

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

District School Board Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2022

7:00 PM

MHS East Building

A. Call to Order

Chair Tina Crowley-Colwell called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m., on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Quorum was declared with 12 members present.

**Allen, David	**Boemmels, Maggie	Cartisano, Mark	**Caswell, Hannah*
**Cloutier, Luke*	Crowley-Colwell, Tina	Dryden, JoJo	DuBois, Norman
Ferguson, Anastasia	Flagler, John	Laine, Jodi	Littell, Amy
**Mastraccio, Katie	Mayo, Jennifer	(Shapleigh - Vacant)	**Shaw, Jason
Tanguay, Adam	Vasalle, Judith	Vermette, Dominic	(Newfield - Vacant)
	**Absent	Student Representative*	

D. Adjustments to the Agenda

Motion by J. Laine, seconded by D. Vermette to: separate the motion under New Business: Nominations, 1) Steve Bridges, 2) remaining nominations.

Discussion

All in Favor

Motion Carries

E. Approval of the Minutes from [April 27, 2022](#)

Motion by A. Ferguson, seconded by J. Vasalle to: approve the minutes as presented.

No Discussion

All in Favor

Motion Carries

F. Hearing of Delegations

None

G. Superintendent's Report

1. [Student Report](#)

2. [Staff Update](#)

3. [Enrollment](#)

Dr. Marquis reported that in January enrollment was 288 and currently is 287. Enrollment is down 3% pre-Covid, which is the same as the State average.

4. Transportation

The Superintendent reported that some elementary field trips are taking place through the school day, which helps with the driver shortage. The lack of drivers challenge will continue throughout the remainder of the school year.

5. Superintendent Update

a. School Board Calendar 2022-2023

Dr. Marquis stated that last summer there were no School Board meetings in July. At the meetings in August there was much to cover. Propose reducing the number of August meetings and meet with Tina and Jodi to schedule Board meetings in July. Consider two board workshops in July. Use July and August workshops to work on board goals and expectations with measurable goals. Need a higher level of participation during the workshop to plan in a more thoughtful way.

b. LD 1874 - Covid-19 Sick Days

The Superintendent stated that the district website will be updated this week with York County data, which is currently in yellow status. A Notice from the DOE does not foresee any specific directives from the CDC regarding masking, etc. In the district masking continues to be optional for all. In April LD 1874 passed when the original bill ended. The bill amends the law requiring school administrative units to restore up to 15 sick leave days used by a public school employee affected by COVID-19 to instead grant up to a maximum of 15 days of paid leave for the purposes described in the law from January 1, 2021 until the maximum has been reached. The bill provides that a public school employee who used sick leave prior to the effective date of this legislation is entitled to request that that leave time be restored, and the school administrative unit is required to comply with the request.

6. [State of the Schools - Massabesic High School](#) - Jim Fryzlewicz, Scott Lavertu, Angela Scully, Allison Ellis, and Brendan Scully reported

Motion by J. Laine, seconded by A. Ferguson to: adjust the agenda to enter Executive Session at 9:00p.m. to discuss a student matter pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B).

No Discussion

All in Favor

Motion Carries

Executive Session

To discuss a student matter pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B)

Motion by A. Ferguson, seconded by J. Laine to: enter into Executive Session to discuss a student matter pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(B).

No Discussion

All in Favor

Motion Carries

Board entered Executive Session at 9:01p.m.

Board exited Executive Session at 9:20p.m.

Motion by D. Vermette, seconded by A. Ferguson to: expel Student A indefinitely with a re-entry plan.

No Discussion

All in Favor

Motion Carries

H. Standing Committees

1. Finance/Building and Maintenance Committee

Chair Vermette reported that the committee met this evening and reviewed the Revolving Renovation Fund I, which has been designated to secure the entrances in all school buildings. Only two school buildings were done because after changes were made to the scope of work, the contractor backed out. The grant money will not be given. The Revolving Renovation Fund II will be voted on at the District Budget Meeting on May 17th, 7pm at MMS. At the June 14 District Referendum citizens will vote to keep the 2-step processes we do now or voting on each individual article by secret ballot. All budget information is on the district website. The Committee listened to a presentation by Vanessa Richardson, Food Service Director. Next meeting: June 15th, 6pm.

2. Curriculum Committee

Chair Ferguson reported that the committee met May 10th. MMSA (Maine Math and Science Alliance) Elective Summer Institute on Training for Workshop Model, Thinking Routines, Small Group Instruction, and Formative Assessment in Math for Teachers, Ed Techs, Coaches, Admin. August 2nd & 3rd 2022 8:30 am-3:30 pm, August 2nd ½ day 12:30 pm-3:30 pm for coaches and teacher leader training. New Teacher Orientation - Onboarding for all new hires August 15-17. Opening days - All staff pre-service August 22-26. ESEA - [preliminary allocations](#) Discussion about securing accurate SES (Socio Economic Status)/F&R (Free & Reduced Meals) data. Current Topics of Interest - District Staff offered the opportunity to entertain any questions members of the committee may have regarding current topics of interest posted to social media. Committee members shared what they had heard about current topics and District Staff shared how they thought members of the public could have their questions answered. Social-emotional learning is also coming up as a concern. It was asked what should be the role of a Board member in a social media platform as it relates to District matters. Discussed respecting the chain of command as set out through hiring practices and the organizational structure in place seems to be the most reliable way to engage. What are the repercussions for Board members engaging in social media regarding

District matters? Policy IMB is helpful in guiding us regarding controversial/sensitive issues. No meeting in June.

3. Negotiations Committee

Chair Crowley-Colwell reported that ratification of the teacher contract is on the agenda for this evening.

4. Policy Committee

Chair Laine reported that the committee continues to review policies B - School Board Governance and Operations with no significant changes thus far. 43 policies have been reviewed and are on the district website. The committee continues to review policies when legislative changes are made that affect a particular policy. The first reading of JJIC-R is on tonight's agenda. Next meeting: June 7th, 6pm.

5. Public Relations Committee

Chair Boemmels reported that the committee has not met since the last School Board meeting. Next meeting: May 17th, 6pm at MMS.

6. Transportation Committee

Chair Mayo reported that the committee has not met since the last School Board meeting. Next meeting: May 24th, 6pm.

I. Old Business

None

J. New Business

1. Nominations

Motion by A. Ferguson, seconded by J. Dryden to: accept the nomination of Steve Bridges, HS Science Teacher for 2022-2023 school year.

No Discussion

11 in Favor, 1 abstention

Motion Carries

Motion by J. Dryden, seconded by A. Ferguson to: accept the following nominations for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Ashleigh Miller, MS Language Arts Teacher
- Linley Wakeland, MS 6th Grade Science Teacher
- Vernetta Mariello, 3-6 Grade Health Teacher
- Riley Anthony, MS Special Education Teacher

No Discussion

All in Favor

Motion Carries

2. Probationary Teacher Nominations

Motion by A. Ferguson, seconded by D. Vermette to: approve the nominations as presented.

No Discussion

All in Favor

Motion Carries

3. June 8, 2022 School Board Meeting

The Superintendent explained that June 8th is currently a regular meeting night, however; the Senior Class Night is scheduled for the same night.

Motion by D. Vermette, seconded by J. Dryden to: move the June 8th School Board meeting to June 15th.

No Discussion

All in Favor

Motion Carries

4. First Reading of Policy [JJIC-R - Eligibility for Participation in Extracurricular Activities - Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drug Rules](#)

Motion by J. Dryden, seconded by T. Crowley-Colwell to: approve the first reading of policy JJIC-R.

Discussion

All in Favor

Motion Carries

Motion by J. Flagler, seconded by J. Dryden to: extend the meeting time beyond 10:00p.m. as outlined in Policy [BEDL - Adjournment of Board Meeting](#).

No Discussion

All in Favor

Motion Carries

5. Notification of the disposition of District property

Colin Walsh made the annual notice to the Board of Directors of the process for disposition of property which is in accordance with District policy.

6. Authorization for the Treasurer to transfer up to the 5% authorization limit for fiscal year 2022-2023
Motion by J. Dryden, seconded by A. Tanguay to: authorize the Treasurer to transfer amounts among cost centers.

No Discussion

All in Favor

Motion carries

7. Authorization to allow the Superintendent to pay debts of the District during summer 2022, without the prior approval of the School Board or its Finance Committee

Motion by J. Laine, seconded by J. Dryden to: approve the authorization as presented.

No Discussion

All in Favor

Motion carries

8. Authorization to allow the Superintendent to hire staff during the summer, 2022

Motion by A. Ferguson, seconded by A. Littell to: approve the authorization as presented.

No Discussion

All in Favor

Motion carries

9. Executive Session

To discuss Teacher Negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D)

Draft 2022-2025 Teacher CBA - Redlined

Motion by A. Ferguson, seconded by J. Dryden to: enter Executive Session to discuss teacher negotiations pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D).

No Discussion

All in Favor

Motion carries

Board entered Executive Session at 9:58p.m.

Board exited Executive Session at 10:19p.m.

Motion by A. Ferguson, seconded by J. Laine to: ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the MEA Teachers and RSU 57 Board of Directors for 2022-2025.

Discussion

All in Favor

Motion carries

K. Adjournment

Chair Crowley-Colwell adjourned the meeting at 10:22p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

05/10/2022	6pm	Curriculum Committee	MHS East
05/11/2022	6pm	Finance Committee	MHS East
05/11/2022	7pm	School Board	MHS East
05/17/2022	6pm	PR/Technology	MHS East
05/17/2022	7pm	District Budget Meeting	MMS
05/24/2022	6pm	Transportation/Security	MHS East
05/25/2022	6pm	Finance Committee	MHS East
05/25/2022	7pm	School Board	MHS East
06/07/2022	6pm	Policy	MHS East