

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

District School Board Meeting Agenda

April 26, 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 - 14 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 [April 12, 2023](#) and [April 25, 2023](#).**

Motion: N. Dubois

2nd: J. Mayo

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

- F. Public Comment**
- G. Board Chair Report**

1. Board Chair Update

- Chair Laine reminded the Board about the Strategic Planning Committee Community Forum on May 1st at 7pm in the MHS Auditorium. This event is an opportunity to voice their opinion and support the future of the strategic planning process.

- H. Superintendent's Report**

- Chair Laine, Principal Thurlow and Dr. Maquis will attend SRTC luncheon to hear about the impact of vocational programs on students. Lunch will be provided by SRTC culinary students.
 - Dr. Marquis and Mr. Keenan will attend a free legal council event hosted by Drummond Woodsom next thursday; will share updates to the Board.
 - MHS recently used Mustang Time High school to discuss with Seniors the last few weeks of school. Dr. Marquis explained that it is critical for students to make good choices as we head into graduation, prom, and spring athletics. He reminded staff that they should not lighten their response to students because of these events.
1. [Student Representative Report](#)
 - M. Harris provided an overview of the Student Representatives Report.
 2. [Staff Report](#)
 - M. Cartisano noted that two Spanish teachers at MHS have resigned.
 - Dr. Marquis commented that both teachers' contracts were valid for 1-5 years in the US. Mr. Thurlow will be conducting interviews with candidates (domestic and abroad) on May 2nd.
 3. [Enrollment](#)
 - Enrollment remains constant.

4. Strategic Plan

- Dr. Marquis emphasized the upcoming Community Forum as an opportunity to share goals and aspirations for the District related to facilities, finances, hiring/retaining staff, and curriculum impact on students.

I. Standing Committees

1. Finance/Building and Maintenance Committee

- D. Vermette provided an overview of the recent Finance Committee meeting.
 - All FY24 budget information has been posted on the RSU 57 website.
 - Discussed SRRF and compiled a comprehensive list of maintenance needs for the summer months.
- District Budget Meeting will be held on May 15, 2023 at 7pm at MMS.
Next Meeting: May 10, 2023 @ 6pm - East Training Center

2. Curriculum Committee

Next Meeting: May 9, 2023 @ 6pm - East Training Center

3. Negotiations Committee

- Chair Laine explained that the Committee is still in the process of negotiating with administration.

4. Policy Committee

Next Meeting: May 2, 2023 @ 6pm - East Training Center

5. Public Relations/Technology Committee

- J. Dryden explained that the April Model Mustang Award winner was Joe Abbiati.
Next Meeting: May 16, 2023 @ 6pm - East Training Center

6. Transportation and Safety Committee

- J. Mayo provided an overview of the recent Transportation meeting.
 - Awaiting final presentation regarding electric buses; general fleet updates provided by Mr. Ted Doyle.
 - Committee completed Transportation Director Interviews and will be bringing forward a candidate for nomination at tonight's meeting.

J. Old Business

No Old Business.

K. New Business

1. Nomination. **Action Needed**

- Rachel Swendsen, Transportation Director

Motion: J. Shaw

2nd: J. Dryden

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

- Mr. Colin Walsh described the hiring process for the transportation director.
- J. Mayo commended that Rachel's communication was impressive and group as a whole was impressed and quickly made a unanimous decision.

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 7:15pm.

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

2nd: E. Day

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:36pm.

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

2nd: M. Cartisano

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

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

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

2nd: J. Shaw

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

The Board entered Executive Session at 740:pm.

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

2nd: A. Ferguson

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:18pm.

Motion: J. Shaw made a motion to expel Student B indefinitely with a re-entry plan.

2nd: A. Ferguson

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

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

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

2nd: J. Mayo

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:28pm.

Motion: D. Vermette made a motion to exit Executive Session

2nd: W. Phinney

No Discussion

Unanimous

Motion Carried

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:48pm.

Motion: J. Mayo made a motion to expel Student C indefinitely with a re-entry plan.

2nd: D. Vermette

No Discussion

12 In Favor; 2 Opposed

Motion Carried

M. Calendar/Announcements

N. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings

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