

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #37**

**August 30, 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, August 30, 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, Kelly Moores, Debra Murphy, Charles Peterson, Jr., Vance Pineo, Jr., Sarah Willson, and Mark Wright

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Other persons present:** Ronald Ramsay, Denise Vose, Lorna Greene, Maria White, Susan Meserve, Lucille Willey, Lori Mathews, David Mathews, Al Moore, Sr., Mary Moore, Ron Green, and Dawn Fickett

**MINUTES**

**A. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS**

**1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Everett Grant.**

**2. RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. July 26, 2017 Regular Meeting**

**b. August 14, 2017 Special Meeting**

**ACTION:** Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., second by Debra Murphy, and voted (unanimously) to approve the minutes of July 26 and August 14 as presented.

**3. RE: REPORT—SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Including Legislative Updates)**

**INFORMATION:** Supt. Ramsay noted that he has received resignations from Melissa Tenney, Special Ed Teacher at NHS; Marleina Ford, Music Teacher; and Laura Thomas, ESL Teacher. We are working like crazy to get positions filled due to late resignations. Teachers, ed techs, and administrators gathered at Narraguagus today for the opening workshop of the year with training by NAMI on how to recognize mental health issues in students. All staff will attend tomorrow's workshop. The septic system at Harrington is finished! The roof at Milbridge is almost complete except for snow guards. County Concrete did patch paving today at the high school and it looks good. The State Board of Education moved its meeting here to October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**4. RE: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**INFORMATION:**

- Athletics/Student Activities—Debra Murphy noted that this committee met earlier this evening and has a couple of recommendations later on the agenda. A meeting will be scheduled soon to look at revisions to the high school's Athletic Policy.
- Curriculum & Instruction—none
- Negotiations & Grievance—none
- Policy & By-laws—none
- Facilities, Maintenance, Safety, & Transportation—none

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

**INFORMATION:** Supt. Ramsay reported that the June 30, 2017 statements show the district was \$68,679 under what we expected for revenues. We had \$451,685 of our budget remaining, which goes to undesignated fund balance and gets used to fund the balance forward for the 2017-2018 budget. The \$800,000 showing as Balance Forward for 2016-2017 represents the \$500,000 for local expenditures and \$300,000 for the capital reserve fund transfer.

The July 2017 statement shows that we are right where we normally are at this time of year.

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

**INFORMATION:** Principals reported that schools are ready to go on Tuesday. Custodians have done a great job getting the buildings ready. Everyone is looking forward to the new year.

**7. RE: AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

**ACTION:** Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., second by Debra Murphy, and voted (unanimously) to table action on this article as there are no adjustments required.

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. RE: HIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION ED TECHS**

**ACTION:** Motion by Vance Pineo, Jr., second by Sarah Willson, and voted (unanimously) to ratify the hiring of Holly Hanning and Dayna Barker as special ed ed techs as recommended by Supt. Ramsay.

**2. RE: HIRING ESL TEACHER**

**ACTION:** Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., second by Bethany Hartford, and voted (unanimously) to ratify the hiring of Cristina Perez as ESL Teacher as recommended by Supt. Ramsay.

**3. RE: HIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

**ACTION:** Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., second by Debra Murphy, and voted (unanimously) to approve the hiring of Rebecca Fletcher as a long-term substitute Special education teacher as recommended by Supt. Ramsay.

**4. RE: HIRING MUSIC TEACHER**


**ACTION:** Motion by Vance Pineo, Jr., second by Sarah Willson, and voted (unanimously) to ratify the hiring of Bonnie Atkinson as music teacher as recommended by Supt. Ramsay.

**5. RE: HIRING SUBSTITUTE TEACHER(S)**

**ACTION:** Motion by Debra Murphy, second by Bethany Hartford, and voted (unanimously) to approve Kimberly Taylor and Harry Thompson as substitute teachers as recommended by Supt. Ramsay.

6. **RE: APPROVAL TO CREATE A JR. HIGH CROSS COUNTRY TEAM (Gr. 7/8)**  
**ACTION:** Motion by Mark Wright, second by Jeffery Beal, and voted (unanimously) to approve the creation of a Jr. High Cross-country Team (7/8) and pay the same stipend as elementary cross-country coaches until negotiated and added to the Schedule B.
7. **RE: HIRING JR. HIGH CROSS COUNTRY COACH**  
**ACTION:** Motion by Debra Murphy, second by Ronald Kennedy, and voted (unanimously) to approve Harry Thompson as jr. high cross-country coach as recommended by Supt. Ramsay.
8. **RE: HIRING ELEMENTARY SOCCER AND CROSS-COUNTRY COACHES**  
**ACTION:** Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., second by Mark Wright, and voted (unanimously) to approve the following soccer and cross-country coaches at the elementary schools for 2017:  
**DW Merritt**—soccer: vacant; cross-country: Deborah Lovejoy  
**Harrington**—soccer: Tyler Tenney; cross-country: Kandi Robertson, asst.-April Strout  
**Milbridge**—soccer: Galen Elliott; cross-country: Donald Parker and Richard Parker
9. **RE: APPROVAL OF GIRLS' SOCCER VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH AT NHS**  
**ACTION:** Motion by Debra Murphy, second by Jeffery Beal, and voted (881-yes; 60-no; 60-abstentions) to approve Troy Alley as a volunteer assistant girls' soccer coach as recommended by the Superintendent. (Pineo voted no, Willson abstained)
10. **RE: ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR KIDSPEACE TRANSPORTATION**  
**ACTION:** Motion by Debra Murphy, second by Kelly Moores, and voted (unanimously) to accept the bid from Joan Moore to provide transportation to Kidspace for September 2017 to August 2018 for \$175 per day.
11. **RE: CONSIDERATION OF REVISION TO THE NHS ATHLETIC CODE**  
**ACTION:** Supt. Ramsay noted that we have a high school athletic policy that has students sign a page saying they pledge to obey the policy from the date they sign until school gets out. We have realized that we have a lot of summer athletic activities that should require the same pledge. What if they break the rules over the summer? He feels the language of the policy needs to be reviewed and possibly revised. The Athletic Subcommittee will meet and work on a revision to bring to the full board for a first reading.  
  
Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., second by Mark Wright, and voted (unanimously) to have the Athletic Subcommittee work on a revision and bring it back to the full board for a first reading.
12. **RE: ADJOURNMENT**  
**ACTION:** Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., and voted (unanimously) to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald C. Ramsay  
Secretary to the Board

MEETING SUMMARY, AUGUST 30, 2017

A. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

2. APPROVED minutes of the July 26 regular meeting and August 14 special meeting;
7. TABLED agenda adjustments;

B. OLD BUSINESS

none

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. HIRED Holly Hanning and Dayna Barker as special education ed techs;
2. HIRED Cristina Perez as ESL teacher;
3. HIRED Rebecca Fletcher as long-term special ed sub teacher;
4. HIRED Bonnie Atkinson as music teacher;
5. HIRED Kimberly Taylor and Harry Thompson as substitute teachers;
6. APPROVED creating a jr. high cross-country team;
7. HIRED Harry Thompson as jr. high cross-country coach;
8. HIRED coaches: DWM: no soccer/Deborah Lovejoy-x-country; HN: T. Tenney-soccer, K. Robertson/A. Strout-x-country; ML: G. Elliott-soccer, R. & D. Parker-x-country;
9. APPROVED Troy Alley as a volunteer assistant girls' soccer coach at NHS;
10. ACCEPTED bid from Joan Moore for Kidspace transportation;
11. APPROVED sending athletic policy to subcommittee for revision