

**Regular Meeting**  
**Regional School Unit No. 38**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Maranacook Community High School**  
**April 16, 2014**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

Members present: Chair David Greenham, Vice Chair Lynette Johnson, Michael Apolito, Russell Evans, Stephen Hayes, Jason Morgan, Melissa O’Neal, Marie Rodriguez, Bonnie Simcock, Richard Spencer, Jessica West

Members absent: David Guillemette (excused), Madeline Snow

Administrators: Superintendent Donna Wolfrom, Principals Jeff Boston, Dwayne Conway, and Cathy Jacobs, Finance Manager Brigitte Williams, Director of Curriculum, Assessment & Instruction Nancy Harriman, Technology Director Jan Kolenda, Literacy Integration Specialist Barbara Bourgoine, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Director of Adult and Community Education Steve Vose

1. Call to order: Chair Greenham called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. Consent Agenda:

Request was made to take item a. separately, items b., c., and d. together, and items e. and f. as separate items.

  - a. Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2014

**MOTION** by R.Evans, second by R.Spencer to approve the minutes of April 9, 2014 with one revision – page 3, paragraph 8, Lynette Johnson’s statement regarding the increase to tax payers, should read “Even though we have a 0% increase goal, there is still an increase to tax payers, especially for Wayne.”

**Motion Carried:** 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Hayes)
  - b. Appointment of third probationary contract teachers
  - c. Appointment of second probationary contract teachers
  - d. Approval of out-of-state travel, Mt. Vernon 5<sup>th</sup> grade class trip, Boston, MA, June 10, 2014

**MOTION** by M.O’Neal, second by R.Evans to approve items b., c., and d. of the Consent Agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried:** unanimous
  - e. Acceptance of teacher resignations

**MOTION** by M.O’Neal, second by J.West to accept teacher resignations as presented with regret and thanks for their service.

**Motion Carried:** unanimous
  - f. Approval of out-of-state travel, High School Speech/Debate Team, May, 2014

**MOTION** by L.Johnson, second by R.Evans to approve the out-of-state travel for the High School Speech/Debate Team as presented.

**Motion Carried:** unanimous

Request was made to invite the students to present at an upcoming meeting.
3. Citizens’ Comments: none
4. Additions/adjustments: none
5. Action/Discussion/Informational Items:
  - a. Report on NWEA and NECAP Tests

Nancy Harriman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment reported on the fall NECAP and winter NWEA assessment results.

Discussion followed.

R.Evans requested historical data so the Board can see how students are doing year by year.

B.Simcock requested information on the PSAT and SAT scores for this year.

S.Hayes asked if any of the results that staff are seeing show what's working, what's not, and how we can more effectively see what we need to do. N.Harriman responded that at the school level they look at the different groups of students and different strands. When the teachers look at these they can see what the students are having difficulty on and see how it is aligning.

D.Wolfrom added that the tests have changed as well as being more Common Core based, so they have become more rigorous. We are working toward having results that are higher than the norm, we have beefed up our RTI, we have identified students who need support, and have worked hard over the past year to improve our curriculum.

Suggestion was made to present multi-year data to see if groups of students have progressed.

R.Evans raised concern about the statement in the summary pertaining to students in the district scoring at or above state and national norms in math and reading on the NECAP and NWEA when there are groups performing below. People need to know if the students are struggling, they need to know why we are asking for RTI help in our schools and we need to fix it. The statement is wrong.

S.Hayes would like to see one other distribution of scores within each grade level; it would give us a better idea of what 45% actually means.

D. Greenham noted that all year the Board had several opportunities to hear great stories about the progress being made in our schools and we have invested a lot of energy. Regardless of these numbers he wonders if there is a way to do a better job of telling the story of what is behind these numbers; "here are the numbers and here is how we are working to make improvements".

Another presentation will be made at the end of the school year to include the spring testing data.

6. Budget Workshop

a. Updates

Superintendent Wolfrom reviewed the revised general fund school budget sheet, showing the proposed budget down \$110,011, which represents a -1% budget. To reach the goal set by the Board we would have to be \$150,000 down (Phoenix factor). The revenue sheet is showing revenues to the best of our knowledge at this point. The fifth draft budget shows the percentage local increase needed to support the proposed budget. The adult and community education budget is also provided, which needs to be voted on separately by the Board since it is not included in the general fund budget.

b. Deliberations, follow-up and decision making

Chair Greenham asked if there were any questions and/or comments from the board before voting.

None

c. Vote on 2014-2015 RSU 38 Budget

**MOTION** by S.Hayes that the Board recommend and forward to the district meeting the RSU #38 FY15 budget as most recently presented, seconded by M.O'Neal.

**Motion Carried:** unanimous.

d. Vote on 2014-2015 RSU 38 Adult Education Budget

**MOTION** by B.Simcock to recommend and move forward the Adult and Community Education Budget as presented, seconded by R.Evans.

**Motion Carried:** unanimous.

7. Adjournment: **MOTION** and second to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. **Motion Carried:** unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Donna H. Wolfrom, Superintendent/Secretary

Recorded by: D.Foster