

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #37

September 27, 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, September 27, 2017 to consider and act upon the following items of business:

Board Members Present: Jeffrey Beal, Everett Grant, Grace Kennedy, Ronald Kennedy, Kelly Moores, Debra Murphy, Charles Peterson, Jr., Vance Pineo, Jr., Sarah Willson, and Mark Wright

Board Members Absent: Beth Hartford, Gary Magby

Other persons present: Ronald Ramsay, Denise Vose, Lorna Greene, Maria White, Susan Meserve, Lucille Willey, John Daley, Lori Mathews, Al Moore, Sr., Mary Moore, 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 Hartford and Magby are unable to attend the meeting tonight.
2. **RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 30, 2017 REGULAR MEETING**
ACTION: Motion by Vance Pineo, Jr., second by Grace Kennedy, and voted (unanimously) to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2017 regular meeting as printed.
3. **RE: REPORT—SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Including Legislative Updates)**
INFORMATION: Supt. Ramsay reported that we are off to a great start with the new school year and it has been busy! The biggest struggle is the lack of bus drivers, which districts around us are struggling with as well. We have had to ask parents to transport to some of the elementary cross country meets, double up runs, and move games. A few parents have been upset, which we understand, but there is nothing else we could do. ~ Our enrollment is up by 30 students from this time last year. That is a good thing! ~ A couple of weeks ago, the Commissioner of Education met with Superintendents and informed them that schools will be responsible for special education services for 3 & 4 year-olds within the next year or two. They plan to do away with Child Development Services and transition the work they do to the public school system. This will be a tremendous task for our schools as we don't presently have the capacity to do this...not necessarily because of space, but more because of staffing for needed services such as OT, PT, speech, etc. ~ Next year, the state will be implementing financial penalties for districts that have not joined in Regional Service Centers. If you join with surrounding districts, you will get more money, but if not, money will be taken from you to support the RSC's. Superintendents in surrounding areas here have said they won't join so it leaves us in a "donut hole" again, just as we were with the whole regionalization push. Not sure what this means for us. ~ We had an unexpected resignation of a teacher after school started and are now looking to fill that position. Stephen McInnis, Special Education Teacher in the Alternative Program at Narraguagus, will be done this week. We hope to find a qualified applicant to take over the program.

4. RE: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

INFORMATION:

- Athletics/Student Activities—Debra Murphy reported that this subcommittee met last week and had some good discussion on the Athletic Policy/Code for Narraguagus High School. The committee has a recommendation for policy revision later on the agenda.
- Curriculum & Instruction—none
- Negotiations & Grievance—none
- Policy & By-laws—none
- Facilities, Maintenance, Safety, & Transportation—none

5. RE: REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INFORMATION: This statement reflects 83% of the year left, with 86% of the budget remaining. This is tighter than we normally are, but we are okay right now. We will be monitoring the budget closely in the coming months.

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

INFORMATION: Denise Vose reported that special education is serving 157 students right now. This is up a bit from last year. We have had 11 students transfer in with IEP's. Staff numbers are the same. She has been busy with IEP/other meetings, including attending the Washington County Directors' Meeting on Sept. 21st.

Susan Meserve reported that Harrington has 31 new students. Enrollment is currently at 156. An Open House on Sept. 12th went well. The PTSG made snow cones, which was a big hit! MEA scores show growth for student academics. Staff and students have been busy with conclusion of a Read-a-thon and other events. They will be Walking For A Cure on Friday for childhood cancer.

Lorna Greene noted that DW Merritt has 105 students enrolled, with 14 in PreK. They are off to a good start with Open House being well attended. Darlings' Ice Cream Truck visited and over \$300 in donations will go to the school library. Student Council elections were held and the group is buy planning fundraisers, including one for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. ~ In Professional Development, the Leadership Team met and reviewed K-4 standards' based report cards. ~ All schools have held Family Nights as required by ESSA. Attendance was up. Surveys from parents were very positive. At the first stakeholders' meeting, the team reviewed the District Needs Assessment. ~ The Gifted & Talented application has been submitted and approved by the DOE. Our program is an in-class differentiated instruction model, with special activities planned for G/T students. We have 21 students identified in art, 30 in academics, and 3 with both.

Maria White noted that Milbridge enrollment is at 131, with 18 in PreK. She has 23 English Language Learners, 39 in Title IA, 28 in special ed, and 3 with 504 plans. A lot of students are participating in the elementary cross-country program. Students have been raising money for the hurricane victims, and have raised a little over \$700 so far. Grades 5 & 6 are working on cancer awareness, doing research and making posters to display. Red Ribbon Week is coming up, which encourages students to be drug/alcohol-free. Mrs. Torrey will be taking grade 6 students to the Schoodic Educational Research Center for 3 days and 2 nights in October for some STEM activities. The Drug & Alcohol Awareness Team is looking at presenters for a workshop later this year. The school will sponsor Trunk-or-Treating and a Fun Run on October 28th.

Lucille Willey reported that enrollment at Narraguagus is 281, with 200 in the high school and 81 in jr. high. Open House on the 19th was well attended. School and sports' pictures have been done. Juniors and Seniors attended a College Fair at UMaine yesterday. The Skippers' Class held a kick-off event at the Schoodic Institute yesterday. We have 20 enrolled in the program this year. Sports are going well for both high school and jr. high.

7. RE: AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

ACTION: Motion by Debra Murphy, second by Kelly Moores, and voted (unanimously) to approve an agenda adjustment to consider approval of a JMG overnight trip to Waterville on October 17th. This will be added as article C-6 under New Business.

Note: This article was later reconsidered to include two more adjustments:

Approval of a Volunteer Boys' Soccer Coach—added as article C-7 under New Business, and Approval of Milbridge Grade 6 overnight trip to the Schoodic Educational Research Center—added as article C-8 under New Business.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. RE: HIRING ELEMENTARY SOCCER COACH AT DW MERRITT

ACTION: Motion by Debra Murphy, second by Ronald Kennedy, and voted (unanimously) to approve the hiring of Harry Beal, Jr., as soccer coach at DW Merritt as recommended by the Supt.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. RE: HIRING SUBSTITUTE TEACHER(S)

ACTION: Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., second by Debra Murphy, and voted (unanimously) to approve the following substitute teachers as recommended by the Superintendent: Kristin Fahey, Amanda Kowalski, Zachary Look, and Marion Robbins.

2. RE: CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF REVISED ATHLETIC POLICY/NHS ATHLETIC CODE

ACTION: Motion by Debra Murphy, second by Vance Pineo, Jr., and voted (unanimously) to approve the 1st reading of revised policy JJIB-R Narraguagus High School Athletic Code and JJIB-E Player's Acknowledgement to include "both in and out of season" as a time frame for prohibited behaviors for athletes. This makes it so summer athletics are included in the policies.

3. RE: ELECTION OF DELEGATE TO MSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

ACTION: Motion by Mark Wright, second by Sarah Willson, and voted (unanimously) to elect Kelly Moores as the board's delegate for the MSBA Delegate Assembly.

4. RE: CONSIDERATION OF MSBA RESOLUTIONS FOR DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

DISCUSSION: The board reviewed the resolutions that will be considered at the Delegate Assembly at the Fall Conference.

5. RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FOR HEALTH/DEPENDENT CARE FLEX SPENDING ACCOUNTS FOR 2017-2018 PLAN YEAR

ACTION: Motion by Debra Murphy, second by Mark Wright, and voted (706-yes, 108-abstentions) to resolve that the form of amended Cafeteria Plan including a Health Flexible

Spending Account and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account effective September 1, 2017, presented to this meeting is hereby approved and adopted, and that an authorized representative of the Employer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the Plan. (Peterson abstained.)

Superintendent Ramsay noted that it has come to his attention that we have two more items that need to be added to the agenda. Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., second by Mark Wright, and voted (unanimously) to reconsider article A-7 Agenda Adjustments.

6. **RE: APPROVAL OF JOBS FOR MAINE GRADUATES FIELD TRIP (agenda adjustment)**
ACTION: Motion by Mark Wright, and seconded by Grace Kennedy, to approve the overnight trip to Waterville for JMG students for Leadership Training on October 17th and 18th.
7. **RE: APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER BOYS' SOCCER COACH AT NHS (agenda adjustment)**
ACTION: Motion by Mark Wright, second by Kelly Moores, and voted (unanimously) to approve Daniel Kane as a volunteer boys' soccer coach at Narraguagus.
8. **RE: APPROVAL OF MILBRIDGE GRADE 6 TRIP TO SERC (agenda adjustment)**
ACTION: Motion by Jeffery Beal, second by Kelly Moores, and voted (unanimously) to approve the Milbridge Grade 6 trip to the Schoodic Educational Research Center, in Winter Harbor, from October 11-13 for STEM activities. Ms. White noted that Mrs. Torrey and one male staff member will go as chaperones for the 12 students. A scholarship will pay for the trip.
9. **RE: ADJOURNMENT**
ACTION: Motion by Charles Peterson, Jr., and voted (unanimously) to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald C. Ramsay
Secretary to the Board

MEETING SUMMARY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

A. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

2. APPROVED minutes of the August 30, 2017 regular meeting;
7. APPROVED agenda adjustments;

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. HIRED Harry Beal, Jr., as soccer coach at DWM;

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. HIRED Kristin Fahey, Amanda Kowalski, Zachary Look, and Marion Robbins as subs;
2. APPROVED first reading of revised policies JJIB-R and JJIB-E;
3. ELECTED Kelly Moores as delegate for MSBA Delegate Assembly;
4. REVIEWED resolutions for Delegate Assembly;
5. ADOPTED resolution for Health/Dependent Care Flex Spending Accounts;
6. APPROVED JMG overnight trip to Waterville;
7. APPROVED Dan Kane as volunteer boys' soccer coach at NHS;
8. APPROVED Milbridge Grade 6 field trip to SERC.