

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #38 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Maranacook Community High School Student Center
September 7, 2016
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Chair Terri Watson, Wendy Brotherlin, Jon Caron, Gary Carr, Kelly Crotteau, Joan Farrar, Malcolm Hardy, Trish Jackson, Jim Marr, Betty Morrell, Shawn Roderick, Lucas Rumler

Member Excused: Vice Chair Melissa O'Neal

Student Representative: Abigail Despres

Administrators: Superintendent Donna Wolfrom, Principals Jeff Boston, Dwayne Conway, Janet Delmar, and Rick Hogan, Assistant Principal Kristen Levesque, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Nancy Harriman, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Adult and Community Education Director Steve Vose, 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. Welcome and Introductions of Board members and administrative staff.
3. Nomination of Officers:
 - a. Nomination of Board Chair

Nomination by B. Morrell to elect Terri Watson as RSU 38 Board Chair. Second by J. Caron.
No other nominations were brought forward.
Call of vote to appoint Terri Watson as Chairperson. 11 in favor, 0 opposed
 - b. Nomination for Board Vice Chair

Nomination by T. Watson to elect Melissa O'Neal as RSU 38 Board Vice Chair. Second by B. Morrell.
Discussion ensued regarding having two people from the same town representing the RSU Board.
S. Roderick arrived during the discussion.
Call of vote to appoint Melissa O'Neal as RSU 38 Board Vice Chair. 11 in favor, 1 opposed (Carr)
4. Presentation: Update on Dual Enrollment Courses and summer courses.

Principal Dwayne Conway and Assistant Principal Kristen Levesque presented on the dual enrollment programming at the high school, reporting that it is one of the most robust programs in the State. Over half of the students at Maranacook are involved in the program and 35 students were involved in the summer intensive course. They shared success stories with the Board. This programs reaches students who may otherwise not consider enrolling in college following high school. It gives many students the confidence they need to pursue a secondary education. The Gear Up grant is used when there are costs associated with some of the courses. Two students who graduated from Maranacook in June also graduated with their Associates Degree.
5. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2016
 - b. Ratification: Teacher resignations accepted during the summer
 - c. Ratification: Teachers hired during the summer, in consultation with Board Chair/Vice Chair

d. Acceptance of Donations

e. Approval of out-of-state travel, High School Debate Tournament

Request was made to remove Item c. from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION by B.Morrell to accept Items a, b, d, and e of the Consent Agenda as presented; second by J.Caron. **Motion Carried:** unanimous

MOTION by G.Carr to accept Item c of the Consent Agenda; second by B.Morrell.

Discussion ensued regarding the pending certifications noted in the report. Superintendent Wolfrom responded that the teachers with pending certification are due to a backlog at the Department of Education's Certification Office and they have the required courses for certification.

Motion Carried: unanimous

Notation was made of the generous donations from the Awesome Bear Society.

6. Student Representatives: (taken out of order)

7. Citizens' comments: none

8. Additions/adjustments: none

9. Action/Discussion/Informational Items:

a. Approval of changes in 2016-17 school calendar

Superintendent Wolfrom reported the school calendar was approved by the Board on March 16, 2016. Since then dates for the PSATs and SATs have come out and they conflict with the RSU 38 calendar. Revisions to the calendar are being requested as follows: remove the late start for the HS on October 19; this is the day that the PSATs will be administered; and change the April 5 early release day to April 12th, due to the testing day for the SATs.

MOTION by G.Carr to approve the changes to the 2016-17 school calendar as outlined in Item 9a; second by B.Morrell.

Motion Carried: unanimous

b. Board Committee Assignments

Superintendent Wolfrom asked board members to select 2 or 3 committees they have interest in serving on and submit their forms to Donna Foster by September 15th. She and Chair Watson will review the sheets and appoint members to the various committees in time for the September 21st meeting.

c. Review of RSU #38 Strategic Plan

Superintendent Wolfrom reported that this is the last year of the district's Strategic Plan. Work will soon begin on the new plan. It is important to note that this Plan was developed in 2012 and adopted by the school board in 2013. The Administrative Team reviewed the plan at their retreat this past summer and focused on the things that have not been completed. These items will be further reviewed and updated as the new plan is developed.

Chair Watson added that she foresees 2 additional ad hoc committees to be appointed this year; one for the strategic plan and one to review co-curricular costs.

d. Discussion – Referendum Question 2: Citizen Initiative

Chair Watson reported that she requested this item be added to the agenda to see if the board wants to take a stand, either in support or against question 2. Discussion ensued. No action was taken.

Student Representative Report (taken out of order)

High School Representative Abigail Despres reported she is student body co-vice president with Nathan Delmar. She reported on some of the projects they are planning for this year.

10. Informational Items:

Administrators responded to questions regarding the written reports. Request was made to have an update on the school repairs that were completed over the summer at an upcoming meeting.

11. Adjournment:

MOTION and second to adjourn 7:38 p.m.

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