

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #38 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Maranacook Community High School Student Center**  
**September 6, 2017**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

Members Present: Wendy Brotherlin, Jon Caron, Gary Carr, Cathy Jacob, Betty Morrell, Melissa O’Neal, Kaleb Pushard, Lucas Rumler, Thomas Sneed, David Twitchell, Adam Woodford, Alexander Wright  
Member Excused: Shawn Roderick  
Administrators: Superintendent Donna Wolfrom, Principals Jeff Boston, Dwayne Conway, Janet Delmar, and Rick Hogan, Assistant Principal Kristen Levesque, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Technology Director Diane MacGregor, Finance Manager Brigitte Williams, Adult Education Director Steve Vose, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Nancy Harriman, Literacy Coach Barbara Bourgoine

1. Call to order: Interim Chair O’Neal called the meeting to order at 6:30.
2. Workshop: School Board Orientation with Attorney Bruce Smith  
Attorney Bruce Smith, of Drummond Woodsum provided an overview of the Maine State Law as it pertains to School Boards. He reviewed the role and responsibility of school boards, reviewed school district policies pertaining specifically to school board members, and provided a review of the Freedom of Access Act.
3. Executive Session to consider labor contract discussion between the RSU #38 Board of Directors and the Maranacook Area Schools Teachers Association pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) (tentative) No new information to report at this time.
4. Nomination of Officers:
  - a. Nomination of Board Chair –  
Interim Chair O’Neal explained the process for nominating the Board Chair and Vice Chair. Votes will be taken on the nominations with simple majority winning, in the event of a tie the weighted vote process will be used.  
Melissa O’Neal nominated Betty Morrell as Chair, second by Jon Caron.  
Lucas Rumler nominated Gary Carr as Chair, second by Adam Woodford.  
Vote for Betty Morrell, 6 in favor  
Vote for Gary Carr, 6 in favor  
Weighted vote taken: Betty Morrell, 471.44; Gary Carr, 446.8.  
**Betty Morrell was elected Chairperson of the RSU #38 Board of Directors**
  - b. Nomination of Board Vice Chair  
Betty Morrell nominated Melissa O’Neal as Vice Chair; second by Cathy Jacobs  
Adam Woodford nominated Gary Carr as Vice Chair; second by Alexander Wright  
Vote for Melissa O’Neal, 4 in favor  
Vote for Gary Carr, 7 in favor  
**Gary Carr was elected as Vice Chairperson of the RSU #38 Board of Directors**
5. Citizens’ Comments: none
6. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda by Board and/or Superintendent: none
7. Action/Discussion/Informational Items:
  - a. Approval of Minutes of July 24, 2017  
**MOTION** by Carr, second by Caron to approve the Minutes of July 24, 2017 as presented.  
**Motion Carried:** 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Rumler)

- b. Ratification: Teacher resignations accepted during the summer  
**MOTION** by Carr to ratify the teacher resignations that were accepted during the summer with regret, second by Twitchell.  
**Motion Carried:** unanimous
  - c. Ratification: Teachers hired during the summer, in consultation with Board Chair/Vice Chair  
**MOTION** by Carr to ratify the hiring of the teachers, in consultation with the Board Chair as presented, second by Caron.  
Superintendent Wolfrom noted that there are some revised nomination sheets in the board folders. The principals were thanked for providing information on each of the new teachers in their reports.  
**Motion Carried:** unanimous
  - d. Acceptance of Donations  
**MOTION** by Carr to accept the donations as presented, second by Jacobs.  
**Motion Carried:** unanimous
  - e. Consideration of out-of-state travel – Speech & Debate National Tournament, Yale University, New Haven, CT  
**MOTION** by Carr to approve the out-of-state travel for the Speech & Debate National Tournament to Yale University as presented, second by Brotherlin.  
**Motion Carried:** 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Woodford)
  - f. Board Committee Assignments  
Chair Morrell asked Board members to submit their selections for committee work to Donna Foster.
8. Informational Items:  
Reports were provided in packet. Rick Hogan was thanked for including a review of professional development opportunities the middle school staff took part in over the summer.  
Question was asked regarding the hiring of teachers over the summer due to the high turnover of staff. Superintendent Wolfrom responded that it was a very busy summer but we did hire some great candidates. At this time there is one position to fill.
9. Executive Session to consider labor contract between the RSU #38 Board of Directors and the Maranacook Area Schools Support Staff Association pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)  
**MOTION** by Carr, second by Rumler to enter Executive Session to consider labor contract between the RSU #38 Board of Directors and the Maranacook Area Schools Support Staff Association pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) .  
**Motion Carried:** unanimous  
  
The Board entered Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and returned to public session at 7:55 p.m.
10. Action following Executive Session  
**MOTION** by Carr to approve the labor contract agreement between the RSU #38 Board of Directors and the Maranacook Area Schools Support Staff Association as presented.  
**Motion Carried:** unanimous
11. Adjournment: Motion and Second to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

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