

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #37
October 19, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of RSU/MSAD #37 was held at DW Merritt Elementary School, Addison, Maine, on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to consider and act upon the following items of business: (the meeting was a week early due to the MSSA/MSMA Supt/Board Fall Conference)

Board Members Present: Jeffery Beal, Ronald Kennedy, Brandi Lovejoy, Debra Murphy, Charles Peterson, Jr, Vance Pineo, Jr., Sarah Willson, and Mark Wright

Board Members Absent: Angela Alley, Everett Grant, Beth Harford, and Drusilla Ray,

Other persons present: Ronald Ramsay, Denise Vose, Lorna Greene, Susan Meserve, Lucille Willey, Maria White, Lori Mathews, Ron Green, Al Moore, Sr., Todd Emerson, Mary Moore, David Mathews, Susan Grant, Charemon Davis, Dawn Fickett, and other citizens

MINUTES

A. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

1. **The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Debra Murphy.** She noted that Chairman Grant is out of the country on business, and Alley and Hartford have been excused from the meeting.
2. **RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 REGULAR MEETING ACTION:** Motion by Vance Pineo, Jr., second by Ronald Kennedy, and voted (467-yes, 52-abstentions) to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2016 regular meeting as printed. (Lovejoy abstained as she was absent from that meeting.)
3. **RE: REPORT—SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Including Legislative Updates) INFORMATION:** Superintendent Ramsay reported that a Washington County District Leadership Day was held on September 29th to bring administrators/leaders from the County together. The Washington County Leadership Team hosted it. Four are planned throughout the year. He joined Grade 7 for a walk of the Baseline Road on October 3rd. Students were well behaved and the trip incorporated science and history into the day. October 11th had staff from around the county attending the Harvest of Ideas Workshop in Machias. It was a great day with some good sessions for staff. Next week is the annual Superintendents' Meeting and Fall Conference in Augusta. On November 8th, he will be at UMM meeting with the Board of Visitors since he is on the consulting board at the college now.
4. **RE: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS INFORMATION:**
 - Athletics/Student Activities—Mark Wright noted that the committee met last night to discuss the Jr. High Basketball program, and consensus was to keep teams in each of the home schools, just as we did last year.
 - Curriculum & Instruction—No meetings
 - Negotiations & Grievance—No meetings
 - Policy & By-laws—Vance Pineo, Jr., noted that the committee met on Monday to review a

revised bullying policy. A recommendation will be made later on the agenda pertaining to this.

- Facilities, Maintenance, Safety, & Transportation—no meetings

5. RE: REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INFORMATION: Superintendent Ramsay noted that we are ¼ of the way through the fiscal year, as of September 30th. Things look good with 83% of the budget still remaining.

6. RE: PRESENTATION OF AUDIT—CHAREMON DAVIS, RHR SMITH CO.

INFORMATION: Charemon Davis, our auditor from RHR Smith, Co., presented excerpts from the 2015-2016 financial statements to highlight the audit. She reported that the district has a sound, strong balance sheet with good cash/investment balances, and there are no concerns.

Charles Peterson, Jr. arrived at 7:15 p.m.

7. RE: ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS INCLUDING ESSA, G/T, AND PROFESSIONAL DEV.

INFORMATION: Administrators reported on the happenings in their schools. October has been busy with athletics, Safety Week, EdGE, and other events going on. Staff continue to work on Proficiency-based Education in the professional development arena. Title I staff are working with identified students in Math and Language skills. The Gifted/Talented Plan has been approved for the year.

8. RE: AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

ACTION: Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., second by Mark Wright, and voted (unanimously) to adjust the agenda to consider approval of three overnight trips for Gear Up, the Skippers' Program, and EdGE. They will be added as C-6, a, b, and c.

B. OLD BUSINESS

None

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. RE: Hiring Full-time Bus Driver

ACTION: Motion by Ronald Kennedy, second by Mark Wright, and voted (unanimously) to approve the hiring of Howard Mills, Jr., as full-time bus driver as recommended by the Superintendent.

2. RE: CONSIDERATION OF 1ST READING OF REVISED BULLYING POLICIES/PROCEDURES

ACTION: Motion by Vance Pineo, Jr., second by Mark Wright, and voted (unanimously) to approve the 1st reading of the revised bullying policies/procedures as presented.

3. RE: APPROVAL OF JR. HIGH BASKETBALL CONFIGURATION

ACTION: Motion by Mark Wright, second by Jeffery Beal, and voted (unanimously) to approve the Athletic Subcommittee's recommendation to leave the configuration the same as last year with teams at each of the home schools (DW Merritt, Harrington, and Milbridge).

4. RE: HIRING SUBSTITUTES

ACTION: Motion by Vance Pineo, Jr., second by Mark Wright, and voted (unanimously) to approve the hiring of the following substitutes as recommended by the Superintendent:

Sub Teachers—Darlene Falabella, Rebecca Fletcher, and Rikki Babcock

Sub Cook/custodian—Susan Guess

Sub Driver—Ashleigh Bickford

5. RE: APPROVAL TO CHANGE MARCH 17, 2017 WORKSHOP DAY TO MARCH 24, 2017

ACTION: Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr. second by Mark Wright, and voted (unanimously) to table this article, as the Superintendent explained that the presenter we wanted to have on March 24th is unable to come then.

6. RE: AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

a. Approval of Gear Up Trip to Boston for College Visits—Motion by Vance Pineo Jr., second by Mark Wright, and voted (unanimously) to approve the Gear Up trip to Boston November 3 & 4.

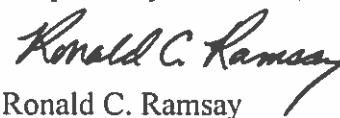
b. Approval of Skippers' Program trip to Camp Kieve—Motion by Vance Pineo, Jr., second by Charles Peterson, Jr., and voted (unanimously) to approve the Skippers' Program trip to Camp Kieve on November 6 & 7.

c. Approval of Overnight EdGE Trip—Motion by Jeffery Beal, second by Mark Wright, and voted (unanimously) to approve the EdGE overnight trip.

7. RE: ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., and voted (unanimously) to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald C. Ramsay
Secretary to the Board

MEETING SUMMARY—October 19, 2016

A. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

2. APPROVED the minutes of the 9/28/16 regular meetings;

8. APPROVED agenda adjustments—add C-6 a, b, c to approve overnight trips;

B. OLD BUSINESS

None

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. HIRED Howard Mills, Jr., as full-time bus driver;

2. APPROVED first reading of revised bullying policies/procedures JICK;

3. APPROVED leaving Jr. High Basketball configuration the same as last year;

4. HIRED subs—Teachers-Darlene Falabella, Rebecca Fletcher, Rikki Babcock; Cook/Custodian—Susan Guess; Driver—Ashleigh Bickford;

5. TABLED change to school calendar workshop day;

6a. APPROVED Gear Up overnight trip 11/3 & 4;

6b. APPROVED Skippers' Program overnight trip 11/6 & 7;

6c. APPROVED EdGE overnight trip