

**Regular Meeting
Regional School Unit No. 38
Board of Directors
Maranacook Community High School
October 15, 2014**

Minutes of Meeting

Members present: Chair David Greenham, Vice Chair Melissa O’Neal, Michael Apolito, John Blouin, Gary Carr, Russell Evans, Steve Hayes, Bonnie Simcock, Terri Watson
Members absent: Ray Renner, Richard Spencer (excused), Madeline Snow, Cathy Wright
Administrators: Superintendent Donna Wolfrom, Principals Jeff Boston, Dwayne Conway, Janet Delmar and Cathy Jacobs, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Nancy Harriman, Finance Manager Brigitte Williams

1. Call to Order: Chair Greenham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Consent agenda: (Items voted on separately)
 - a. Approval of Minutes of October 1, 2014
MOTION by Carr, second by Watson to approve the Minutes of October 1, 2014 as presented.
Motion Carried: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained (Apolito, Evans)
S.Hayes arrived.
 - b. Acceptance of Donation
MOTION by Carr, second by Evans to accept the donation.
Motion Carried: Unanimous
3. Citizens Comments: none
4. Additions/Adjustments:
 - a. Walking Trail Dedication
Chair Greenham reported that there will be a dedication ceremony for the new Walking Trail on Saturday, October 25, 9:00 a.m. at the Superintendent’s Office.
5. Action/Discussion/Informational Items:
 - a. Approval of two (2) municipal lease/purchase agreements – Androscoggin Bank
Superintendent Wolfrom reported that the two municipal lease purchase agreements were included in the FY 15 budget for the purchase of two new buses. She recommends accepting the Finance Manager’s recommendation of the lease purchase agreements with Androscoggin Bank as outlined in the board packet.
MOTION by Watson, second by Evans to approve the two (2) municipal lease purchase agreements with Androscoggin Bank as presented.
Motion Carried: 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Simcock)
 - b. Approval of Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
Superintendent Wolfrom reported the school district Emergency Team has met with representatives of area fire and emergency teams as well as with the Kennebec Emergency Management Agency to develop this new comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and are

bringing the plan forward for the Board's approval. Members are welcome to look through the plan, but due to the confidential nature of the information contained in the plan copies are not being provided. Copies will be shared with all emergency agencies involved (State Policy, Kennebec County Sheriff's Office, Fire Departments in the four towns, Winthrop Ambulance Service, Kennebec Emergency Management Agency.

MOTION by Hayes, second by Evans to approve the RSU 38 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Motion Carried: unanimous

6. Workshop:

a. Discussion of MSBA Proposed Resolutions:

Chair Greenham reported the proposed resolutions that will be considered at the MSBA Delegate Assembly next week were included in the Board packet so the Board can review and vote on how they want the RSU 38 Delegate to vote. Richard Spencer was appointed as delegate, and Gary Carr was appointed as the alternate delegate, should Mr. Spencer be unable to attend. Each resolution will be discussed and voted on separately.

Resolution #1, Support for Common Core

MOTION by Hayes, second by Watson to support the resolution for Common Core.

Discussion followed. Members expressed concern with the rationale statement noting that it was emotionally laden. Concern was also raised with the second sentence of the resolution.

Amendment to Motion to support the first sentence of the resolution and instruct our delegate to offer an amendment at the meeting striking the second sentence. Amendment was seconded by Carr.

Further discussion ensued.

Amendment Failed: 1 in favor, 8 opposed (Greenham, O'Neal, Apolito, Blouin, Evans, Hayes, Simcock, Watson)

Original Motion Carried: 7 in favor, 2 opposed (Carr, Evans)

MOTION by Simcock that the board delegate voice the board's concern over the rationale statement, second by Evans.

Motion Carried: unanimous

Resolution #2, Local Control of Student Transfers

MOTION by Hayes that the Board oppose the resolution as currently drafted. Second by Simcock.

Discussion followed. Concern was raised about removing the appeal process. Everyone should have access to an appeal process.

Motion Carried: 7 in favor, 2 opposed (O'Neal, Simcock)

Resolution #3, Charter School Funding

MOTION by Hayes to support the resolution with some reservation with their proposed cure. Second by Carr.

Discussion followed in regards to the proposed cure for funding charter schools, and the concern that the resolution does not address how charter schools are not under the same mandate to adopt efficiency based diplomas as public schools.

Motion Failed: 4 in favor, 5 opposed (Apolito, Carr, Evans, Greenham, Simcock)

b. Update on Strategic Plan

Superintendent Wolfrom provided history on the adoption of the Strategic Plan. The Plan is based on four main goals that are explained starting on page 2 of the document. Each Administrative Team member has selected a portion of the plan to report out on.

Jeff Boston, Principal of Readfield and Wayne, and Janet Delmar, Principal of Manchester and Mt. Vernon highlighted Goal 1, Action Step 5a, Analyzing assessment data and grades to determine if students are performing successfully, and Action Step 5e, Creating a Response to Intervention System.

Barbara Bourgoine, Literacy Specialist reported on Goal 2 Rigorous Instructional Program, Outcome 2, increase percentage of students meeting grade level benchmarks in Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA).

Cathy Jacobs, Middle School Principal reported on Goal 2 Rigorous Instructional Program, Outcome 3, increase percentage of disadvantaged students who are Proficient and Proficient With Distinction on Maine Assessment, and Outcome 9, provide support services for general education students not meeting grade-level benchmarks.

Ryan Meserve, Special Education Director reported on Goal 2 Rigorous Instructional Program, Outcome 4, increase percentage of students with disabilities who are Proficient and Proficient With Distinction on Maine Assessment.

Nancy Harriman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, and Sarah Caban, Mathematics Specialist reported on Goal 2, Outcome 7, development and implementation of a clear and consistent curriculum along with a strong instructional program that will promote student achievement.

Dwayne Conway, High School Principal reported on Goal 2, Outcome 5a, explore credit recovery opportunities, and 5c, explore multiple pathways to a Maranacook diploma.

Diane MacGregor, Technology Director reported on Goal 3, schools as welcoming community centers.

Kate Taylor Human Resources Director reported on Goal 3, Outcome 2, a volunteer system that produces an increased number of trained volunteers.

Steve Vose, Adult Education Director reported on Goal 3, Outcome 4, provide quality educational and social opportunities for all ages.

Board members interested in reviewing the PowerPoint presentation on the RtI program presented by Jeff Boston should contact the superintendent's office.

Terri Watson talked about resurrecting the Chalkboard publication for next year. Bonnie Simcock will send the proposal she worked on to the board for review.

7. Adjournment: **MOTION** and second to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna H. Wolfrom, Superintendent/Secretary
Recorded by: D.Foster