

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #38 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Maranacook Community High School
January 2, 2019
Minutes of Meeting

Members Present: Chair Gary Carr, Vice Chair Wendy Brotherlin, Patty Gordon, Betty Morrell, Kaleb Pushard, Crystal Sullivan, Melissa Tobin, Adam Woodford, Alexander Wright
Member Absent: Cathy Jacobs, Scott Lyons, Shawn Roderick, David Twitchell
Student Reps: Esm'e Jamison, Malachi Vazquez-Carr, Ella Stevens
Administrators: Superintendent James Charette, Principals Dwayne Conway, Janet Delmar, Abbie Hartford, and Kristen Levesque, Assistant Principal Tina Brackley, Director of Curriculum, Assessment & Instruction Nancy Harriman, Technology Director Diane MacGregor, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Finance Manager Brigitte Williams

1. Call to order: Chair Carr called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Student Representatives' Reports:
Middle School student representatives Esm'e Jamison and Malachi Vazquez-Carr reported on the MS team projects, as well as other activities at the middle school.
High School student representative Ella Stevens reported that the work has started on the upcoming play, "She Kills Monsters", as well as other high school activities.
3. Citizens' comments: none
4. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda by Board and/or Superintendent: none
5. Action/Discussion/Informational Items:
 - a. Approval of Minutes of December 19, 2018
MOTION by Brotherlin, second by Wright to accept the minutes of December 19, 2018 as presented. **Motion Carried:** 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Sullivan)
 - b. Appointment of Student Services Director – Brant Remington
MOTION by Brotherlin, second by Wright to approve the appointment of Brant Remington as Student Services Director as recommended by the Superintendent.
Discussion followed.
Motion Carried: unanimous
 - c. Acceptance of donations
MOTION by Brotherlin, second by Morrell to accept the donations as presented.
Motion Carried: unanimous
 - d. Review of response letter to Winthrop School Board Chairperson
The Board reviewed the draft letter to be sent to the Community Advertiser in response to Winthrop School Board Chairperson Geyer's recent letter published December 15, 2018. Request was made to add a sentence to the third paragraph stating that at no time did RSU #38 say no to consider consolidation.
 - e. Policy First Readings: BCA, Board Member Code of Ethics; BEA, Board Use of Electronic Mail; GBIA, Staff Participation in Political Activities and School Board Election Campaigns (new policy); IHBAC, Child Find; IJND, School System Web Site/Web Pages
Superintendent Charette reported that all of these policies are recommended for first reading from the Policy Committee. BCA, BEA, IHBAC and IJND are revised policies. GBIA is a new

policy for Board consideration. Question was asked about the new policy GBIA – what is the background of why it was created? The policy was brought forward by Alex Wright. Mr. Wright explained that this policy keeps neutral grounds, the policy states that during school hours our employees shouldn't campaign one way or the other, it lists items to avoid; it doesn't inhibit any political teaching or instruction; it says that we take a firm stance in not being politically biased.

f. Fiscal Year 19 Budget Review/Goals

Superintendent Charette shared the budget goals for the last 4 years. The last 2 years the Board has kept the same goal, "Promoting student success in all areas, as we strive for academic excellence while maintaining fiscal responsibility." The Board agreed to continue with this goal while preparing for the FY20 school year.

6. Informational Items:

In additional to the reports included in the board packets, the principals and Director of Special Education highlighted items in their departments.

Superintendent Charette noted that Principals Conway and Levesque and Assistant Principal Brackley stepped up in covering athletic events in the absence of the Student Services Director.

Discussion was held regarding the proposal for including a SRO in next year's budget. Principal Levesque reported that the middle school staff voted to support making this a campus effort. Discussion was held regarding truancy throughout the district and what role the SRO would have in this area. Question was asked if having a SRO at the High School would redefine the role of the advisors. Principal Conway responded it would not redefine the advisors role, but it would support the advisors.

Discussion was held regarding a facilities issue at Manchester Elementary School which resulted in Mutual Aid being called. It was a faulty steam valve that caused the temperature in one of the classrooms to exceed 100 degrees. Curt Williams was able to make a modification to correct the problem until Siemen's could come in on Monday to do the repair.

Request was made to consider adjusting the draft budget workshop schedule so that the evening the Facilities and Maintenance budget is presented, there will not be so many other reports on the same night. Question was also asked when the SRO discussion will take place.

It was noted that the next Strategic Plan Advisory meeting will be January 24 at 4:00 p.m., not January 31 as noted on the agenda.

Question was asked about the progress on the alternative plan for snow days that Diane MacGregor reported on in December. D.MacGregor reported that she is working to schedule a meeting for January. She also reported about a "Maine Call" broadcast on this topic. She will share the link with the Board.

Chair Carr asked for someone to look into the insurance costs if high school students are allowed to take the CDL license course as reported in Steve Vose's report.

7. Adjournment: **MOTION** and second to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James Charette, Superintendent/Secretary
D. Foster, Recorder