
Chair Watkins welcomed Derek Kelly and Molly Searway as the high school student representatives and Robert McKee and Dana Reynolds as the middle school student representatives on the RSU 38 Board.
Molly Searway and Derek Kelly reported fundraising events, recent activities at the high school including Homecoming, Harvest Week and college fairs, Student Senate, and advisee day out.
Middle School representatives Robert McKee and Dana Reynolds reported on the team structure at the middle school providing an overview of each team’s projects for the trimester. It was also reported that there will be a Citizenship Naturalization Ceremony at the school on Friday, November 6th. This will be the first ceremony to be held in this area.
4. Citizens’ Comments: none
5. Additions/adjustments:

Michael Apolito requested an update regarding what the schools are doing in terms of concussion awareness. Superintendent Wolfrom will arrange for a presentation at a future meeting.

6. Action/Discussion/Informational Items

a. Maine School Management Association (MSMA) Fall Conference – October 22-23, 2015

Superintendent Wolfrom requested that board members interested in attending the conference to contact Donna Foster. Trish Jackson and Pia Holmes indicated their interest in attending the conference.

b. Vote to Nominate RSU 38 Board member to Maine School Boards Association (MSBA) Delegate Authority

MOTION by Hayes, second by Roderick to nominate Trish Jackson as the RSU 38 Delegate and Pia Holmes as the Alternate Delegate to the MSBA Delegate Authority. **Motion Carried:** unanimous.

c. Acceptance of security camera lease purchase bid

Superintendent Wolfrom reported that bids were received for the lease purchase agreement for the security cameras as outlined in item 6c. She recommends acceptance of the bid from Androscoggin Bank.

MOTION by Carr, second by Roderick to accept the bid for the security camera lease purchase as outlined in item 6c. **Motion Carried:** 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Simcock)

d. Approval of contract for school privileges between the Town of Fayette and RSU #38

Superintendent Wolfrom reported this a renewal of the Contract for School Privileges with the Fayette School Committee to accept tuition students from Fayette in grades 6-12.

MOTION by Simcock, second by Carr to renew the contract for school privileges with Fayette as outlined in item 6d.

Discussion followed pertaining to RSU 38's options if we reach a point where new staff would need to be hired to accept the additional students. Superintendent Wolfrom noted that we do have an option in the contract to refuse students. She also noted that any costs above and beyond the regular tuition for students with IEPs are paid by Fayette in addition to the regular tuition rate. The board requested the superintendent look into how the number of students from Fayette impact our classroom numbers at the middle and high schools.

Motion Carried: unanimous.

7. Informational report: (in packet)

Discussion ensued regarding the testing results from the Smarter Balance Assessment results from last spring and the concern that it will be a different test in the spring. Superintendent Wolfrom responded that the problem with using a new test so often is that we don't get to measure against our base line data. We don't know what these numbers mean; we do know that they are better than state average. They have assured us it will be in place by spring but we don't know at this time. She reminded the Board that our teachers assess student work in other ways and that will continue. Nancy Harriman will do a presentation on assessment data of the entire district at an upcoming meeting.

Request was made for information on class size at the elementary schools. Last spring during budget season there was concern about some of the elementary classes. Superintendent Wolfrom responded that she has been traveling around the elementary schools and everything is going very well. A class size chart will be prepared for the board.

8. Adjournment: **Motion** and second to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

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