

RSU #38 Board of Directors
Maranacook Community Middle School & via Zoom
June 15, 2022
Minutes of Meeting

Members Present: Chair Cathy Jacobs, Vice Chair David Twitchell, Keltie Beaudoin, Kim Bowie, Tyler Dunn, Patty Gordon, David Guillemette, Rebecca Lambert, Jade Parker, Shawn Roderick, Dane Wing

Members Absent: Betty Morrell, Melissa Tobin

Student Members: Esm'e Jamison, Eric Nelson

Administration Present: Superintendent Jay Charette, Technology Director Diane MacGregor, Finance Director Mandy Fitzgerald

1. Call to Order: Chair Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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2. Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Recognitions:

- a. 2021-2022 National Honor Society
- b. 2021-2022 National Technical Honor Society
- c. Retiring staff members
- d. Outgoing Board members

4. Citizens' Comments: see item 6o below.

5. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda by Board and/or Superintendent:

Superintendent Charette requested the addition of the Acceptance of resignation of RES teacher Cassandra Dunphy to the agenda. Request was made to add this item as 6j, all following items will be renumbered.

Jade Parker requested a discussion about the Middle School multi-grades at this meeting or an upcoming meeting. Chair Jacobs responded this item will be added to a future agenda.

6. Action/Discussion/Informational Items:

a. Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2022

MOTION by Dunn, second by Gordon to approve the Minutes of June 1, 2022 as presented.

Roll Call Vote - **Motion Carried:** unanimous

b. Approval of Negotiated Agreement Between the RSU #38 Board of Directors and the Maranacook Area Schools Professional Staff Association

MOTION by Guillemette, second by Beaudoin to approve the Negotiated Agreement between the RSU #38 Board of Directors and the Maranacook Area Schools Staff Association as presented.

Roll Call Vote - **Motion Carried:** unanimous

- c. Appointment of First Probationary Contract Teacher, RES Grade 1, Heather Gallant
MOTION by Beaudoin, second by Lambert to accept the appointment of first probationary contract teacher, Heather Gallant as recommended by the Superintendent.
Roll Call Vote - **Motion Carried:** unanimous
- d. Acceptance of resignation of MS teacher Kelli Corrigan effective June 30, 2022
MOTION by Guillemette, second by Dunn to accept the resignation of Kelli Corrigan as presented. Roll Call Vote - **Motion Carried:** unanimous
- e. Acceptance of resignation of RES teacher Jennifer Tweedie effective June 30, 2022
MOTION by Dunn, second by Twitchell to accept the resignation of Jennifer Tweedie as presented. Roll Call Vote - **Motion Carried:** unanimous
- f. Acceptance of resignation of MS Principal Kristen Levesque effective July 1, 2022
MOTION by Twitchell, second by Dunn to accept the resignation of Kristen Levesque as presented. Roll Call Vote - **Motion Carried:** unanimous
- g. Acceptance of the Computation and Declaration of Votes
MOTION by Lambert, second by Beaudoin as follows: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 15, 2022 and attached hereto be approved. Further Voted that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of the Regional School Unit #38; and Further Voted that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the municipal clerks within the RSU.
Roll Call Vote – **Motion Carried:** unanimous
- h. Motion to Approve Assessment Warrants and Installment Schedules
MOTION by Guillemette, second by Lambert as follows: That the Warrant for Assessment of Tax and the Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments for each member municipality prepared by the Treasurer for fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 be approved and be issued in form presented to this meeting; and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to deliver to each member municipality its Warrant for Assessment of Tax and its Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments.
Roll Call Vote – **Motion Carried:** unanimous
- i. Appointment of Maine School Boards Assoc. (MSBA) Local Delegate and Alternate Delegate
Chair Jacobs asked members to indicate their interest in serving as the RSU 38 Local Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Maine School Boards Association Local Delegate Assembly on Saturday, October 22nd. Tyler Dunn and Jade Parker offered to represent the Board.
MOTION by Lambert, second by Twitchell to appoint Tyler Dunn as the RSU 38 Local Delegate and Jade Parker as the Alternate Delegate to the MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly. Roll Call Vote – **Motion Carried:** unanimous
- j. Acceptance of resignation of RES teacher Cassandra Dunphy
MOTION by Lambert, second by Dunn to accept the resignation of Cassandra Dunphy as presented. Roll Call Vote - **Motion Carried:** unanimous
Mr. Roderick asked if the Board could meet over zoom so that the board could weigh in on the positions to be filled. Superintendent Charette reported that the interviews for Vice Principal are next Thursday afternoon. There were Board members on the interview committee for high school principal. The interviews for the middle school principal will likely be after the July 4th holiday.
- k. Authorize Superintendent to file the proper and necessary application forms to participate in any and all selected federal programs for RSU #38 and otherwise act as the authorized representative for and on behalf of RSU #38 for 2022-2023
MOTION by Dunn, second by Gordon to authorize the Superintendent to file the proper and necessary application forms to participate in any and all selected federal

programs for RSU #38 and otherwise act as the authorized representative for and on behalf of RSU #38 for 2022-2023. Roll Call Vote - **Motion Carried:** unanimous

- l. Authorize Superintendent to hire and accept resignations, in consultation with the Chair or Vice Chair, during the summer

MOTION by Twitchell, second by Gordon to authorize the Superintendent to hire and accept resignations, in consultation with the Chair or Vice Chair, during the summer.

Roll Call Vote - **Motion Carried:** unanimous

- m. Summer School Update

Superintendent Charette provided a snapshot of the summer school schedule (handout). Enrollment for the program has gone up since the report was prepared. A challenge has been to hire enough staff to run the programs.

- n. Food Service Offerings Discussion

Superintendent Charette shared a handout from Food Services Director Jen Hall. Discussion ensued regarding menu options and variety, serving sizes, and commodities received. The student representatives shared their input. Superintendent Charette offered to meet with the food service director and administration, including student input, to look at making changes, outlining the cost and then the board could discuss whether to expand the program.

The board agreed to assemble a committee to research what other districts are doing, including menus, how they get their food, local providers, how they are using Farm to School, how many students they are serving, and the cost of programs. Tyler Dunn, Dane Wing, and Keltie Beaudoin offered to serve on the committee.

- o. School Safety Discussion

Mt. Vernon resident Mary Ann Libby addressed the board on the topic of school resource officers. She offered to share her research on why school resource officers do not work and advocated for the board to consider investing in school social workers, therapists, and someone who understands restorative justice. Superintendent Charette added the district is looking at different models and are in the process of re-evaluating current plans. He will be attending a School Safety Summit along with other members of the district's emergency team, including transportation manager Kelly Thompson.

Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of having a School Resource Officer, having work spaces for local law enforcement to have more of a presence in the schools. The importance of staff following protocols for propping doors open, and having consequences for not following protocols.

7. Executive Session to consider evaluation of public officials pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)

MOTION by Dunn, second by Twitchell to enter Executive Session to consider evaluation of public officials pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Roll Call Vote - **Motion Carried:** unanimous

The board entered Executive Session at 8:06 and returned to public session at 9:17 p.m.

8. Adjournment: **MOTION** and second to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James Charette, Superintendent of Schools
D. Foster, Recorder