

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #57  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
WATERBORO, MAINE 04087**

**District School Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 8, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**MHS East Building**

**Zoom Link: <https://rsu57.zoom.us/j/82779048196>**

- A. Call to Order @ 7:00pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum - 11 members present**

Cartisano, Mark	Cole, Jason*	Crowley-Colwell, Tina*	Day, Elizabeth
Dryden, JoJo*	DuBois, Norman*	Ferguson, Anastasia	Laine, Jodi
Mastraccio, Katie	Mayo, Jennifer	Phinney, Wes	Shaw, Jason
Tanguay, Adam	Vasalle, Judith	Vermette, Dominic	(Lyman - Vacant)
(Newfield - Vacant)	(Shapleigh - Vacant)	**VanBrocklin, Hunter - Jr Class	**Harris, Maggie - Sr. Class

*\*\*Student Representative*

*Absent\**

**D. Adjustments to the Agenda**

- Remove the first read of policy BEDC from “New Business”.
- Add action under “New Business” for MHS Wrestling Field Trip Request.
- Changes under “Upcoming Meetings”:
  - Negotiations Committee will meet on February 13 and 16 at 6pm.
  - Finance Committee meeting on March 1 is at 6pm.
  - Potential for addition of a Special Board Meeting on February 15 at 6:30pm.

**E. Approval of the Minutes from [January 25, 2023](#).**

**Motion:** J. Shaw motioned to approve the minutes.

**2nd:** J. Mayo

**Discussion:** A. Ferguson requested a change under “Standing Committees - Curriculum”; change the speaker from “A. Ferguson” to “Chair Laine”.

**10 in favor, 1 abstention**

**Motion Carries**

**F. Public Comment**

No Public Comment.

**G. Board Chair Report**

1. Recognitions and Celebrations  
No Recognitions and Celebrations.
2. Board Chair Update
  - Chair Laine shared a thank-you card received by the Board from Chloe Babb, a scholarship recipient.
  - Vice-Chair Crowley-Colwell’s husband, Paul Colwell, passed away earlier this week. Services will be held on Friday, February 10 from 5-8pm and Saturday, February 11 at 10am in the gym at Line Elementary.

**H. Superintendent’s Report**

1. [Student Representative Report](#)
  - Student Representatives M. Harris and H. VanBrocklin provided an overview of the report.
2. [Staff Report](#)
3. [Enrollment](#)

- J. Vasalle questioned if the enrollment totals listed included the number of students who are currently not enrolled in public schools but are enrolled in other institutions.
  - Dr. Marquis promised to provide information that includes homeschooled, parentally placed enrollments, and students that leave or enter the District with superintendent's agreements. The information will be shared at the next meeting.
  - D. Vermette clarified that the data from ED279 only shows PreK students, not all of the students currently enrolled in our preschool programs.
4. Strategic Plan Update from 2/7/23
- Dr. Marquis provided an overview of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting on 2/7/23.
    - Focusing on students, staff, communities, and facilities to develop a District mission and vision with clear messaging.
    - Survey will be sent to administrators and staff/community members; will report out results on March 8th.
      - Student input surveys for grades 6-12 will be sent out later this year.
- Next Meeting:** March 1, May 10, and June 14 at 4:30pm in the East Training Center.

#### Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Marquis shared that attended several critical meetings since the Board last met:
  - New superintendent meeting.
  - Met with superintendents in York County and the Sanford Regional Technical Center to discuss budgeting and to develop a calendar with similar days. The school year calendar for SY 23/24 will be presented at the March 8th meeting.
  - Dr. Marquis and Mr. Goad entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the York County Jail in relation to adult learning opportunities.
  - Conducted a strategic planning community forum with the Sanford YMCA with the hopes of strengthening opportunities and programs that are related to childcare.
  - The Administrative Team attended a workshop with other York County Administrators hosted by Drummond Woodsum to discuss current issues in schools.
- On February 27, Mr. Keenan, Mr. Walsh, and Dr. Marquis will meet with committee members from local municipalities to discuss the budget process.
- Two job fairs will be attended at UNH and UMF on March 2 and March 6 in an effort to get "ahead of the curve on hiring".
- Joe Rafferty, Maine State Senator and head of the Education Committee will meet York County Superintendents at SRTC to discuss local concerns and in the coming weeks.
- Kitchens throughout the District were inspected, and all received great results. Dr. Marquis thanked Vanessa Richardson and Behn Brooks, along with all food service and custodial staff for making this possible.
- Dr. Marquis, Mr. Keenan, and Mr. Walsh met with Mr. O'Hara to discuss updating cybersecurity measures. The District will work through MSMA and other Districts to ensure that data is protected from outside entities.
- Dr. Marquis recognized several accomplishments by RSU 57 students:
  - MHS Wrestling Team, which was named State Class A Champions for dual meet competitions.
  - MHS Cheerleading Squad, who qualified for the State Championship.
  - At the York County Spelling Bee Championships, Massabesic Middle School placed 3rd overall, with Ben Stevens named champion. After 30 rounds of spelling, Julia Bryant was named co-champion.

## I. Standing Committees

1. Finance/Building and Maintenance Committee
  - D. Vermette shared that all of the special requests have been presented to the committee and will be decided in the next few meetings.

- For RRF 3, one application was approved; window replacements for the first floor at MMS; \$638,000 total cost. 43% will be covered by the State, and 57% by the District over 10 years with no interest.
  - RRF 2 will be open to receive bids starting on Friday, February 10.
  - Medicaid revenue is behind; Mr. Walsh will continue to look into this issue.
  - Projected state subsidy for SY 23-24 is projected to be \$700,000 less than last year, due to an 8% increase on evaluation of properties in the District.
- Next Meeting:** February 15, 2023 @ 5:30pm - East Training Center
2. Curriculum Committee  
Has not met. The meeting on February 14th has been canceled.  
**Next Meeting:** March 14, 2023 @ 6pm - East Training Center
  3. Negotiations Committee  
Chair Laine shared the upcoming meeting dates.  
**Next Meeting:** February 13, 2023 @ 6pm - East Training Center (*Committee only*)  
February 16, 2023 @ 5pm - East Training Center (*with Association*)
  4. Policy Committee
    - Chair Laine shared that the committee reviewed policy CB-R, but made no changes. This policy will be brought forward for a second read on March 8, 2023.
    - Policies JKE and JKE-R were reviewed for clarification. During expulsion hearings, the Board would like to hear elements of the re-entry plan at the time the recommendation is made.
    - D. Vermette clarified if the road map suggestions would be discussed prior to the vote?
    - Chair Laine explained that although specifics could not be provided, a general idea of what could be included in the road map would be expected.
    - D. Vermette explained that the role of the School Board is to determine whether the student is expelled or not; the responsibility of formulating the road map is up to the student and the administrator. He also shared that he has concerns on the influence on Board member votes if elements of the road map are heard beforehand.
    - A. Ferguson asked how often policies were reviewed.
    - Chair Laine explained that policies are reviewed every three years; can be reviewed out-of-cycle if laws related to policy changes.
    - A. Ferguson asked how someone would request a policy be reviewed by the Board.
    - Chair Laine referred to A. Ferguson to the Board Policy Manual.  
*See here for [BG-R](#) - Policy Adoption Process*
    - M. Cartisano asked Chair Laine to consider a Board workshop to develop a deeper understanding of expulsion proceedings related to re-entry plans.
    - J. Shaw questioned if the current three-year policy review cycle was an appropriate length of time for policies to be reviewed by the Board.
    - Chair Laine explained that it takes about three years to cycle through the policies. Reiterated that for most policies three years is appropriate.
    - E. Day asked if the policy cycle continues to be disrupted when a policy is reviewed out of sequence.
    - Chair Laine stated that the policy review cycle proceeds as normal; adds the policy to the agenda along with what was previously scheduled to be under review.

**Next Meeting:** March 7, 2023 @ 6pm - East Training Center

  - 5. Public Relations/Technology Committee  
Has not met.  
**Next Meeting:** March 21, 2023 @ 6pm - East Training Center
  - 6. Transportation and Safety Committee  
Has not met.  
**Next Meeting:** March 28, 2023 @ 6pm - East Training Center

## J. Old Business

1. Adult Education Presentation - Program Logo and Rebranding Request - **Action Needed.**

- Mr. Adam Goad explained that the brand could be more welcoming and in-line with other adult education programs in the area. By including the word community, everyone would feel more welcome and empowered to attend.
- Mr. Goad continued, the logo would allow for an organic reflection of students in District.
  - Proposed change of name from Massabesic Center for Adult Learning to Massabesic Adult and Community Education.

**Motion:** J. Shaw motions to accept the Program Logo and Rebranding Request.

**2nd:** M. Cartisano

**Discussion:** J. Mayo asked if the submission date for the logo contest should be changed, since the date has passed.

Mr. Goad explained that the request can be accommodated.

**Unanimous**

**Motion carried**

**K. New Business**

1. Field Trip Request, [MHS Wrestling](#) - **Action Needed.**

- Dr. Marquis explained that this request was brought to the Board in the strong likelihood that student athletes on the MHS Wrestling Team will qualify and therefore attend the New England Wrestling Championships.

**Motion:** J. Mayo motions to accept the Field Trip Request.

**2nd:** A. Ferguson

**Unanimous**

**Motion carried**

**L. Executive Session**

1. **To discuss a student matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B).**

**Motion:** J. Shaw motioned to enter executive session.

**2nd:** A. Ferguson.

**No discussion**

**Unanimous**

**Motion carried**

The School Board entered Executive Session at 7:48pm

The School Board exited Executive Session at 8:00pm

**Motion:** J. Shaw motioned to allow Student A re-entry.

**2nd:** D. Vermette

**No discussion**

**Unanimous**

**Motion carried**

2. **To discuss a student matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B).**

**Motion:** J. Shaw motioned to enter executive session.

**2nd:** A. Ferguson

**No discussion**

**Unanimous**

**Motion carried**

The School Board entered Executive Session at 8:03pm

The School Board exited Executive Session at 8:10pm.

**Motion:** J. Shaw motioned to allow Student B re-entry.

**2nd:** D. Vermette

**No discussion**

**Unanimous**

**Motion carried**

3. **To discuss a student matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(B).**

**Motion:** A. Ferguson motioned to enter executive session.  
**2nd:** A. Tanguay

**No discussion**

**Unanimous**

**Motion carried**

The School Board entered Executive Session at 8:12pm  
The School Board exited Executive Session at 8:34pm

**Motion:** A. Ferguson motioned to allow Student C re-entry.  
**2nd:** E. Day

**No discussion**

**Unanimous**

**Motion carried**

**M. Adjournment @ 8:35pm**

**Upcoming Meetings**

02/13/23	6:00pm	Negotiations	MHS East
02/15/23	6:00pm	Finance Committee	MHS East
02/16/23	5:00pm	Negotiations	MHS East
02/28/23	6:00pm	Trans./Security Committee	MHS East
03/01/23	4:30pm	Strategic Planning Committee	MHS East
03/01/23	6:00pm	Finance Committee	MHS East
03/07/23	6:00pm	Policy Committee	MHS East
03/08/23	5:30pm	Finance Committee	MHS East
03/08/23	7:00pm	School Board	MHS East
03/13/23	7:00pm	Public Budget Review Session	MHS Auditorium