

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

District School Board Meeting Agenda

April 12, 2023

7:00 PM

MHS East Building

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

- A. Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum - 12 Directors present**

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

**Student Representative

Absent*

- D. Adjustments to the Agenda**
- E. Approval of the Minutes from [March 22, 2023](#) and [April 5, 2023](#).**

Motion: J. Dryden made a motion to approve the minutes.

2nd: N. DuBois

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

- F. Public Comment**

No Public Comment.

- G. Board Chair Report**

1. Recognitions and Celebrations
No Recognitions and Celebrations.
2. Board Chair Update
No Board Chair Updates.

- H. Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Marquis commended MHS and Alfred Elementary for working through challenging situations over the last few weeks.
 - On March 23, MMS hosted the largest band concert in District history; fantastic musicians from grades 5-12 (totalling over 270 kids) performed in front of hundreds of RSU 57 staff, family, and community members.
 - On March 30, the life skills room at MMS had an Opening Day baseball celebration. Students prepared ballpark food including hot dogs, chili, and cracker jacks!
 - Dr. Marquis and Mr. Keenan attended the SMAA Good Citizenship Awards which were given to two well-deserving MHS seniors, Sophia Tanguay and Jack Carroll.
 - On April 12, Dr. Marquis and Mr. Keenan attended a puppet show hosted by one of Alfred Elementary's third grade classes.
 - A total of 24 students have been named to SRTC's National Honors Society, 6 of which earned the honor for the second year in a row.
1. [Student Representative Report](#)
 - Student Representatives M. Harris and H. VanBrocklin provided an overview of the report.
 2. [Staff Report](#)
 3. [Enrollment](#)
 - Dr. Marquis reviewed and compared enrollment totals from 4/6/22 and 4/6/23

- Enrollment grew more than anticipated (a total of 62 kids). Dr. Marquis anticipates totals to reach upwards of 3,000 students next year.
 - Dr. Marquis shared enrollment data for each school compared to last year:
 - Alfred: Increase of 20 students
 - Line: Increase of 16 students
 - Lyman: Decrease of 8 students
 - Massabesic High School: Increase of 31 students
 - Massabesic Middle School: Decrease of 34 students
 - Shapleigh: Increase of 9 students
 - Waterboro: Increase of 28 students
4. Strategic Plan
- The Committee received over 1,700 responses to the survey; including students, staff, and community members.
- Next Meeting:** Community Forum: May 1, 2023 @ 7pm - MHS Cafeteria. The forum will be held in order to provide feedback to our Strategic Planning Committee on how to better our schools. Drinks, snacks, and childcare provided for all who attend.

I. Standing Committees

1. Finance/Building and Maintenance Committee
 - Will be bringing forward the SY 23-24 budget for the Board to approve.

Next Meeting: April 26, 2023 @ 6pm - East Training Center
2. Curriculum Committee
 - A. Ferguson provided an overview of the previous Curriculum meeting.
 - Ms. Allison Ellis explained that 53% of graduation seniors have applied to college, 14 of which have taken advantage of the free tuition offered by SMCC.

Next Meeting: May 9, 2023 @ 6pm - East Training Center
3. Negotiations Committee
 - The Committee is continuing to negotiate with administrators.
4. Policy Committee
 - Chair Laine provided an overview of the previous Policy meeting.
 - Wrapped up “G” policies - Personnel and policy HA. Will be bringing forward two policies for a first read at Board meeting.

Next Meeting: May 2, 2023 @ 6pm - East Training Center
5. Public Relations/Technology Committee
 - Has Not Met.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2023 @ 6pm - East Training Center
6. Transportation and Safety Committee
 - J. Mayo provided an overview of the previous Transportation/Safety Committee
 - Quotes on electric bus costs are almost finalized.
 - District still in need of CDL drivers.
 - One bus has been out for warranty repairs since October; hopes to have it working as soon as possible.
 - Starting next year, RSU 57 will be looking to hire another SRO to cover elementary schools and the middle school.
 - J. Dryden asked if Adult Ed would be running an additional CDL certification course.
 - J. Mayo said that nothing had been finalized, but other Districts may be offering the course.

Next Meeting: April 25, 2023 @ 6pm - East Training Center

J. Old Business

No Old Business.

K. New Business

1. Nominations. **Action Needed.**
 - Kerri LeSieur - Waterboro Elementary School Principal
 - Dr. Marquis provided information on how Mrs. LeSieur was selected for nomination and supplied details about her previous work experience in education. Dr. Marquis explained that he believes Mrs. LeSieur would be an excellent addition to the WES community.

- Additionally, Mr. Tim Stinson, current principal at Line School, will be transferring to the assistant principal position at WES beginning on July 1, 2023. Dr. Marquis believes the two of them will have a great positive impact on WES and RSU 57.

Motion: J. Dryden made a motion to accept the nomination.

2nd: A. Ferguson

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

- After her nomination, Mrs. LeSieur stated that she is looking forward to contributing to the RSU 57 community, and working with staff, students, and families in Waterboro in the hopes of providing the best education experience for students.

- Corinn Hoyt, Pre-K Teacher, Lyman Elementary School

Motion: J. Dryden made a motion to accept the nomination.

2nd: J. Mayo

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

- Caitlin Zabielski, Special Education Teacher, Alfred Elementary School

Motion: J. Dryden made a motion to accept the nomination.

2nd: E. Day

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

2. First read of Policy [GCSB](#) - Employee Use of Social Media. **Action Needed.**

- Chair Laine explained that this policy was recommended from MSMA in January. The second read will be brought to the Board at the end of May.

Motion: A. Ferguson made a motion to acknowledge the first read.

2nd: J. Dryden

- N. DuBois asked if the current version of policy GCSB has been edited in any way.
- Chair Laine explained that the Committee only entered the District's information and has not made any significant changes at this point.
- Dr. Marquis further explained that MSMA (with the guidance of Drummond-Woodsum) simply develops the policy. It is the District's responsibility to make it align with other policies, expectations, and standards.

Unanimous

Motion Carried

3. First read of Policy [ILA](#) - Student Assessment. **Action Needed.**

- Chair Laine explained that this policy is required by MSMA, and is referenced in other student-related policies.

Motion: A. Tanguay made a motion to acknowledge the first read.

2nd: J. Dryden

- A. Ferguson asked how policy ILA differs from the other instructional policies that are already in place.
- Chair Laine explained that the policy does not affect the instructional policies we have in place; looking to add this policy to be in alignment with MSMA requirements.

Unanimous

Motion Carried

4. Approval of School Revolving Renovation Fund and Public Hearing. **Action Needed.**

- Mr. Colin Walsh provided an overview of SRRF; allocation of monies for MMS windows.
- Total amount is \$638,548 with 43% would be paid by the state; the remainder would be paid by the district over a ten year period with no interest.
- The public hearing will be held on May 15, 2023 at 7pm at MMS. The budget referendum vote will be on June 13, 2023 at local polling places.

Motion: J. Mayo made a motion that the Vote entitled "Vote To Call School Construction Referendum and Approve the Warrants and Public Hearing Notices for that Purpose," be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of this Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting.

2nd: A. Tanguay

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

5. Approval of the Fiscal 2023-2024 District Budget and Warrant to Call Budget Meeting and Referendum. **Action Needed.**

- The Finance Committee has finalized the FY 23-24 budget and is bringing it forward for Board approval.
 - Mr. Walsh explained that health insurance rate increases is 4.9%; reductions in cost have been used to offset the local tax assessment by the towns.
 - RSU #57 received \$822,000 in additional subsidy over what had been received/projected in late January. The Finance Committee decided to put the majority of the subsidy towards reducing local tax assessment and local fund balance use.
 - Taxation saw a reduction of \$572,000 and the use of fund balance was increased by \$250,000.
 - FY 23-24 budget will see an increase of 2.63% from last year.
- Motion:** T. Crowley-Colwell made a motion that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Call and Approve the Warrants for the Budget Meeting and the Budget Validation Referendum and to Authorize the Notice of Amounts Adopted," be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting.

2nd: J. Mayo

No Discussion

11 In Favor, 1 Opposed

Motion Carried

L. Executive Session

1. To discuss a student matter pursuant to [1 M.R.S.A. § 405\(6\)\(B\)](#).

Motion: N. DuBois made a motion to enter Executive Session.

2nd: A. Ferguson

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:43pm.

Motion: A. Ferguson made a motion to exit Executive Session

2nd: E. Day

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:08pm.

Motion: A. Ferguson made a motion to expel Student A indefinitely with a re-entry plan.

2nd: M. Cartisano

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

M. Calendar/Announcements

N. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Upcoming Meetings

04/26/2023	Finance Committee	6:00pm	MHS East
04/26/2023	School Board	7:00pm	MHS East
05/01/2023	Strategic Planning	7:00pm	MHS Cafeteria
05/02/2023	Policy Committee	6:00pm	MHS East
05/09/2023	Curriculum Committee	6:00pm	MHS East
05/10/2023	Strategic Planning	4:30pm	MHS East
05/10/2023	Finance Committee	6:00pm	MHS East
05/10/2023	School Board	7:00pm	MHS East