

## MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #37

July 26, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of RSU/MSAD #37 was held at Narraguagus Jr./Sr. High School, Harrington, Maine on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 to consider and act upon the following items of business:

**Board Members Present:** Jeffrey Beal, Everett Grant, Beth Hartford, Grace Kennedy, Ronald Kennedy, Gary Magby, Debra Murphy, Charles Peterson, Jr., and Vance Pineo, Jr.

**Board Members Absent:** Kelly Moores, Sarah Willson, and Mark Wright

**Other persons present:** Ronald Ramsay, Denise Vose, Lorna Greene, Maria White, Susan Meserve, John Daley, Lucille Willey, Lori Mathews, Al Moore, Sr., Mary Moore, Ron Green, Brittany Ray, Joseph Ray-Smith, and Dawn Fickett

### MINUTES

#### A. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

1. **The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Everett Grant.** He noted that Directors Willson and Wright were unable to attend the meeting tonight due to other obligations.
2. **RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. **June 28, 2017 Regular Meeting**
  - b. **July 12, 2017 Special Meeting**

**ACTION:** Motion by Vance Pineo, Jr., second by Gary Magby, and voted (729-yes; 108-abstentions) to approve the minutes of the June 28 and July 12, 2017 minutes as printed. (R. Kennedy abstained as he was absent from one of the meetings.)
3. **RE: REPORT—SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Including Legislative Updates)**

**INFORMATION:** Resignations have been received from Vanessa Costello, Harrington K Teacher, and Alfred Moore, Sr., bus driver.

Supt. Ramsay noted that the Education Budget was passed a few weeks ago at the State. He is pleased to share that we will receive about \$230,000 more in funding. There are strings attached. 50% of this amount has to be used to decrease taxation. This is good for our citizens, but the towns have already sent out tax bills. Our attorneys have indicated that we can hold the money in our undesignated fund until next year and use it to reduce taxes then.

Summer projects are underway. Work has started on the roof at Milbridge; the septic work in Harrington was on hold waiting for state approval, but work has begun now. The heating system study we had done has been disappointing in that we are still waiting for the written report to tell us what needs to be done to balance the systems in the schools.

Supt. Ramsay presented plaques to former board members, Michael W. Strout and Drusilla Ray, for their 16 and 17 years of service, respectively, and extended his appreciation and that of the board for their dedication and service during their time on the board.

Supt. Ramsay reported that the State Board of Education will be in-district on September 13<sup>th</sup> to hold its regular monthly meeting. Prior to the start of the meeting, members of that board will tour the school and visit with staff and students. The regular meeting will be conducted after that. The public is invited to attend.

**4. RE: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS  
INFORMATION:**

- Athletics/Student Activities—none
- Curriculum & Instruction—none
- Negotiations & Grievance—none
- Policy & By-laws—none
- Facilities, Maintenance, Safety, & Transportation—none

**5. RE: REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**INFORMATION:** Supt. Ramsay noted that June financial statements are not ready yet as the Business Office works to close out the year. Hopefully they will be ready for presentation at the August meeting.

**6. RE: ADMIN REPORTS INCLUDING ESSA, G/T, AND PROFESSIONAL DEV.**

**INFORMATION:** Lucille Willey reported that the custodians have been working hard to get Narraguagus ready for the new school year. The basketball teams have held summer camps and have participated in summer basketball. The staff continues to work on Proficiency Based Education. The timeline requires all 7-12 classes to follow the PBE guidelines. The district has partnered with the Maine Cohort for Customized Learning (MCCL), and will be using Empower Educate for PBE tracking. The Gear-Up Pilot program is still in the works, and a research study to increase post-secondary aspirations begins with this year's 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The program will be for all students, but the study will focus on the grade 7 cohort. EdGE is also a partner with this grant.

Maria White noted that the roof project at Milbridge is coming along nicely. Inside, custodians have done some painting, cleaning, and floor work. The Title 1 Summer School has had up to 14 students, and EdGE has held several weeks of summer camp.

Lorna Greene reported that DW Merritt is coming together well. It has been a busy summer with a lot of activity in the school. Several SAD #37 staff will attend a workshop in Machias on August 17<sup>th</sup> with the MCCL. A six-credit literacy class is being offered in district this school year, and we have 10 staff members signed up to participate. The ESEA Summer Program is going very well. We have about 25 students district-wide participating in this reading/math program.

Susan Meserve noted that the Summer Migrant Program began today at Harrington Elementary. Students begin on Monday. She attended a workshop today in Orono on the new certification system that the state is implementing. Riggs Rugs has been in her building replacing stair treads.

Denise Vose reported that the special education staff at DW Merritt have been participating in Behavioral Training.

**7. RE: AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

**ACTION:** Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., second by Debra Murphy, and voted (unanimously) to table agenda adjustments as there are none required.

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. RE: HIRING PHYSICAL SCIENCE TEACHER AT NARRAGUAGUS**

**ACTION:** Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., second by Bethany Hartford, and voted (unanimously) to table this article as the Superintendent indicated we are not prepared with a candidate at this time.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. RE: APPROVAL OF TREE PROGRAM (Transforming Rural Experience in Education) FOR MILBRIDGE ELEMENTARY FOR 2017-2018 (Presentation by Brittany Ray, CCLC)**

**ACTION:** Brittany Ray, TREE Director, presented information on the program and noted that Milbridge Elementary had been chosen as a pilot site for the coming school year, if the board approves. According to information she distributed, TREE is a program that seeks to create emotionally and socially supportive environments where all children can learn. The TREE process will involve Community Engagement, Meeting Basic Needs, Supporting Student Development, and Improving Instruction & Leadership. Supt. Ramsay noted his support for the program and asked the board for its support as well.

Motion by Bethany Hartford, second by Grace Kennedy, and voted (unanimously) to approve the TREE Program at Milbridge Elementary for 2017-2018.

**2. RE: APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF ESSA APPLICATION**

**ACTION:** Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., second by Gary Magby, and voted (unanimously) to approve submission of the ESSA Application for Title I/II funds. These grant funds are used for the Reading Recovery Program, Title I Ed Techs, and Title II Teacher Leaders. The district will receive a total of \$294,081 for 2017-2018.

**3. RE: APPROVAL TO LEASE OUT NARRAGUAGUS JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL FOR MIGRANT RAKERS' CENTER**

**ACTION:** Motion by Gary Magby, second by Debra Murphy, and voted (unanimously) to approve leasing out space at Narraguagus for the Migrant Rakers' Center.

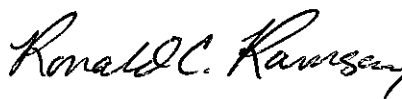
**4. RE: HIRING OF ED TECHS**

**ACTION:** Motion by Debra Murphy, second by Vance Pineo, Jr., and voted (unanimously) to hire Melissa Redimarker as an Ed Tech II at Harrington Elementary.

**5. RE: ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., and voted (unanimously) to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald C. Ramsay  
Secretary to the Board

MEETING SUMMARY, JULY 26, 2017

A. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

2. APPROVED minutes of the June 28 regular meeting and July 12 special meeting;
7. TABLED agenda adjustments;

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. TABLED hiring physical science teacher at Narraguagus;

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVED TREE program at Milbridge Elementary for 2017-2018;
2. APPROVED submission of ESSA application for grant funds;
3. APPROVED leasing space at Narraguagus for Rakers' Center;
4. HIRED Melissa Redimarker as Ed Tech II at Harrington.